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Worship With Us!

Sunday, November 28th at First Baptist Church

10:00 am: Join us on our <u>YouTube channel</u> or in person for the First Sunday of Advent! To view all the special events we have planned in December you can click <u>HERE</u> to view our new Advent Calendar!

This video will also be available on our church website, <u>www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons</u>. (You will also find a link to the service on our Facebook page.)

Note: The Church Office will be closing early on Wednesday, 11/24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday and will remain closed on Thursday, 11/25 and Friday, 11/26.

Thank you and Happy Turkey Day!

Sunday, November 28, 2021 10 a.m.

"Rejoice, Rejoice!"

Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-8 and Isaiah 60:1-3

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Stewardship 2021-2022



Sunday, November 14th, marked the end of our Stewardship campaign for the 2021-2022 program year. During the next twelve months, we will continue to have opportunities to be the church both within our building and outside of it! Your financial pledge makes our ministry possible.

During her recent Stewardship Moment, Loyce Thomson reminded us that our gifts "ensure that the church will continue to inspire the faithful, teach faith to the children, mentor teens, serve the needy, comfort those in distress, and serve the community both local and global."

God has called each one of us to this place for such a time as this. Great things happen when we all commit to lives of service! **THANK YOU** for the gifts you bring to this community of faith!

You are still welcome to *either* submit your physical pledge card *or* to submit your electronic pledge card if you have not yet had the chance: https://forms.office.com/r/CkA2vVfWSo.



Zoom Coffee Hour is taking off this week for Thanksgiving.

We look forward to seeing you next week to catch up!



Word Searchers

Our Word Searchers adult Bible study will continue its Advent study of Isaiah and the hoped-for Messiah this Sunday at 11:30 am in the Conference Room.

In preparation for this week's class we are reading chapters 1-9 in Isaiah, although our focus on Sunday morning will be limited to select portions of those chapters. Whether you are able to read in advance or not, we would love to have you join us!

Beverly Holiday Parade on Sunday!

The annual Beverly Holiday Parade returns this Sunday, November 28th! As always, the very best viewing spot for parade watchers will be right here in front of First Baptist Church! While the pandemic prevents us from reviving the Pizza and Parade events of years past, we will have hot drinks and light refreshments available in the entryway of the church beginning at 1:15. So plan to join your FBC friends out front to take in the festivities along Cabot Street and cheer extra loud for our Middle School Fellowship kids as they march on by!

Oh, and don't forget to bring along your food donations for Beverly Bootstraps! Our middle schoolers will be delighted to add them to the pile.



Holiday Fair Highlights

During this official season of gratitude, here is a huge thank you to everyone who took on one or two or five or more of the myriad tasks that are required to make for a successful Fair. The goal going in to the Fair was to provide a pleasant and safe experience for the community, to offer the church family the opportunity to work side by side for a common goal in a way that we haven't been able to for a year and a half, and to make a modest sum of money. Happily, we exceeded all of those goals, despite the various pivots (that word again!) we made, such as holding Grandpas Attic as a separate event, having the luncheon and Santa photos outside, and nixing the Kids Game Room for safety's sake.

So many people helped out in many ways--you know who you are!- but heading up departments were Marty (so many church crafts); Brenda and Doris-Ann cutting their teeth on their first ever Silent Auction during a crazy year; Bakers extraordinaire Elly and Cindy beautifully displaying goodies at the Bake Table/Country Store; Bob and Gloria with their loooong arms of raffle tickets; and Dave helping Santa visit with kids. In the kitchen, Senior High Fellowship and their advisors mastered a new menu and a new way to do lunch, under the beribboned and aproned Julie Flowers, while Daniel Johnson filled in at almost every spot possible throughout the day. The 2:30 clean up crew was a welcome sight to all as they hustled those tables back where they belong. And, again, thank you to all who showed up and are not mentioned here. You are each so appreciated!



Pictured here is the hustle and bustle of the fair in action as you can see shoppers perusing.



Friends gather together outside to enjoy lunch and fellowship on this sunny day!

Moments From Worship...



These photos are a recap from Stepsitters this past Sunday where we learned what the children *really* think of going to church:)!



Participating in a special Stepsitters with Abby Johnstone and seeing the Church made through the eyes of our children.



Children enjoying the Prayerground while listening to the handbell choir.



Doris-Ann on the handbells and Pam Constantine pictured in the background.



Bloomin' For Good is BACK for the month of December

As a reminder for the month of December 2021, First Baptist Church Lunch Program has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at the store located at 37 Enon Street, Beverly MA.

Please grab some beautiful blooms and support this worthy cause!

A Message from the Social Concerns Committee:

For our FBC family, we want to make you aware of a terrific opportunity!

Many of you have heard of ECCO, Essex County Community Organization which FBC is a member of. ECCO has a done a great deal of work offering educational programs for Dismantling Racism, Advocacy work with Immigration and Refugee Assistance and Support and are now working to advocate for Policy Changes at the state level which will promote Inclusion and Equity for People of Color. The Opportunity for you is to attend the ECCO Annual Meeting being held December 9th over Zoom. Please see the invitation below from Rabbi Margie. This is a wonderful way to meet participants active with ECCO as well as hear about their Passion, Work and Vision for the future.

ECCO Annual Meeting

When: Thursday, December 9th, 6:45pm-8:45pm

Where: Zoom - Register to get the link

What: Join us to connect with one another, celebrate the work we have done together this past year, and commit to supporting ECCO's work in the coming year. Whether you've been part of ECCO's work for years or are just getting to know our community, the annual meeting is a wonderful time to connect. We will also be hearing the ECCO Core Strategy team's vision for campaign work in the coming year, which they are developing in collaboration with leaders of color from across ECCO.

RSVP: Click here to RSVP.



In the Family

We hold the Unsworth Family in our hearts and in our prayers, following Barbara's death this past Sunday. Barbara and her family have been long-time and much-loved church members, and we grieve with them at this loss.

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, November 25th **Happy Thanksgiving Day!**Note: The Church Office will be CLOSED Today, gobble gobble!

Friday, November 26th Note: The Church Office will be CLOSED Today

Saturday, November 27th 12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, November 28th
10:00 am: Hybrid Worship on YouTube or In Person
11:30 am: Word Searchers Adult Bible Study in Conference Room
1:00 pm: Beverly's Annual Holiday Parade
4:00-6:00 pm: Middle School Fellowship
6:00-9:00 pm: Senior High Fellowship

Monday, November 29th 6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Tuesday, November 30th 9:30 am: Staff Meeting

NOTE: To see the current events planned for December, Click <u>HERE</u> to view our new Advent Calendar!

Sunday, November 21, 2021

"Thanks, Anyway"

Scripture: Isaiah 12:1-6 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Thanks, Anyway
Isaiah 12:1-6
1 Thessalonians 5:16-19



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