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Worship With Us!

Sunday, October 17th at First Baptist Church

10:00 am: Join us on our YouTube channel or in person!

(This video will also be available on our church website, www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons.)

You will find a link to the service on ourFacebook page.

Sunday, October 17, 2021 10 a.m.

"Human and Confused"

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9

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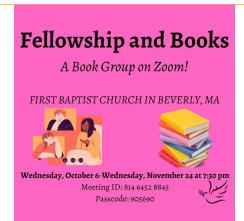
First Baptist Office Hours at this Time

This update comes just to let members and friends know that the Church Office is regularly being staffed by Office Manager, Pat Haight, Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. – 2:15 a.m. for phone calls/emails.

If you would like to come by the church or make an appointment to meet with a minister, you can call Pat at 978-922-3295 or email her at phaight@fbcbeverly.org to connect!



The Fellowship and Books group continues WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, AT 7:30 PM. We will discuss chapter 1 of *Everything Belongs* by Richard Rohr. Copies of the book will be available for pickup on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday in the church office. Please call Pat at 978-922-3295 if you have trouble getting in. I know that I am giving you no time at all to read chapter one before we meet. Please do not feel any pressure to read the book before our meetings. We will discuss the general themes of the book and enjoy our time together. Our new Congregational Engagement Associate, Daniel Johnson, also plans to join us this week. Please stop by if you can to say hello to him!



Fellowship and Books, Wednesday, October 6th-Wednesday, November 24th at 7:30 pm:

Link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/814645288 45? pwd=OVE3bUxoZGZjNkJId3NoUGw5WDlqU To9

Meeting ID: 814 6452 8845 **Passcode:** 905690



Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Time

Come and gather around the virtual table on Thursday at 10:00 am for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us!

Zoom Coffee Time Thursday, October 14, 2021, 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87406244804

Meeting ID: 874 0624 4804

Click HERE to tune in to Flashback Fridays!

Welcome back to our Flashback Friday series! We hope that you have enjoyed looking back at some of our favorite Art with Abby sessions, Stepsitters, and Sermons! This Friday at 1:00 pm ET, join us on YouTube for a replay of a Stepsitters message from Rev. Jaimie Crumley. If you miss it, or if you have missed any of our previous videos, please visit our YouTube channel to watch them anytime.





Important 2021-2022 Pledge Drive Message:

A BIG THANK YOU TO PLEDGERS AND DONORS!

On March 11, 2020 the last service was held in the sanctuary before a state-mandated lockdown was initiated because of the alarming rise of COVID-19, the pandemic that had begun to sweep the globe. Although in-church services ceased, the church did not. The church staff, members and friends responded in creative ways to initiate new programs, hire new staff, and buy new technology. The continuing financial support of members and friends and their generosity of spirit made these adaptations possible. Thank you so much to all who committed to pledge and to those who continued to donate in other ways. You've been an important and essential past in making the life of the church possible during the last two years.

In October Pat Haight, the church's Financial Secretary, will be sending out financial statements to those who pledged for 2021 with information about how much they've given toward their pledge. The church hopes this information will be helpful to pledgers.

Here is a brief reminder of the ways you can make contributions to the church, now that the pandemic is easing (hopefully) and the church has moved on to a hybrid model:

- Once again, people can attend church services in person and put a pledge or contribution in the collection plate (the traditional way!).
- You can mail a check made out to the First Baptist Church to 221 Cabot Street, Beverly 01915 with a notation that the check is for a pledge payment, donation or some other specific purpose.
- You can contact your bank about online bill payment. Many people have found this to be a very convenient way to donate to the church. This is usually a free service, resulting in your bank sending a physical check to the church on your behalf either for a one-time payment or at regular intervals of your choice (monthly, for example). There's no fee to the church.
- You can use the "Donate" button on the church website at www.fbcbeverly.org.

- There you will be given two options. "Paypal" is convenient for single payments and ties to a credit card but charges a small fee from your donation. "Vanco" is a new option used by the church and seems to be the most compatible with the church's financial systems. It's ideal to make pledge payments or any other payment that you wish to make regularly. It allows you to use either your bank account or credit card as a source for payment. Vanco also allows you to give a "tip" to help cover the small processing fee that is charged to the church by Vanco.
- If you have a donor-advised fund, you can contribute through that method also.

Whatever method you choose, please be sure to make a notation what the contribution is for (very important!). As the church begins to move toward its annual pledge drive for the upcoming year 2022, thank you to all who have helped the church continue during this difficult time, and we look forward to moving ahead to continued innovation and service in the year to come with your continuing generosity.

Drawings in Response to Worship Last Week



Here is artwork created by Loyce Thomson when Rev. Jaimie asked us to reflect on what brings us to this place of worship. She explains more below in her beautiful drawing.



The art above was created by Rev. Julie Flowers (during Rev. Jaimie's sermon last week.)

Rev. Julie comes to worship for the love and the people. This was a time doodling during sermons IS permissible:)!

A Call for Sunday Morning Greeters

Hello friends,

The Deacons are looking for some friendly faces (with masks on) to be greeters/ushers to help us welcome visitors and friends to our in-person worship on Sunday mornings. Greeting simply means arriving 20-30 minutes prior to the worship service to stand at the door, (we are all masked) hand out orders of worship, and these days, invite people to sign in with their phones or on the sign-up sheet for contact tracing. Two Deacons, one of whom is designated as Marshall, will be there to assist and instruct you and tell you anything you need to know! Then during the service, you will be helping to collect the offering.



To facilitate this sign-up process and reach out to you all, a sign-up site has been created through SignUpGenius: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF48ACAB23AoFDCF8-sunday.

If you are able to sign on for several consecutive weeks, say a month of Sundays (except the first Sunday when all the tasks are performed by Deacons), that continuity is helpful for the Marshall on duty! If you cannot do that but can give us some time now and then, say for example you teach Church School or have other commitments, you can choose your date(s) accordingly. You will note we have only listed Sundays through January because it is hard for us all to think too far ahead these days!

Once you sign up, you will receive a reminder at your email address prior to your assigned Sunday. Also, if you are unable to access this link successfully but want to serve, just email ellyflowo@comcast.net.

Lastly, if it turns out that you cannot make your assignment after all, please let Elly Flowers know at the above email or at 978-927-4968 so a substitute can be found.

Thank you for your consideration! The Deacons are so grateful for your help!

Grandpa's Attic is Time Traveling this Year!



Grandpa's Attic, the popular sale of used items usually located in the Chapel the day of the Holiday Fair, will be held **the week before the Fair in the gym on Saturday, November 13th**. Unfortunately, the airflow study done in every room of the church showed that the Chapel has very little fresh air circulating into it. Therefore, in this time of COVID, we can't use the Chapel for large gatherings. So-as we have gotten really good at--we will pivot and do it differently.

In order to pull off what is essentially an indoor Yard Sale in the gym (which has terrific airflow!), we will need helpers for Friday late afternoon through evening for set up, workers for the sale from 8:00 to 1:00 Saturday, and then the all important Clean up crew from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Masks will be required for everyone in the gym, both workers and shoppers.

We have heard from so many people that they used the pandemic to declutter their homes and have quite the treasure trove of items to donate. Please consider a 2-hour (or more!) shift to help set up (on Friday evening, Nov. 12th) or sell your goodies on Saturday, November 13th. It is very fun (especially set up!) and a good way to get back in the swing of being together and working together with the church family.

Please sign up with Pat in the church office (<u>PHaight@fbcbeverly.org</u>) or on the sign up sheet in the Narthex--and be sure to indicate your preference for a time to help. Questions? Contact Pam Constantine or John Thomson (the aforementioned Grandpa!)

Save the Date for Applepalooza

Cindy Shupp and Elly Flowers have set the date for Applepalooza: **Saturday, Nov. 6 from 12:30 to about 2:00 in the gym.** This is when we make the Crusty Top Apple Pies that we sell at the Fair. Everyone is invited to come and help peel, core and slice enough apples to make 40 pies. We then make the pies and freeze them. Fairgoers will be able to bring home a frozen pie and cook it for Thanksgiving—if it makes it to then! They are mighty tempting and tasty.

We will be working in the gym, which has excellent airflow, wearing masks and sitting socially distant.



In The Family...



We continue to hold the Powers family in our hearts as our community prepares to celebrate the life and mourn the loss of Beverly Powers, at her Memorial Service this coming Saturday, October 16th, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church. All church members and friends are warmly welcome to come and be part of this service to honor and remember Beverly and to offer our support and love to her family and, especially, to her daughters, Alison and Ellen.

We offer prayers, too, for Abby Sykes and for her mother, Rhoda. Rhoda recently suffered a fall and is recovering from surgery to repair the injuries from her fall. We pray for her healing and for God's comforting Spirit to be with her, as well as with Abby and her family, as they support Rhoda and love her, even when it has to be done from afar.

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, October 14th 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee Time

Friday, October 15th 1:00 pm: Flashback Friday Week 5

Saturday, October 16th 12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

> Sunday, October 17th 10:00 am: Hybrid Worship on YouTube or In Person 4:00 pm: Middle School Fellowship 6:00 pm: Sr. High Fellowship

Monday, October 18th 6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

> Tuesday, October 19th 9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th 7:30 pm: Fellowship and Books (A Book Group on Zoom!)

Sunday, October 10, 2021

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-8

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