

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

*A progressive and welcoming Christian community*

Mark your calendars for opportunity at FBC this spring as Eastertide busily carries us right along! We hope you'll stop by on Saturday, May 6th anytime from 12:45-1:45 pm for a few moments of joy, peace and reflection as we participate in "World Labyrinth Day" featuring a \*NEW\* labyrinth to walk in the Narthex. The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to swing by and take 90-seconds for YOU to just walk and pray. Period. How easy is that?! Come find out!



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Get  
Involved

Worship with  
Us

## Worship With Us!

Join us this Sunday, April 30th at 10:00 am for Worship either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#).

### Notes for Sunday:

- Infant/Toddler Room will be open;
- Littlest Learners will run throughout worship;
- Elementary group classes will meet following Stepsitters;
- Esther's Sunday School Sing-A-Long group rehearses right after Worship;
- Worship Ensemble rehearses after worship again this week;
- An Informational Service Trip meeting runs at 11:15am in the lounge behind the Sanctuary to get all final questions answered;
- Prayer Shawl meets at Turtle Creek in Memoriam of Margaret Blotcher;
- Both Youth Fellowship Groups will meet at their regularly scheduled times.

## "A Hand to the Plow"



Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Scripture: Luke 9:51-10:1

Daniel Johnson,  
Preaching, FBC Beverly

Click [HERE](#) to view Worship via FBC's YouTube Channel

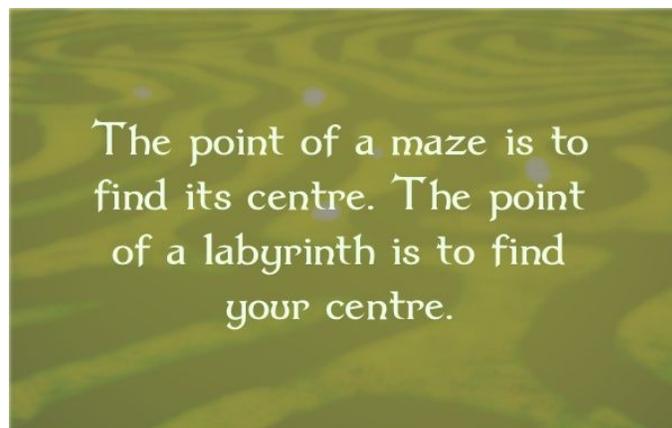
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to  
view our  
Calendar!

## Spiritual Life invites you to "World Labyrinth Day" at FBC!

Join us on **Saturday, May 6th** as we throw open our doors and invite the whole church community and greater Beverly to stop by the Narthex between **12:45-1:45 pm** as we band together and walk & pray for World Labyrinth Day! We'll have handouts available for handy reference, which will also include a finger labyrinth for children to color and practice with!

On World Labyrinth Day at 1:00 pm across the globe people everywhere (albeit in different time zones) will gather and walk their labyrinth in prayerful, peaceful contemplation. We'd like to join the bandwagon of hope and positivity, and we hope you'll take a few minutes out of your busy weekend to focus on walking and praying your way thru our *\*NEW\** labyrinth set up for this exciting occasion. *All are welcome and encouraged to experience this spiritual practice -especially if you/they haven't already!*



**FBC'S SATURDAY LUNCH PROGRAM**

We are in immediate need of one more person to join the team for the second Saturday of every month, 10:00 am-1:30 pm.

Please contact Brenda at [bdurivage@gmail.com](mailto:bdurivage@gmail.com)

Flexible and fun volunteer opportunity at FBC Beverly offering free meals.

### Saturday Lunch Program Volunteers Needed!

Every Saturday of the year, from our kitchen, FBC offers a free meal for our neighbors in need. Our volunteer teams work together to provide a hot meal in a welcoming, warm environment. Each team has a leader who coordinates the meal, while the entire program is under the guidance of John and Eileen Hadley. **We are in immediate need of one more person to join the team for the second Saturday of every month, 10:00 am-1:30 pm.** Meals are typically served cafeteria style in the gym. Duties may include food preparation and cooking; setting up tables and chairs, a coffee/tea station, a meal serving station, a dessert station, and a plate clearing station; serving the meal; interacting with guests; resetting the gym; kitchen clean-up.

There is flexibility in that there are alternate volunteers who can fill in if a team member is unable to work their given Saturday. This is a great opportunity for students who are looking for volunteer hours or for anyone who would like to be more involved in the life of FBC. If you are unable to commit your time each month, **you are welcome to sign up to be on the alternate list to occasionally fill in for a regular team member.** If you have an interest or questions, please contact Brenda at [bdurivage@gmail.com](mailto:bdurivage@gmail.com).

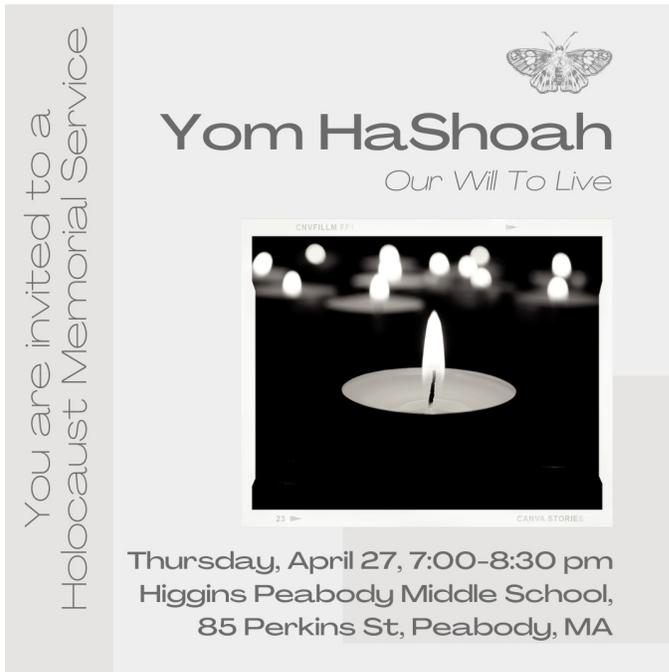
### Weekly Fellowship Updates & Scoops!

Middle School Fellowship meets from 4:00-6:00 pm as usual this week. Our Senior High Fellowship group gathers

## Reminder: You're Invited to the Yom HaShoah Memorial Service Tomorrow

With the theme "Our Will to Live," this year's event will feature a talk by Holocaust music scholar Mark Ludwig. Ludwig has worked tirelessly to document the music and art created by victims of the Holocaust whose promising careers were tragically silenced, but who left a rich artistic legacy and stories of courage that testify to the strength of the human spirit. Rabbi Richard Perlman will preside over the service and a candlelight procession. The Salem State Community Chorus will perform traditional songs (*our own Sue Kingston will be performing as part of the choir*). We hope that you can make this musically moving evening as we join together remembering those whom we lost.

You are invited to a  
Holocaust Memorial Service



Thursday, April 27, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Higgins Peabody Middle School,  
85 Perkins St, Peabody, MA

[Click here to Learn More & Register to attend in person or via webinar](#)



# STILL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED IN THE FBC SERVICE TRIP?

Attend an Informational Meeting on Sunday, April 30th at 11:15 am (right after Worship) in the lounge behind the Sanctuary to get the scoop!



**The goal for this final informational meeting on Sunday, April 30th** at 11:15 am, is to answer any additional questions you may have about participating in this summer's week-long service trip. We intend to finalize our group number by Sunday, May 7th in order to begin coordinating the remaining details. If you have any questions or would like to let us know about your plans to join us, please reach out to Julie at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) or call the church office at 978-922-3295.

We will be heading to Plymouth, North Carolina to work with Carolina Rebuilding Ministry, from Monday, July 31st - Friday, August 4th, 2023! The all-ages group will be making renovations to homes for those that are unable to afford to make those repairs themselves. *No construction experience is necessary.*

Are you interested in getting away for a weekend this summer?! Attend our upcoming Meeting for Dessert & Details on Labor Day Weekend Family Camp!



**LABOR DAY WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP**

**Weds., May 3rd**  
Meeting & Dessert!

**Come to Learn More**  
About a weekend away, at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepesaukee!

**CONTACT CINDY SHUPP**  
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The graphic features a woman in a yellow shirt and blue cap sitting on a green and yellow inflatable structure. A young girl in a green tank top is also on the structure. Three circular inset photos show a lake with kayaks, two people walking, and a campfire at night. A sun icon is above the 'Come to Learn More' text, and a tent icon is above the date. Three question mark icons are to the right of the contact information.

The warm weather is here and many of us are thinking about summer plans. You are invited to an informational get together at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3rd in the Lounge** to learn more about a weekend away, at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepesaukee. **Labor Day Weekend Family Camp** is for all ages, singles, families, extended family, friends, and newcomers. It is a wonderful place for families with children. It is a time of fun, exploration, community and recreation in a beautiful setting. Soak in the scenery and sit awhile in a rocking chair overlooking the lake and mountains. This time together is sure to become a highlight of your year! Come and join FBC folks along with people from other communities.

During this brief meeting you will learn more about the activities for both adults and children, the housing accommodations, meals, and cost (there is a **discount for first time FBC individuals and families** ).

Come and enjoy some dessert, hear about the weekend, and have your questions answered. You may contact Cindy Shupp with any questions at [cjshupp@verizon.net](mailto:cjshupp@verizon.net).

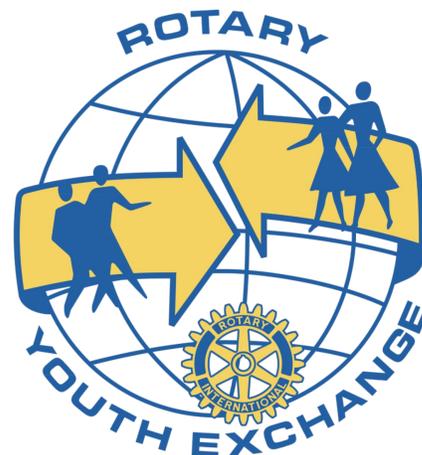
[Learn more about Labor Day Weekend Family Camp](#)

[Read up on Geneva Point HERE](#)

Become a Host Family for an International Exchange Student & Help Open Doors for a Young Man from Belgium!

The Beverly Rotary Club is excited to host a high school exchange student for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a young person to study abroad in the United States. It's also an enriching opportunity for a family to host the student.

The Rotary's Inbound Student is from Belgium and he hopes to play basketball during his senior year at BHS. Three families are needed to help host this Inbound Student for about 3 months each.



If you want to learn more, please contact John Kenney at the Beverly Rotary Club at [johndkenney@gmail.com](mailto:johndkenney@gmail.com). Feel free to pass this information along to anyone who might be interested in this unique cultural opportunity!

A Picture of the Week Ahead...



**Together Again!**

Zoom Coffee  
Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am

Coffee Time

Coffee Hour Zoom  
Link

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SING-A-LONG

MEETING SUNDAYS  
APRIL 30 & MAY 7!

WITH ESTHER  
CHANG!

GATHERING  
SUNDAYS  
RIGHT AFTER  
WORSHIP



Lectio Divina  
continues Friday  
with Daniel at 5 pm.

Join us at  
Independence Park  
or via Zoom!



Zoom Link for Lectio Friday



*Worship Ensembles continues to rock at rehearsal again this Sunday after Worship!*

## Come, Let Us Worship

The Weekly  
Worship  
Podcast of  
First Baptist  
Church in  
Beverly,  
Massachusetts



*SUBSCRIBE* to "Come, Let Us Worship," our FBC weekly podcast, and pass on the link below to your friends! It's a succinct version of our Sunday Worship Service:  
<https://comeletusworship.podbean.com>



A MEMORIAM THIS  
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 AT

## Prayer Shawl

WE'LL BE MEETING AT TURTLE  
CREEK FOR A SPECIAL TIME  
OF REMEMBRANCE FOR  
MARGARET BLOTCHER

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Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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## PENCIL IN FBC!

April

27

Thursday

### Yom HaShoah Memorial Service

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Salem State University is welcoming everyone in the community to attend this musically-focused service of remembrance from 7:00-8:30 pm at Higgins Peabody Middle School. Register *HERE* to attend either in person or via webinar.

April

30

Sunday

### Informational Service Trip Meeting

If you are still considering joining the crew to head down to North Carolina this summer, stay after Worship on the 30th to have any remaining questions answered! The meeting will take place at 11:15 am (right after worship) in the lounge behind the sanctuary.

May

### Theology On Tap

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Tuesday

Join us at Post in Hamilton to quench your thirst for lively Biblical discussion and fill your hunger for fellowship with this laid-back monthly fellowship opportunity starting at 8:00 pm.

May

5  
Friday

## Parents' Night Out

Time to make your Cinco de Mayo plans because May 5th is right around the corner and coincidentally is also FBC's PNO! All children and youth of FBC and the greater Beverly community are welcome from 6:00-8:30 pm for an evening of dinner, activities and engagement. Parents' and caregivers get a night out or a moment to catch their breath while the children have a ball- everyone wins!

May

6  
Saturday

## "World Labyrinth Day" Peace Walk @ FBC

Help create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe on World Labyrinth Day! FBC is hosting an open community labyrinth walk in the Narthex from 12:45-1:45 pm for anyone interested in joining this time-honored spiritual practice.

May

14  
Sunday

## Children & Youth Sunday is fast approaching!

Save-the-Date for an extra special Sunday led by our children and youth of FBC! Esther's children's choir will be featured with many other contributions throughout the service. You won't want to miss this joy-filled, and no doubt entertaining, Sunday!

May

21  
Sunday

## Music Sunday

Join us for this FBC fan-favorite that we enjoy twice a year filled with music from start to finish! Hear every single one of our FBC choirs and ensembles + special soloists/instrumentalists that we don't typically get to hear on a weekly basis.

May

24  
Wednesday

## FBC Beverly's Annual Meeting

Pencil in the FBC Annual Meeting from 7:00-9:00 pm. More details to follow.

June

3  
Saturday

## Service Saturday Event! *Save-the-Date*

Join us on **Saturday, June 3rd from 8:45 AM – 12:30 PM for our FBC Service Saturday!** What is Service Saturday?! Formerly called *Super Mission Saturday*, it is an all-ages church tradition in which we spend the morning volunteering together. Folks choose from a variety of service projects from either within our church building or out in the Beverly community. There will be special activities for children as well! Additional details to follow~ stay tuned & save the date!

**CONTACT US**

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