

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

A progressive and welcoming Christian community

It's that time of year! A time to give thanks, a time of hustle and bustle, and a time to ponder how we can give from the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. We hope to see you at this Thanksgiving Sunday and of course on Saturday at the big FBC Holiday Fair!

THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join us this **Sunday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m.** for Worship either in person or via our *FBC YouTube Channel*.

Our friends in the Children's Choir should please arrive at 9:40 a.m. this Sunday to rehearse their songs for Worship this week before the 10:00 a.m. Worship hour starts!

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- Sunday School Class continues this week. The Prayground will also be open for the enjoyment of our Elementary and younger friends & their families to use during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Middle School Fellowship meets regular time from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Senior High Fellowship meets from 6:00-9:00 p.m.



REV. JULIE FLOWERS,
PREACHING

“Uniquely Gifted”

SCRIPTURE FROM
2 CORINTHIANS 9:2-10



Sunday, November 19, 2023

 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
IN BEVERLY

Click [HERE](#) to join Worship via Livestream on Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO GATHER THIS
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY TO...



*Come, Thankful
People, Come!*

Celebration of Giving 🍁 10:00 a.m.
First Baptist Church in Beverly



There will be several opportunities to
bring something to joyfully give during
the Worship Service this Sunday!



READ BELOW FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



As an affirmation of the importance of our church in these times of stress and challenge, I/we want to support its ministries as much as possible.

After prayerful consideration:

I/we pledge to contribute \$ _____ per week/ month/ year, for a total of \$ _____.
 I/we do _____ do not _____ [check one] wish to receive weekly pledge envelopes.
 ___ [if checked] Please contact me/us about electronic giving at the email address below.



Thank you—your gift is IMPORTANT!

Print name(s) _____
 Date: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email address: _____



2024 PLEDGE CARDS

After a thoughtful and joyful Stewardship season, considering the ways in which our faithful giving of our time, talent, and treasure helps to support the assembly required in so many of the ministries and programs we value and love, we have the opportunity to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the gifts (financial, time, prayer) that we want to commit to giving to the church in 2024.

Pledge cards have been sent to our regular mailing list by mail OR are available in the pew racks on Sunday OR you can use an *online Pledge Card*. During the worship service, we will have the opportunity to place completed Pledge Cards in the model of the church building itself, created by long-time church member Max Raines.

Online Pledge Card on our Donations Page

TOOLS!

In thinking about our *Some Assembly Required* Annual Theme, we have been dreaming up ways to create an in-church workshop and tool library – both for use doing good work here, close to home, and to take along with our Service Trip groups doing work near and far from home.

If you have a tool or two you'd like to donate to the assembly of our Tool Library and Workshop, please bring it along this Sunday. During the service, we will have the opportunity to bring those forward to place on the workbench.

List of Tools to stock our Workshop!



FOOD!

In preparation for our Middle School Fellowship to walk in the Beverly Holiday Parade on November 26th, collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Beverly Bootstraps, we are inviting people to bring



...AND MORE!

Our Littlest Learners and Elementary School Classes will have the opportunity to create some projects on Sunday in their class times to bring forward during the service, as well.

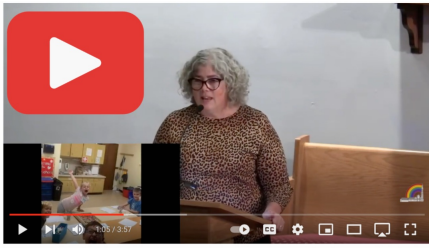
Read on about FBC's CE Programs

donations of non-perishable (unopened and within its sell or use by date) food items to worship this Sunday.

During the service, we will have the opportunity to bring those gifts forward to offer, and they will be taken along with all other food collected by the Middle Schoolers to Beverly Bootstraps on November 26th to help fill the shelves of their food pantry.

Learn what Beverly Bootstraps is looking for
HERE

Stewardship Season at FBC: Hear from Susan, Barbara and Loyce about the ways in which we can make ALL the difference by clicking on the images which are linked below!



God Moments: Moving Stewardship Reflection from Susan Johnson of FBC Beverly



Stewardship Moment
Barbara Brann-Weir
Second Stewardship Moment delivered by Barbara Brann-Weir
[@firstbaptistchurchbeverly](#)



Stewardship Moment
Loyce Thomson
Third & Final Stewardship message [@firstbaptistchurchbeverly](#) re: the amazing FBC Music Program!

Last Sunday's service honoring Esther Chang's remarkable 25 years as Music Director and organist at First Baptist Church was a reminder that music has always been an important, even essential, part of worship at the church. When the church suffered its devastating fire back in 1975, the budget only included money for the restoration of two-thirds of the organ. The moderator at the time Bob Currier (Cindie Boccia's dad) made an eloquent plea at an all-church meeting for funds to finish the remaining third, and the congregation responded generously, giving us the complete organ that we enjoy today.

It is your pledges that make our wonderful music program possible. When you buy a ticket to a concert, you're only paying for one performance. But when you make a pledge to the church, you're supporting the entire music program, even the often unseen and unglamorous part such as Esther's FICA tax, stipends for special musicians, repairs to the organ when needed, annual tune-ups for the two pianos, scads of sheet music, and repairs for the unexpected leak in the choir loft ceiling. Your pledge supports all the other very special programs of the church, and so much more.

This Sunday when we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday, there will be a time to submit pledge cards into the replica of the church which was artfully handcrafted by former deacon Max Raines, along with a dedication of them to God's service by the ministers. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks, *on the church website* or through the mail. What better way to express gratitude to the church than by making a pledge to support its continuing service in 2024?

FBC's Middle School Fellowship sure had quite the time frolicking with the goats (and hiking!) as you can see captured below from last Sunday! Here's to more fellowship activities involving barnyard animals!

High on the hill was a lonely goat,
Lay ee odd lay ee odd lay hee hoo!



The FBC Church Holiday Fair is in THREE Days! We're in the Final Countdown and can't wait to make this the best fair yet!

There are still a few ways that YOU can support the Fair this weekend!

***Donate a gift card to a local restaurant.** These become our Super Raffle--it generated record amounts of ticket sales last year. Let's see if we can beat that. Drop the cards off anytime before 5 pm Friday at the church office.

***Bake, stew, pickle, make candy, fancy vinegars, breads, squares--** your favorite sweet or savory item is needed at the Bake Table. Drop off Friday or Saturday morning.

***Rehome those gently used treasures** that moved into the attic. Grandpa John Thomson will find new homes for them. Drop them off Thursday evening through Friday evening.

***Let us know that you would like to work a two-hour shift at the fair .** Email Pam Constantine at pam@bpond.com.

***Eat some spinach, then show up at 2:30 pm Saturday to turn the fair back into a church .** It takes about an hour.

***Most of all- invite your friends** to enjoy the Fair, and be sure to do so yourself!

Join us! **FBC Beverly's**
HOLIDAY FAIR

9:00 A.M.
- 2:30 P.M.
SATURDAY
18
NOVEMBER



Here are just a few of the things we're looking forward to at the 2023 FBC Holiday Fair this year!

Featured FBC Holiday Fair ...

PLANT TABLE!

Tracey Armstrong brings a "fresh" gift idea to life!

Be sure to check out the **Plant Table**- a true labor of love grown with care over the past 8 months in preparation for this Saturday's FBC Holiday Fair!



Only a few more days until the FBC Holiday Fair and our famous...



Crispy Top Apple Pies!



A sneak peek at a few Silent Auction baskets...

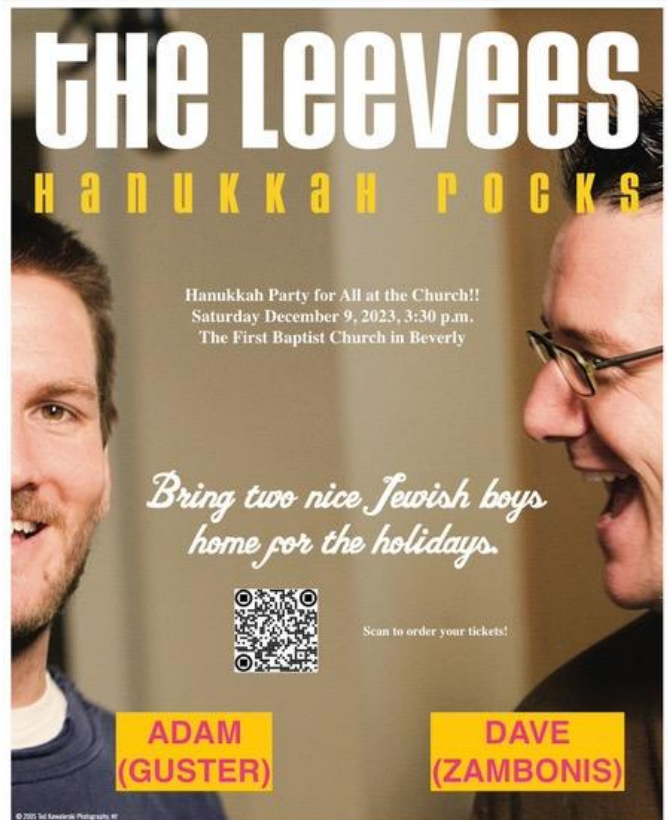


Popular Band *NOW PLAYING* at FBC on Saturday, December 9th: You Won't Want to Miss This!

Get Your Tickets to an unforgettable Interfaith Show at FBC on Saturday, December 9th at 3:30 p.m.!

Guster fans rejoice because our friends at Temple B'Nai Abraham are partnering with FBC Beverly to bring Adam Gardner of the band Guster to town for a special interfaith performance! Learn more about The LeeVeEs on [Facebook](#), or click [HERE!](#)

Buy your tickets presale~ expected to sell out~!



Show starts at 3:30 p.m. but doors open at 2:30 p.m. so you can grab the best possible pew. Tickets run \$20 in advance, \$18 for seniors and teens (ages 10-18); kids under 10 are free! Capacity is limited, so get your tickets in advance before they sell out!

Bring the family to kick off the holiday season with this fun musical celebration! Don't miss out on this chance to experience The LeeVeEs live! Grab your friends and get ready to have a blast.

Looking Ahead...

Together Again!
 Zoom Coffee Hour
 Thursdays @ 10am

CANCELED THIS WEEK AS WE PREP FOR THE FAIR!

Coffee Time

LECTIO DIVINA
 Lectio Divina continues Friday
 at 5 pm.

FRIDAY. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK, FRIENDS!

Word Searchers

Join with the Word Searchers as we continue reading the gospel of John together this Sunday at 11:30 am, in the Conference Room. This week we are doubling up on Bible chapters by reading both chapters 18 and 19 from John's gospel, which include John's telling of the events of Jesus's final days. We will also look at what Jaime Clark-Soles has to say about it all in chapter 13 of *Reading John for Dear Life*.

Come, Let Us Worship

FBC'S PODCAST

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

NEW EPISODE:
 "Everywhere We Gather"
 Rev. Julie Flowers
 November 12, 2023

Take a Listen!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1,
5:00 PM UNTIL 7:30 PM

Hangings of the Greens

Save-The-Date!
FBC BEVERLY
IS HOSTING A
DELIGHTFUL DINNER!

Tuesday, December 12th

Email Pat by Friday, 12/8
to sign up & please note
any food allergies and/or
childcare needs!

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP for our food headcount
:)

Email Pat to say "I'm In!"

You won't want to miss this festive FBC evening of dinner, decorating, and caroling fun for ALL ages – come get the church ready for the season AND get yourself in the spirit, too!

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⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. — 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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PENCIL IN FBC

November

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Friday

Holiday Fair Setup

Please [contact Pam Constantine](#) if you are interested in helping out! Many hands make light work!

November

18

Saturday

FBC's 2023 Holiday Fair!

Our fair runs from 9:00-2:30 p.m. and be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and family as this is one of our largest and most successful fundraising events of the year. (And of course, is an absolute festive blast!)

November

19

Sunday

Mini Fair

Swing by the Mini Fair after Worship on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Also known as "the fair after the fair!"

November

23&24

Thursday-Friday

Happy Thanksgiving!

In honor of Thanksgiving, please note that the FBC Church Office will be CLOSED on Thursday and Friday of next week. Thank you!

December

1

Friday

Hanging Of The Greens

Save-the-date for a festive FBC tradition where we usher in the Advent Season with dinner, church decorating, caroling, and TONS of fun! We'll gather together and start this holly jolly night from 5:00-7:30 p.m. or so. Please mark your calendars and *RSVP to Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org* to show interest so we can get the food count just right.

December

3

Sunday

Start of Advent & Communion Sunday

Just a note that this is the first official Sunday in Advent as well as Communion Sunday. *If joining us over Livestream, please bring your own Elements of Communion for Worship at 10:00 a.m.*

December

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Tuesday

TOT

Theology On Tap will meet at Post in Hamilton at 8:00 p.m. to share in lively Biblical discussion in this casual, cozy setting.

December

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Friday

PNO

December's Parents' Night Out will run from the usual time of 6:00-8:30 p.m. and all are invited in the community to bring their youth and to utilize the time to themselves accordingly! This fun and free event is open to everyone!

December

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Saturday

Save-the-Date: Interfaith Concert at FBC!

We're hosting a really cool interfaith concert at FBC with a Hanukkah rock band called The *LeeVees*. Adam Gardner of the band *Guster* is one of the lead singers for The LeeVees, who will be featured on *NPRs "tiny desk concerts"* this month in fact! We're hoping to pack the Sanctuary for this special concert so stay tuned for more details!

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