

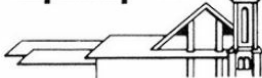
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

A progressive and welcoming Christian community

We look forward to the Second Week in Advent and to hearing from our new Part-Time Visitation Associate Minister at FBC Beverly, Rev. Manuel "Manny" Faria, who will be preaching this week! To learn more about Manny, you can revisit *last week's Bulletin* feature or review his new bio added to the FBC website [HERE](#).

THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Get
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Join us this **Sunday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m.** for Worship either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#) for the **Second Sunday in Advent**.

This Sunday, Children in Grades 1 and 2 will be continuing to build our Nativity Scene during the opening carol. All children in Grades 1 and 2 can gather at the rear of the sanctuary at the start of the service to help build our scene!

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 will meet from 4:00-6:00 p.m. as usual again this week.
- Senior High Fellowship meets from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

“...Joseph Didn't Care What They Thought, Anyway”

Preaching: Rev. Manny Faria
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25



First Baptist Church in Beverly
Sunday, December 10, 2023, Second Sunday in Advent

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FBC BEVERLY'S
**HANGING OF
THE GREENS 2023**



**THE PROOF IS IN
THE FIGGY
PUDDING!**

CONTINUED...
**HANGING OF
THE GREENS 2023**



Because of Real Love...

Follow along with our new theme

Because of Real Love...

By visiting our new [Advent 2023 webpage](#) to see the latest updates and resources! Newly posted on the webpage is an [Advent Home Devotions booklet](#) that can be used as a resource for weekly devotions or with your Advent candle lighting at home each week.

This Sunday to mark the Second week in Advent, members of the FBC Lay Visitation team will be lighting the candle during our Worship Service.

"We need more real love. Gritty, dangerous, wild-eyed, justice seeking love."
- Brene Brown

Don't Forget to Pledge!

'Tis the season for "making a list, checking it twice"! If you're one of those making a list and you haven't yet pledged, please put that near the top of your list. The pledge drive for 2024 has had a very auspicious start with many people increasing their pledge and many first time pledgers committing very generous amounts, but we are still far from reaching the goal of raising the amount of money needed to sustain the church in the coming year. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider how much the church means to you and to the community it serves and make a pledge.

- Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks and submitted into the collection plate during Sunday worship services. Come and see what new creatures will be added to the manger scene each week!
- It's easy to submit an *electronic pledge card* online which can be found on the church's website under the heading "Donations".
- You can also request the church's financial secretary Pat Haight to mail you a pledge card and then return it to the church at 221 Cabot Street.

If you need information about a pledge you made for 2023, please contact Pat at phaight@fbcbeverly.org and she will be happy to help you.

This year has been one of remarkable growth and activity at the church. Your pledge is important and will help the church continue to serve in even more meaningful ways during the year ahead.

DECEMBER CHECKLIST

- *String the outside lights*
- *Mail out Christmas cards*
- *Finish wrapping*
- *Bake sugar cookies*
- *Turn in my pledge to FBC Beverly*

Join us on Friday, December 15 from 6:00 pm to whenever the fun runs out for a *Christmas Potluck and Yankee Swap Party* planned with the enthusiasm of adults in mind! This is a potluck meal, so please bring either an entree, side or dessert. After noshing and (egg) nogging, there will be a wild and hilarious Yankee Swap! The party is at the Constantine home at 7 Devon Ave. Please RSVP to phaight@fbcbeverly.org or to Pam or Dave.



Friday, 12/15 at 6:00 p.m. at
The Constantine Residence

Join us for our Christmas Potluck & Yankee Swap Party!

Bring your favorite dish and a wrapped gift.



FBC

Now Taking Poinsettia Orders In
Memory or In Honor of Loved Ones



FBC Beverly will continue the tradition of honoring loved ones with poinsettias as we typically do during Advent, and ask that you please place all orders with Pat at phaight@fbcbeverly.org by Sunday, December 17.

The price per poinsettia this year is \$10.00 and you can sign up to have your poinsettia(s) included in the sanctuary display this month in memory or honor of a loved one. The poinsettias that you order will be available for you to take following the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service, or you can designate it to be delivered to someone in our church family or community who has been unable to attend worship in person this Advent season.

We're excited to continue this special tradition, honoring and celebrating important people in our lives.

Email Pat to order your Poinsettia(s) for this year

Popular Band Playing at FBC this Saturday, December 9th at 3:30 p.m.:
You Won't Want to Miss This Family-Friendly Show to Jumpstart your Holiday!



Get Your Tickets ASAP to an Interfaith Holiday Show at FBC Beverly 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!](#)

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.

Get Your Tickets
[HERE!](#)

Social Concerns Collecting for River House Shelter this Holiday Season



The Social Concerns Committee is collecting items for the River House Shelter. River House is now housing women and is in need of:

- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Mittens

- Socks
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Tissues
- Laundry Pods
- Anti-Bacterial wipes
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Reusable Laundry Bags
- Band Aids
- Hand and Toe Warmers
- Chapstick
- Sleeping Bags



We will have a box in the Narthex if you could donate any of these items. All donations will be delivered to the River House on Wednesday, December 20th. **We appreciate your generosity and support of the Beverly Community and these women who could use our help.**

River House Shelter Website

Tuesday, December 12th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the FBC Chapel

You're invited on Tuesday, Dec. 12th for the next Delightful Dinner! For an extra special treat, FBCer Amber Belis is serving as our guest chef and will be cooking with a Dominican twist, serving roast chicken, rice and beans, and sweet plantains. There will also be dessert. The meal is free to all and will be served at 6:00 p.m. and run until 7:30 p.m.

Sign Up with Pat by **THIS FRIDAY** and share any food allergies or childcare needs [HERE!](#)



PNO Volunteers Needed for this Friday!

Since it's December AND the Holiday Winter Market, we anticipate a good crew of kids will be coming for dinner, programming, and fun, and we want to be sure we are well-staffed and ready to provide the *best* PNO experience possible!

Come join us in making that happen!

Email Julie or Daniel to let them know if you can lend a hand this Friday evening and to make sure we have your CORIs, etc.!



Looking Ahead...



[Click HERE](#) to learn more and RSVP!

Lectio Divina
continues Friday
with Daniel and
Friends at 5:00 pm.

Join us in the
Lounge or via
Zoom!



[Link to join Lectio via Zoom](#)

Together Again!

Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am



[Zoom Coffee Hour Link](#)



THIS FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH IS
FBC'S...

Parents'
Night Out

FROM 6:00-8:30 PM

FREE AND OPEN TO
EVERYONE IN THE
COMMUNITY!





Word Searchers

The Word Searchers will continue their special Advent study this Sunday at 11:30 am in the Conference Room. Our discussion will be fueled by a reading of Mark 1:1-8 and a viewing of a short video presentation by Will Willimon, author of *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*. Join us as we reflect on how the coming of God into the world may continue to surprise us even today.

Get Your Tickets to see The LeeVeEs this Saturday at 3:30 p.m. for a LIVE interfaith rock show ushering in the holiday season!!!

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²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' —Matthew 1:20-21
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PENCIL IN FBC

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

8-9

Friday-Saturday

Beverlys Main Streets' "Downtown Winter Market"

Support local Beverly and enjoy TWO evenings of downtown strolling, local shopping, and entertainment! Festivities will occur on Cabot St on Friday, 12/8/23 and on Rantoul St on Saturday, 12/9/23 with events running from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Local businesses will be open for shopping and special activities, and pop-up artist markets as well. Participating businesses and venues will have luminaries displayed outside their doors. Find musical performances and special guests throughout both nights.

December

9

Saturday

Can't Miss Interfaith Concert LIVE by *The LeeVees* 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"* on December 7th. We're hoping to pack the pews, so be sure to get your tickets and join in the fun! Purchase tickets available now [HERE!](#)

December

12

Tuesday

Another Delightful Dinner on the Books!

Ask and you shall receive: another FBC Delightful Dinner is booked! Amber Belis will be our special guest chef cooking us Dominican-inspired delights! Dinner will run from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Chapel and is free for all (there will be a collection basket if you so choose though) and most importantly, please *RSVP to Pat at phaight@fbcbeverly.org* with any food allergies/childcare needs by Friday, December 8th so Amber can prep accordingly!

December

15

Friday

Christmas Pot Luck & Yankee Swap Party Planned!

Come Join the Fun at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th! It's a Christmas Pot Luck and Yankee Swap Party designed with the enthusiasm of adults in mind. Please bring either an entree, side or dessert. Location is the Constantine home at 7 Devon Avenue; Please RSVP to Pat at phaight@fbcbeverly.org or to Pam or Dave... we can't wait!

December

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Sunday

Music Sunday AND Jesus' Birthday Party back-to-back

It's a busy time of year, yet we've found a way to double the fun at FBC! On Sunday the 17th join us for Music Sunday followed by Jesus' Birthday Party in the gym. Come for the music, stay for the cake and celebration of our King!

December

21

Thursday

Longest Night Service at FBC

Join us from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for this reflective service on the longest night of the year as we continue onward in our Advent journey. An uplifting service of music and prayer.

December

24

Sunday

Christmas Eve Services this year

We will be holding our usual Christmas Eve services at 5:00 p.m. (geared toward youth which includes our very fun Christmas Pageant!) as well as our Candlelight Service of lessons & carols at 11:00 p.m. These services are in addition to our regular 10:00 a.m. service offered in person or via livestream.

December

25&26

Monday & Tuesday

Merry Christmas!

The church office will be closed on Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th in honor of the Christmas holiday. We'll look forward to reconnecting on Wednesday, the 27th!

January

1&2

Monday & Tuesday

Happy New Year!

As we ring in 2024, the church office will be closed on Monday the 1st and January the 2nd. We look forward to catching up on Wednesday, January 3rd!

January

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Tuesday

Theology On Tap

We're back at Post starting at 8:00 p.m. for this informal and fun FBC fellowship group- join us for the first time in 2024!

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