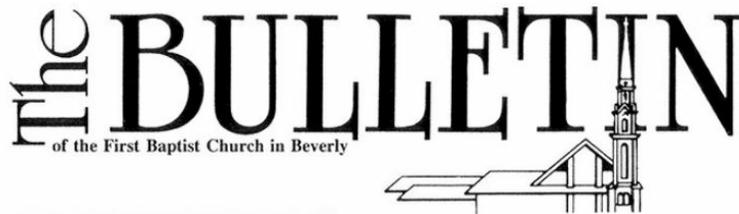


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

A progressive and welcoming Christian community



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Get
Involved

Worship with
Us

We're preparing the Second Sunday of Advent in our journey of *Moving Through the Dark*, and there is a myriad of ways for you to join us on that journey. We'll be sharing dinner and Hanging the Greens and decorating our church home on Friday evening, lighting the second candle of our Advent wreath in worship, and watching our Elementary Class children help to continue the building of our Nativity scene in the front of our sanctuary. You still have time to place an order for a Christmas poinsettia if you did not already get to do so, and you can join us at our community screening of *Elf* on Tuesday the 10th or in assisting at a festive Parents' Night Out event. Keep reading for all the details and the many ways to journey through Advent with us!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our *FBC YouTube Channel*.

This Sunday our Elementary Friends will continue building our Nativity Scene during the beginning of worship for this Second Sunday in Advent.

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- The Prayground will be open as worship begins to allow our elementary-age and younger friends to enter into the quiet enjoyment of worship in a flexible child-friendly space.
- Our Elementary Class will meet following the Stepsitters children's message time during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.



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

We warmly welcome the Schneider-Cotton Family who will be lighting the Advent wreath in worship this week!

- The Youth Class will meet at 11:30 a.m. after worship on Sunday.
- The Children's Choir will meet to rehearse with Esther immediately following worship to prepare to sing in the 5 p.m. service on Christmas Eve; all children through Elementary school age who are interested in singing on Christmas Eve should plan to attend.



**MY HEART BE BRAVE:
FEARLESS HOPE IN
UNCERTAIN TIMES**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN
BEVERLY 2024-2025

Middle School Fellowship: Holiday Gift Shopping!

*Arrive at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist to head to Target in Danvers for gift shopping
Return to First Baptist by 6:00 p.m. for pick-up*

After a wonderful Holiday Parade filled with great energy and so much community-minded service from our crew (thanks to our Middle Schoolers, over 1000 pounds of food was collected for Beverly Bootstraps!), our Middle School Fellowship will have the chance to put their time and energy into another fun-filled afternoon of holiday giving and service, as they head out to do some shopping for toys to go to The Cabot's toy drive for Pathways for Children! Our Middle School Fellowship group will meet at the church at 4 p.m. on Sunday to head out together to Target to do some shopping and will return to the church by 6 p.m. for regular pick-up. Youth are invited to bring \$5-\$10 to contribute to the shopping adventure, if they wish; the church will supplement donations to ensure we have enough money to get all our gifts for the toy drive. **If youth would like to purchase a small snack or drink while shopping, they may bring a little extra money to do that.** We never want finances to be an obstacle to a youth attending Fellowship, however, so please just let an advisor know if assistance to get a snack or other item would be helpful!

Sr. High Fellowship: Holiday Gift Shopping, Too!

*Arrive at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist to head to Target in Danvers for gift shopping
Return to First Baptist by 9:00 p.m. for pick-up*

Our Sr High Fellowship group will also have the chance to put their time and energy into an evening of holiday giving and service, as they head out to do some shopping for toys to go to The Cabot's toy drive for Pathways for Children, as well! Sr High youth should plan to meet at the church at 6 p.m. on Sunday to head out together to Target to do some shopping and will return to the church by 9 p.m. (or earlier) for regular pick-up. Youth are invited to bring \$5-\$10 to contribute to the shopping adventure, if they wish; the church will supplement donations to ensure we have enough money to get all our gifts for the toy drive. **If youth would like to purchase a small snack or drink while shopping, they may bring a little extra money to do that.** We never want finances to be an obstacle to a youth attending Fellowship, however, so please just let an advisor know if assistance to get a snack or other item would be helpful. The group will also have the opportunity to grab dinner together during the evening, as usual!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click
HERE to
view our
Web
Calendar



"Art of the Scene" Improv Fun TONIGHT with Bryan and Jerry!

Enjoy a night full of laughs in downtown Beverly at the Off Cabot Theater for an improv show this evening, Wednesday, December 4th at 7 pm! The Essex Improv Class will put on *Art of the Scene* and the performance will include our very own Bryan Vosseler and Jerry Karaganis! Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased online at the link below or at the Off Cabot box office. Seating is first come first served. Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Get your tickets [HERE](#) to cheer on Jerry and Bryan!

Hanging of the Greens this Friday Night!

Looking forward to the weekend?! Pencil us in for Friday night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for Hanging of the Greens! We'll begin with dinner, then work together to beautify the Sanctuary for Advent as we enjoy holiday music from Abby Sykes' string trio, and we'll close our time with joyful caroling, some favorite video clips of the season, and an interactive story for all ages! Please RSVP by Thursday if possible at the link below so we can plan our count for dinner. We can't wait to continue on with this fun tradition!

Count me IN for food, caroling, & green-hanging good times!





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Email Pat [HERE](#) to reserve your poinsettia
ASAP



FBC IS
HOSTING...

will ferrell
elf

POP
CORN

TAKE CUT
ROLL

\$1 MOVIE
night

TUES., 12/10
6:30 PM

The Cabot Theater
286 Cabot Street,
Beverly, MA 01915

FBC Hosts \$1 Movie Night at The Cabot to Spread Cheer & Fun Squad Brings *(You Gussed It)* the FUN!

FBC's is sponsoring the showing of *Elf* at The Cabot Theater on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. The movie is free to FBCers and costs \$1 for the general public. The Cabot Theater encourages people to bring a new, unwrapped toy (for kids of all ages) to the event. The toys will go to *Pathways for Children*, and those who donate will be entered into a raffle by the Cabot Theater.

Among its usual offerings, The Cabot will offer Elf-style beverages for purchase at its concession stand and our FBC Fun Squad is upping the ante with festive lobby decorations, Elf-themed activities (trivia, candy jar guess, costume contest-dress in holiday gear, quote-along), as well as prizes! Buddy the Elf will even make an in-person appearance (FBC's version of Elf, that is) and the Cabot will provide a photo area for people to commemorate this fun event!

The Fun Squad welcomes volunteers who are able to help with this event on the night of Dec. 10 and can contact Amy: alpffchr@aol.com or Todd: Todd.a.ames@gmail.com with questions or to render volunteer interest!



FBC's Twenties:

Holiday Game Night

Saturday, December
14th, 6:30 PM

A festive evening at
FBC for folks in their
20s and 30s

Dinner provided,
bring a dessert
to share!

Advent 2024

Moving Through the Dark



LUCILLE
PICTURED
HAPPILY
USING HER
ADVENT LITE
BRITE!

FBC gave out Lite Brites as part of our moving through dark, thinking about light theme!

If households didn't yet get their Lite Brite, they can still pick one up at church this coming Sunday, 12/8!

**Thanks Anne Barbin for sharing this cute photo!*



Advent 2024:
Moving Through
the Dark



You are warmly invited to the following services offered at First Baptist Church in Beverly this Advent Season:

Longest Night Service

Friday, December 20th at 7:00 pm for a brief service of music and candlelight that offers a quiet space for worship and reflection as we draw nearer to Christmas.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service Planned with the Enthusiasm of Children in Mind and featuring our Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant for all who would like to participate!

11:00 pm: Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols



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Our Pledge Drive for 2025 is off to a wonderful start! Didn't get the chance to pledge? Simply click *HERE* or on the image below!

Last week's Thanksgiving service was filled with generosity and support for the church's mission, as the church received pledges with a commitment of almost half of last year's budgeted amount. It's especially gratifying that so many people who made a pledge increased their past pledge, and many people new to the church made very generous first time pledges. Thank you so much!

But we are still far from reaching our goal of raising the money needed to sustain the church in the upcoming year. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please take a moment to consider how much the church means to you and the community it serves, and fill out a pledge card. The process is simple and easy to do:



- When you attend one of the church's Sunday Advent services, pledge cards can be found in the pews, filled out and placed in the collection plate during the service.
- Electronic pledge cards can be found online at the church's website under the heading "Donations".
- If you didn't receive a paper pledge card in the mail and would like one, you can ask the church's financial secretary Pat Haight to send you one and then mail it to the church office at 221 Cabor Street.
- If you need information about your 2024 pledge (the amount you pledged, how much you still owe, etc), the financial secretary can be reached at phaight@fbcbeverly.org and she will be happy to help you.

Needless to say, the church has many plans for the year ahead and its mission is more important than ever in these uncertain times. Your support by whatever you are able to give is very much appreciated.

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee Are Collecting for the Women of River House Shelter in Beverly until December 8th!



For many years we fundraised for River House when it was a men's shelter, and now our committee wants to continue to support this mission for local homeless women. River House is part of Lifebridge and has offered shelter to women since 2023 in addition to support services to assist residents as they get back on their feet with employment, health care and meeting other basic needs.

We are collecting hygiene items including

- deodorant
- razors

- shaving cream
- shampoo and conditioner
- tissues
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Clorox antibacterial wipes
- hair combs and brushes
- ChapStick
- hand lotion

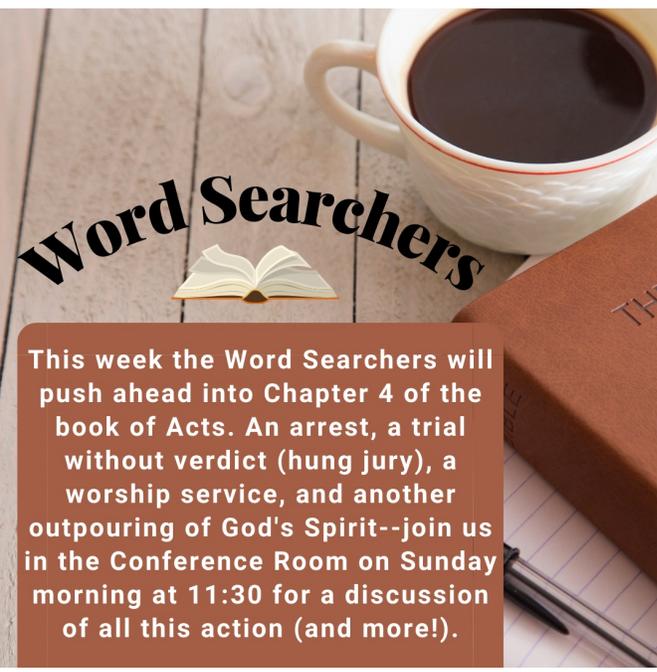
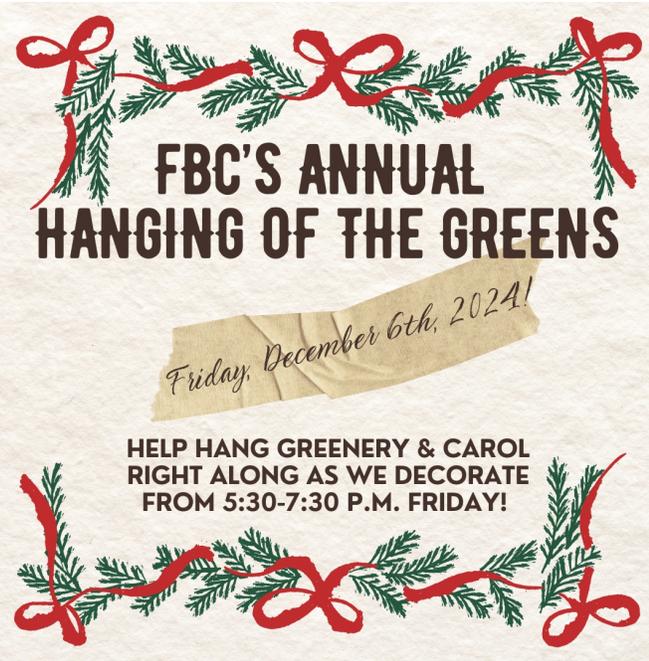
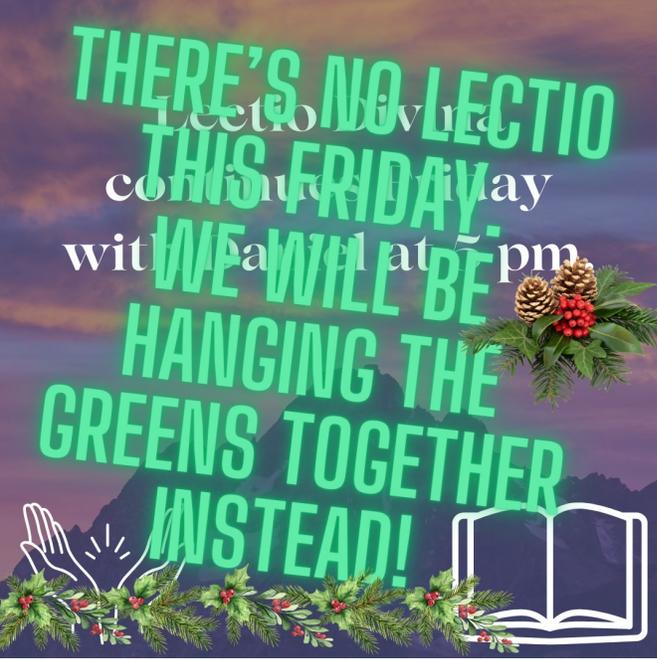
Learn more about how to support Riverhouse [HERE!](#)





Way to go, FBC Middle School Fellowship collecting over 1,000 lbs of food for Beverly Bootstraps in the holiday parade!

Looking at this week and beyond at FBC...



Come, Let Us Worship

FBC'S

PODCAST

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



NEW EPISODE:

"An Aaron Story: Giving to What Again?"

Scripture: Exodus 25:1-9 & 32:1-6

Preaching: Dr. Daniel Johnson
Sunday, November 24th, 2024



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³A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
— Isaiah 40:3-4

PENCIL IN FBC

December

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Wednesday

Art of the Scene: Improv Fun with Bryan and Jerry!

The laughs continue with our FBC Improv-ers taking the mic at Off Cabot Theater on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased *HERE* or at the Off Cabot box office.

December

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Friday

Hanging of the Greens

Help hang greenery around the church as we carol right along and share in this festive annual tradition! We'll decorate the Sanctuary from 5:30-7:30 p.m. as we prepare FBC (and our hearts!) for the rest of Advent and the upcoming Christmas season.

December

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Sunday

Esther's Children Choir Rehearses

If you have children interested in singing in worship this Christmas Eve, they should stay after worship for musical fun rehearsing with Esther!

Youth Class Meets

For those in Grades 5-12, Youth Class meets post-worship at 11:30 a.m.

December

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Tuesday

FBC Fun Squad Sponsors *Elf* \$1

Movie Night at The Cabot!

Join us at The Cabot Theater on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. The movie is free to FBCers and costs \$1 for the general public. The Cabot will offer Elf-style beverages for purchase at its concession stand and our FBC Fun Squad is upping the ante with festive lobby decorations, Elf-themed activities (trivia, candy jar guess, costume contest-dress in holiday gear, quote-along), as well as prizes!

Parents' Night Out

Our December PNO will run simultaneously with Beverly's Winter Market offering extra fun & festive opportunities for parents and caregivers to enjoy the markets while the children have special entertainment! *PNO will run from 6:00-8:30 p.m. as usual and is open to everyone in the greater community.*

December

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Friday

The LeeVeEs are Back in Town!

Remember the fun and rocking Hanukkah Party for All that we had at FBC with The LeeVeEs last December? Well, they are back this year and performing at The Cut in Gloucester (177 Main St.) on December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available [here](#).

December

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Saturday

Twerties Holiday Game Night

If you're a Twerty, Save-The-Date for this Saturday as holiday games and grandeur are in the works!

Holiday Potluck & Yankee Swap

Join us for 5:30 p.m. at the home of Daniel and Susan Johnson (24 Lothrop Street) as we continue this fantastic FBC tradition.

December

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Sunday

Music Sunday at FBC!

Mark your calendars joyfully and get ready for sounds of the season presented by Esther and her incredible choirs, soloists, ensembles and instrumentalists!

December

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Tuesday

FBC T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our FBC Men's Fellowship group will meet for a FREE breakfast this Tuesday at Depot Diner for this month.

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