FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
IN BEVERLY
*A progressive and welcoming Christian community*

# The BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly

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**Get Involved**

**Worship with Us**

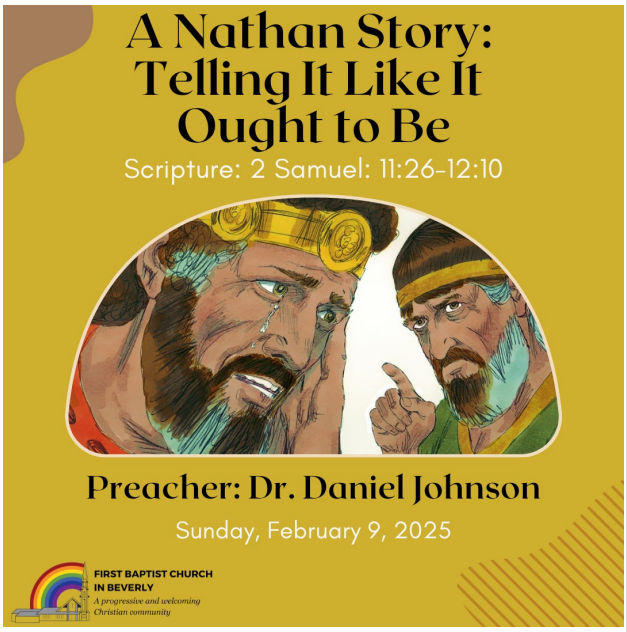
**We've got a great weekend ahead at First Baptist, and we can't wait to share it all with you! Things get rolling with *Lectio Divina* AND Parents' Night Out this Friday evening (at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. respectively) and continue on Sunday morning with Worship followed by the Soup-R-Bowl sale to support the summer Service Trip to Marion, VA. Sunday rounds out with a special COMBINED Youth Fellowship event for Middle School and Sr. High on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Groundhog may have predicted six more weeks of winter, but it feels like the FBC calendar for February is warming up with a mix of church and community events ahead!**

## Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our ***FBC YouTube Channel.***

*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**

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BEVERLY 2024-2025

***Middle School AND Sr. High Fellowship COMBINED Program***

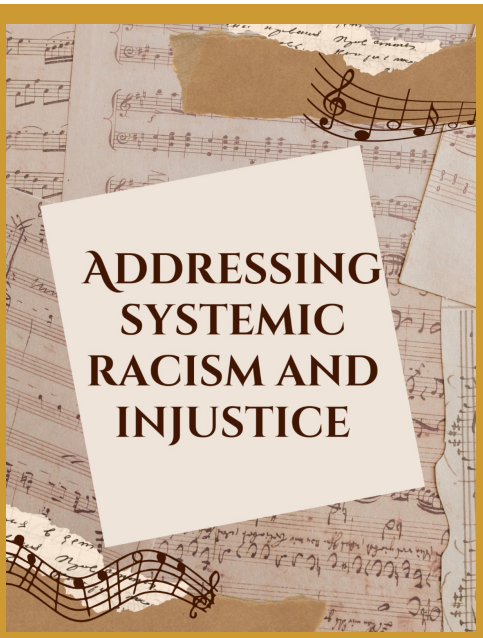
***Sunday, February 9th: Spaghetti Super Bowl***
*****3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*****

We'll have BOTH our Middle School AND Sr. High groups meeting TOGETHER this Sunday for an afternoon of fun-filled competition, where all the events are inspired by pasta. Will we be building bridges using ziti? Striving to make the tallest structure using spaghetti? Racing with rigatoni? Maybe all of this and more, as our advisors lead in some creative and hilarious games for the afternoon. By popular request, we'll have a little time at the end to enjoy *eating* some pasta, too. Come wearing sneakers and comfortable clothes and get ready for the biggest sporting event of the day: our Spaghetti Super Bowl (there's obviously nothing else that would top this!)! Friends are welcome, as always!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Click HERE to view our Web Calendar**

## Music Reparations at FBC




In last week's edition of the *Bulletin*, we shared about the commitment that the worship leadership team at FBC has made to have the church pay royalties each time we use music that was originally created by unknown, uncredited Black Americans or other members of the African diaspora. We intend for these reparations payments to repair, even if only in a small way, the historical injustice that those who originally produced this music were never paid for the use that others made of their works, the way that any other writer of songs, hymns and anthems would be.

This week we are excited to introduce you to the organization to which we will be making these reparations payments. The Hamilton-Garrett Center for Music & Arts is a cultural institution in Roxbury dedicated to celebrating and preserving Black music, and especially Spirituals as an art form, by nurturing the development of young musicians in Boston. The center houses

an after-school Music and Arts Academy for young learners ages 5 through 18, audition-based select ensembles for vocal and instrumental performers, and a lending library of sheet music and other resources for members of the community.

Check out the Hamilton-Garrett Center's *website* or this *video* featuring Executive Director Gerami Groover to learn more. We look forward to letting our music enhance their music (and vice versa) over the years to come!

## Soup-R-Bowl 2025 this Sunday!

How about a bowl of hot, delicious soup for the Super Bowl or anytime?

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee (MiSC) together with service trip participants will be selling *homemade* soup by the pint ($6) and quart ($12) on Sunday February 9th immediately after worship to benefit the service trip to Marion, VA this summer. Cash payments are welcomed and appreciated, but card payments will be accepted as well.

Can you think of a a more delicious way to support the mission work of the church?!

## FBC Commits to Support the World Health Organization this February

First Baptist Church has committed to helping end the worldwide orphan crisis. There are 150,000,000 orphans in the world today, and the World Health Organization estimates that 16,500 children die every day, mostly from the effects of extreme poverty. During their January meeting, the Church Council voted to sponsor a proven successful anti-poverty program for orphaned children, which was developed by the Foundation for Orphans and Zoe Empowers.

During the next 3 years, our contributions to this program will support 25 child-led families in Mozambique consisting of around 100 orphans and vulnerable children, providing training and opportunities to move them out of extreme poverty into self-sufficiency, thus eliminating the need for life-long aid. Children will learn about food security, income generation, health and disease prevention, and their basic rights, as well as receiving housing and educational assistance. Ninety-five percent of the children who begin the program are self-sufficient by the end of 3 years. While the F40-Zoe program works with children from a broad range of religious backgrounds, it offers a compelling view of the love that Jesus says we should

show to others. The cost of this anti-poverty program is $9,500 a year for each of the 3 years, and the Council has committed to supporting the program through active fundraising and the allocation of new initiative funds, if necessary.

***Please contact Ruth or Dan Cott (757)477-9727 if you are interested in helping with fundraising and providing updates on our sponsored families in Mozambique.***

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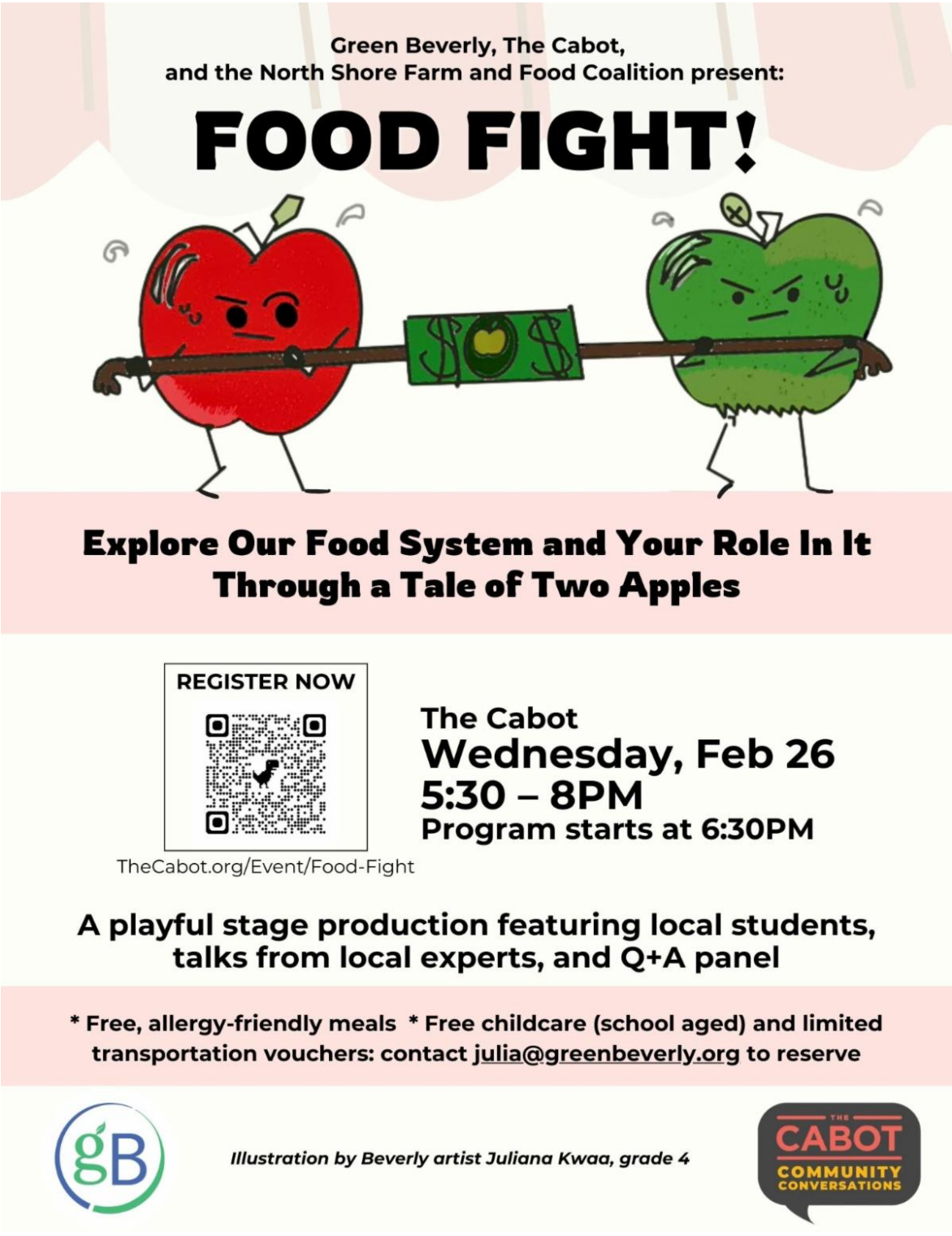
# Save-the-Date! Interesting Upcoming Community Conversation with Two of our Favorite Local Partners!



# Cherry Hill Chamber Orchestra Presents *TWO* upcoming church performances— one at FBC Beverly!

Read more about these special performances *HERE* and get your tickets using the code FBCBeverly for 10% off adult tickets *HERE*.

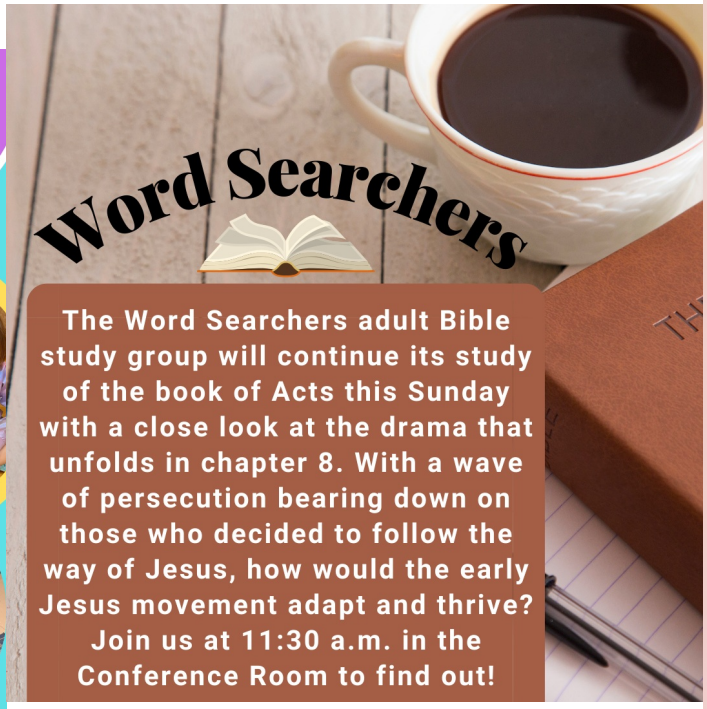
## Check Out this Fun Youth Class Recap from Sunday after Worship!

# Middle School Fellowship Celebrated Groundhog Day in Hilarious Style! Check Out Some of The Hilarity Here!

## Looking at the week(s) ahead at FBC Beverly...

**Link to Zoom Coffee Hour Thursday @ 10 AM**

**Link to Zoom on in!**



Come out to play some pickleball in the FBC Gym on Monday night at 7:00 p.m.!

**Take a Listen HERE**

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"Whatever ought to be, can be. — James Rouse"

# PENCIL IN FBC

February
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Friday

## Parents' Night Out

Don't miss out on this month's PNO from 6:00-8:30 p.m. geared to those ages 2-12 and open to everyone in our community! Interested in volunteering? We'd love to have you! *Contact Daniel* if you'd like to lend a hand.

February
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Sunday

## Soup-R-Bowl 2025 at FBC!

Grab some delicious homemade soup to go right after worship and support our Service Trip to Marion, VA this summer! Talk about a win-win! $6 per pint and $12 per quart; cash is preferred but cards WILL be accepted as well.

February
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Monday

## Lounge Reserved for the new Senior Group at FBC

The Lounge will be reserved from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for those interested in dropping in!

February
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Thursday

## Join ECCO in Selecting their next Housing Campaign!

The Essex County Community Organization (ECCO) is meeting from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at First Church Swampscott at 40 Monument Street in Swampscott for a campaign selection gathering. Transportation and childcare offered upon request.

February
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Monday

## Church Office is Closed for President's Day

The church office will be closed today but will reopen regular time on Tuesday, February 18th.

February
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Tuesday

## FBC's T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

This FBC Men's Group will convene at Stephy's this month at 7:00 a.m.

February

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Sunday

## Esther's Children's Choir Rehearses

Our Elementary-aged friends are invited to stay immediately after worship for a brief, very fun rehearsal with Music Diretor Dr. Esther Chang.

February

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Monday

## Senior Group Lunch

Hope to see you at our next Senior Group Lunch from 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the Church Lounge!

February

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Wednesday

## The Cabot's Community Conversation featuring Green Beverly

Discover the key elements of our local food system, meet local farmers and food advocates, learn why you should care, and understand how you can help…A playful stage production featuring local students, talks from local experts, and Q+A panel.

## FBC Men's Fellowship Trivia Night

Join the men of FBC for a time of fellowship, fun, friends & foam held at Backbeat Brewing Company at 7:00 p.m.!

February

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Friday

## Twerties Event at Clay Studio!

The Twerties will be all fired up for a fun time of pottery painting at Clay Dreaming Studios on Cabot Street!

March

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Tuesday

## Theology On Tap

Bring your thirst for fellowship and hunger for lively conversation about life and faith at 8:00 p.m. to the Kitchen Table in Beverly.

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