

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

*A progressive and welcoming Christian community*

# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Can you hear the birds chirping? Are you eagerly anticipating the budding of new leaves and plants peeking up through now-frozen soil? Spring will soon be on its way, and new groups and opportunities for connection are *springing* up at First Baptist, as well! Read on to learn what our newly renamed Seniors group Wit&Wisdom has been up to, as well as to learn all about the newly forming group The + Club (pronounced The Plus Club), which will hold its inaugural gathering on Friday, March 21st! What better time than now to spread your wings and try a new group, field trip, adventure, or activity?

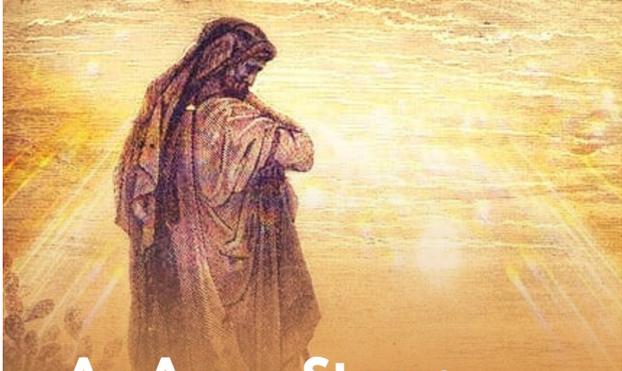
## Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Communion Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our **FBC YouTube Channel**.

**Please have your own Elements of Communion ready if you'll be joining us over Livestream on Sunday.**

*Notes for Sunday:*

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- The Playground 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



**An Amos Story:  
Know Your Place!**

Scripture: Amos 7:8-17 Preaching: Dr. Daniel Johnson

Communion Sunday, March 2, 2025 First Baptist Church in Beverly

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

grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.

- Youth Class meets immediately following Worship.
- Daniel and Friends leave for the Adult Field Trip to see *Set at Liberty* at Historic Beverly (light lunch then exhibit for 12:30 p.m.).
- Baptism Class meets at 2:30 p.m., which will be weekly through Lent, with the exception of on 3/16.



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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN  
BEVERLY 2024-2025

### *Middle School Fellowship*

**Sunday, March 2nd: Glow in the Dark Games!**  
*4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist*

It's the final Sunday before Daylight Savings kicks in, and Middle School Fellowship will be celebrating with a program that is *always* a favorite: Glow in the Dark Games! The group will have games and activities that will glow in the dark or under a black light ready to roll; all youth need to bring are themselves (and they can choose to dress in dark colors to avoid glowing in the dark themselves, if they wish!). We'll provide a few glowingly good snacks for this program, as well. As always, friends are welcome to join in all the fun, too!

***Save the Date: Middle School Fellowship Retreat*** will be happening April 4th – 6th at Grotonwood Camp in Groton, MA. More details will come to you as the weekend gets closer!

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### *Sr. High Fellowship*

**Sunday, March 2nd: Trampoline Park Fun!**  
*6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – meet at First Baptist to head out  
for an evening of bouncing around at Nova Adventure Park!*

The Sr. High Fellowship will meet at First Baptist at 6 p.m. to head out together for an evening of bouncing around/trying out the slack line and ninja course/playing in the arcade and more at the new Nova Adventure Park in Lynnfield! The group will be aiming to leave First Baptist as close to 6 p.m. as possible to maximize time at the park and for youth to jump on the trampolines, etc., so please try to arrive by 5:55 p.m. if you can or no later than 6:05 p.m. if possible. Tickets must be reserved ahead of time for this event, so please ***RSVP to Julie*** as soon as possible (but no later than Thursday of this week) to ensure the group has

the right amount of jump tickets. Those planning to participate must also fill out the online waiver directly through the Nova facility, using this link: <https://www.novalynnfield.com/online-waiver/>.

The church will cover the cost to jump for participants; those planning to attend should bring money for food and a drink, if they wish. As always, however, we never want cost to be an obstacle to a youth being able to attend Fellowship events, so please simply let Julie or any Youth Advisor know if financial assistance would be helpful, and they will make sure food cost, etc. is covered.

The group will return to First Baptist by 9 p.m. for pick-up. As always, friends are welcome to come along – just please include any friends in your RSVP count to Julie!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FBC's Twerties Head to Clay Dreaming this Friday Night!

JOIN...  
**FBC Beverly  
"Twerties"**  
@ **Clay  
Dreaming**

Bring a  
snack/drink  
to share!

**FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

**6:00-8:00 P.M**

186 Cabot St. Beverly Ma, 01945  
RSVP: (781) 558- 0245

Come out for some *Clay Dreaming* Friday night! Twerties are encouraged to bring a snack and drink to share for fun, and can RSVP to 781-558-0245 so we have a rough count. Hope to see you there!

**FBC'S  
TWERTIES**  
are calling

Decline Accept

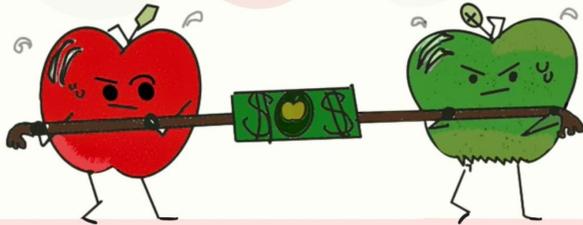
*It's time to join our Twerties text list!*

If you're an FBCer in your twenties or thirties and are interested in attending our upcoming Twerties events/hearing from us, sign up for opt-in text messages **HERE**.

# Happenings In and Around Our Community

Green Beverly, The Cabot,  
and the North Shore Farm and Food Coalition present:

## FOOD FIGHT!



Explore Our Food System and Your Role In It  
Through a Tale of Two Apples

REGISTER NOW



[TheCabot.org/Event/Food-Fight](http://TheCabot.org/Event/Food-Fight)

The Cabot  
Wednesday, Feb 26  
5:30 – 8PM  
Program starts at 6:30PM

A playful stage production featuring local students,  
talks from local experts, and Q+A panel

\* Free, allergy-friendly meals \* Free childcare (school aged) and limited  
transportation vouchers: contact [julia@greenbeverly.org](mailto:julia@greenbeverly.org) to reserve



Illustration by Beverly artist Juliana Kwaa, grade 4



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. Register [HERE!](#)

Free, allergy-friendly meals provided by Root and Kim's Pure Pastry + free childcare for school aged children. Contact [julia@greenbeverly.org](mailto:julia@greenbeverly.org) to reserve.

CHERRY HILL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA  
PRESENTS

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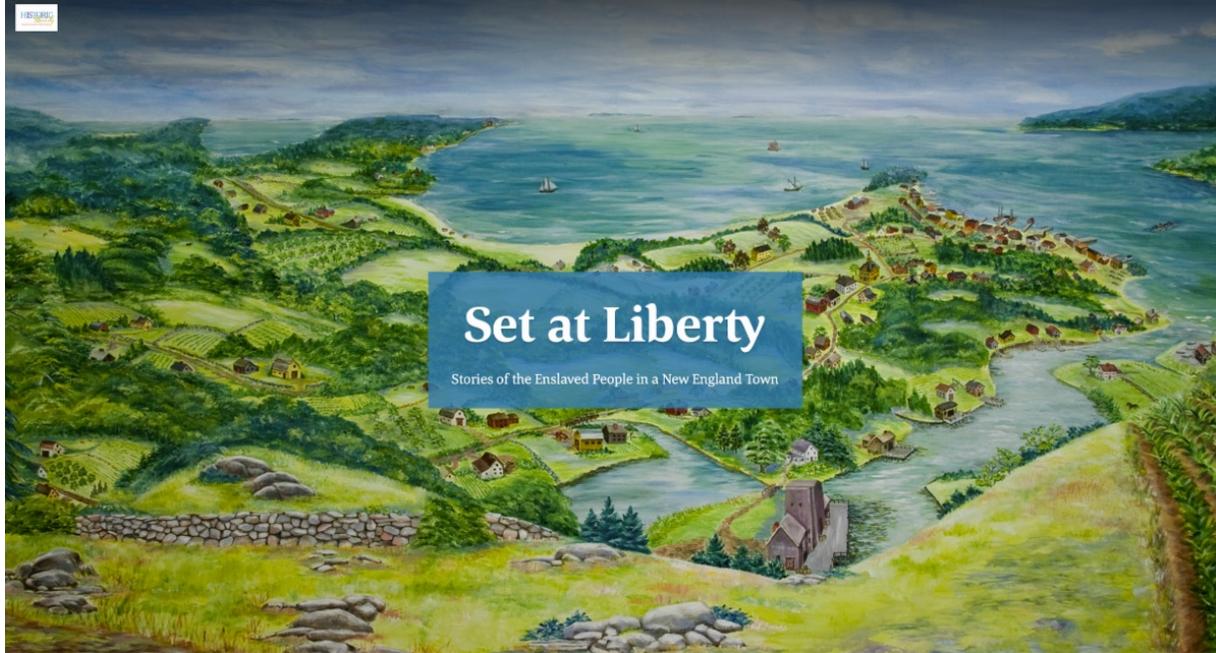
March 1st @ 3PM  
Christ Church United, UCC  
180 E. Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA

March 2nd @ 2PM  
First Baptist Church  
221 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA

Featuring Marshunda  
and her Moody Cello!



Read more about these special performances [HERE](#) and get your tickets using the code FBCBeverly for 10% off adult tickets [HERE](#).



## **FBC Adult Field Trip is this Sunday!**

### **Where are we headed?**

To the *Set at Liberty* exhibit at Historic Beverly!

### **Why there?**

Remarkably, some of the narratives of Beverly's black population have been preserved and can be found at Historic Beverly. These are accounts of citizens, black and white, battling against the unjust system of slavery; of enslaved men fighting for our nation during the Revolutionary War, though not free themselves; of a woman using the law to emancipate her family; and of the racism that affected the lives of Beverly's black population long after they were freed from bondage. This exhibit presents these accounts using the archives found in the Historic Beverly collection.

### **When?**

Sunday, March 2nd. There will be a light lunch following worship, and we'll arrive at the museum (located at 117 Cabot Street) for 12:30 p.m. tour.

### **Why?**

Because adult field trips are fun with FBC, and we may very well learn something new and fascinating together while sharing quality fellowship time along the way!

### **How?**

Transportation will be available as needed, or in the case of inclement weather. Suggested donation to defray costs - \$7/person.

Please *RSVP to Daniel* if you'd like to attend, and also check out the link to the online exhibit *HERE*.

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## An Appeal from the FBC Board of Deacons

Our Fellowship Fund is a fund of money available to the ministers to assist members of our church family should they need financial help. The assistance is given along with other support resources confidentially between the member and the ministers. Money for the Fund is collected on the Communion Sundays throughout the year. Occasionally, the Fund is the beneficiary of an individual bequest or a special grant through the church budget, but the most of it is donated by people like you on the first Sundays of the month. The Board of Deacons monitors the Fund balance but only gets involved when the ministers need more than \$400. Then we, without knowing any names, vote to approve the expenditure just to protect the ministers.

Often the recipient has been surprised by a sudden need due to circumstances they could not have foreseen. Many struggle for a few months trying to keep up with an obligation and the situation gets worse. Can you imagine being the minister sitting with this individual and having nothing concrete to offer?

The fact is that our Fellowship Fund balance is \$600.00 This is alarming in the face of the needs that arise. This Sunday, March 2, is Communion Sunday and traditionally we collect for the Fellowship Fund on that day using the confidential Fund envelopes found in the pew rack. Please come prepared to participate. It is important to know that any donation, large or small, represents the church family supporting others in the church family by way of the ministers in this very direct way. Our experience of worship on Sunday can only be enhanced by the knowledge that help is available for anyone in the room because of the generosity shown by everyone else in the room.

Thank you,  
Karen Popadic for the Board of Deacons



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## Baptism Class Begins this Week!

Julie will begin running a Baptism Class for those in 8th grade or older this Sunday at 2:30 p.m., but we'll joyfully welcome anyone else interested as we begin! This group will meet Sunday from 2:30-3:45 p.m. weekly during Lent.

This is a class for learning and discerning and coming to the point of making a decision about baptism; it is NOT expected that interested baptism candidates will already know for certain if they wish to be baptized when the class begins. Additionally, if there are adults in the church family who wish to learn more about the decision to be baptized, they are also welcome to reach out to Julie as soon as possible to get the ball rolling!

**Please *Connect with Julie regarding Baptism* ASAP if you are in grade 8 or above and are interested!**



Mardi Gras is a Christian holiday and popular cultural phenomenon that dates back thousands of years to pagan spring and fertility rites. It is celebrated every year on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of the religious season of Lent. “Mardi Gras” literally translates as “Fat Tuesday,” but the holiday is also known as “Shrove Tuesday,” “Carnival,” or “Carnaval.”

Brazil, Venice and New Orleans play host to some of the holiday’s most famous public festivities, drawing thousands of tourists and revelers every year. Yet many others celebrate the holiday in smaller and quieter

ways. A practice that has long been observed in many Christian communities is to mark the occasion with a pancake dinner, during which members enjoy indulging in a meal made up of ingredients that they might subsequently refrain from eating during Lent—most notably, eggs, sugar, and fat.

That said, we do not need a commitment to giving up such things for Lent in order to justify getting together to eat pancakes for dinner! After all, they're pancakes, at dinner! Come on out and join in the fun (and the pancakes!) on Tuesday, March 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

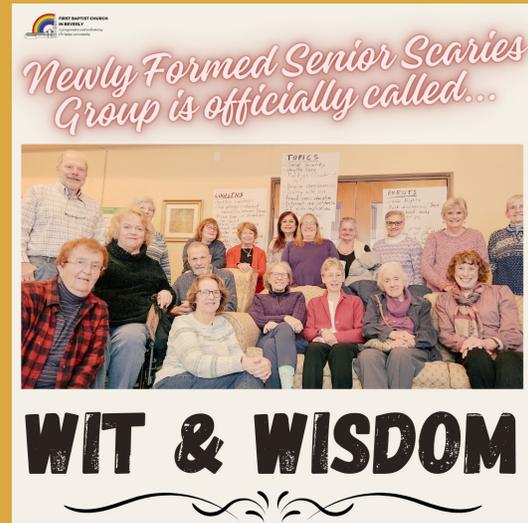
## Our Seniors are Full of *Wit & Wisdom!*

On Monday, February 24th there were 22 attendees for the Senior Meeting & Luncheon where the group voted and arrived at their exciting new name! Wit & Wisdom it is! This week the group welcomed some new faces that couldn't attend prior, and now the member list is up to 28!

The food was delicious for the luncheon portion and half of the total cost was donated back in the donation basket, which will go into the Wit & Wisdom fund.

Correspondence lists and directories for the group are in the works so members can easily share out updates and readily stay in touch regarding upcoming fun events. Drop-in-Mondays will be available every Monday unless otherwise noted in the Church Lounge from 11:30-2:30 p.m. for those interested.

The next luncheon meeting is schedule for Monday, March 31st from 11:30-1:30 p.m. Luncheons will be the last Monday of every month and will include special programming and/or a theme. February's theme of Show & Tell was quite a hit! Folks brought interesting items, personal mementos, family artifacts, pictures of family, examples of artistic talents, hobbies, etc. Thanks to everyone who has participated so far or expressed interest in *Wit & Wisdom*~what a great group to get off the ground!



# NEW GROUP OUT OF FBC!

*Because life is easier, and  
more full of joy, when we get  
to do it together!*



THE + CLUB

*A queer intergenerational  
hangout space*

# GAME night

**FBC Beverly  
221 Cabot St.  
Beverly, MA  
In the Lounge**

\*Bring a peanut/tree nut-free  
snack to share if you like!

**Friday, March 21,  
at 7:30 p.m.**

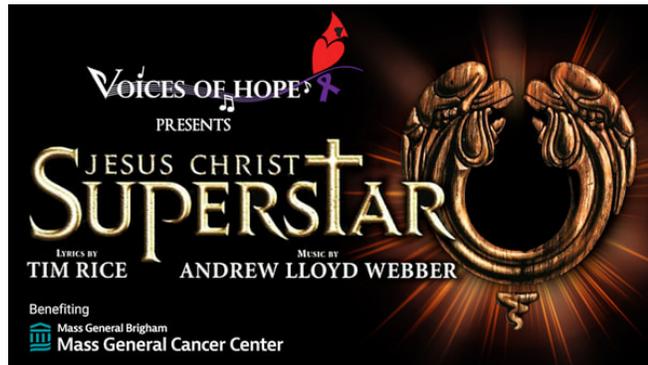
## Introducing The + Club at First Baptist Beverly

We're excited to introduce **The + Club (pronounced The Plus Club)**, a new group at First Baptist Beverly created as a welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ individuals in our church and community. This group is a place for connection, support, and fun as we build relationships and celebrate who we are. Whether you're looking for community, conversation, or just a relaxed time with friends, The + Club is for you!

Join us for our first event—a **game night on Thursday, March 21st at 7:30pm!** We'll gather for laughter, fellowship, and some friendly competition. Stay tuned for more details, and feel free to reach out to Kelsey Belis if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you for *gayme night!*

## Get Your Tickets to see *Jesus Christ, Superstar!* this Spring

Be sure to make the *Jesus Christ, Superstar* performance at the North Shore Music Theater on Friday, **March 28th**, for which FBC has a block of 20 tickets reserved.



If you'd like to buy tickets for the show through us, they are **\$48 each**. **Contact Daniel** directly to secure ticket(s).

The show is produced by the Voices of Hope theater company, "a not-for-profit community of artists who raise funds for cancer research thru theatrical performance, and has been bringing its powerful and moving performances to NSMT since 2013. Now in its 16th season, Voices of Hope has donated more than one million dollars, contributing to the ever-growing source of treatment options that continue to give hope to their vision of a cancer free world."



## Save-The-Date: Comedy Night Fundraiser and Raffle to Benefit the FBC Summer Service Trip!

Enjoy a night full of laughs in downtown Beverly at the Off Cabot Theater for an all-star comedy show and raffle on Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m! This show will feature the hilarious Tony V., Jimmy Dunn, Kathe Farris, Will Noonan, and Corey Rodrigues – all of which are comedy headliners in the Boston comedy scene! There is no better way to raise money for the FBC Service Trip than through laughter! Tickets cost \$35 and can be

purchased *online* or at the Off Cabot box office. Seating is first come first served and doors open at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a fun night out while helping fuel the church van to Marion, VA this August!

**Get Your Tickets Now Before They Sell Out!**

# See What Our Fellowship Crews Have Been Up To!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP



## GAMES GALORE LAST SUNDAY!



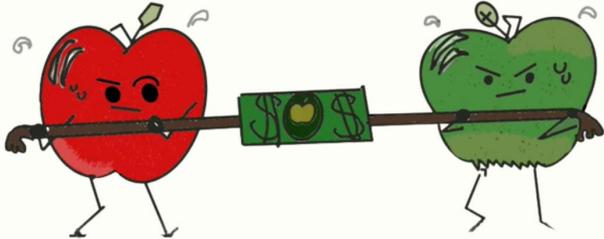


OUR SR. HIGH FELLOWSHIP CREW HIT SUNNYSIDE LANES IN DANVERS LAST SUNDAY AND HAD A BALL AS YOU CAN SEE!



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

# FOOD FIGHT!



Explore Our Food System and Your Role In It  
Through a Tale of Two Apples



The Cabot  
Wednesday, Feb 26  
5:30 – 8PM  
Program starts at 6:30PM



Together Again!

Zoom Coffee  
Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am

*Winter*



*Coffee Time*

Link to Zoom Coffee Hour with  
special Guest Host Lisa LaPlante  
this Thursday @ 10 AM

FBC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

# TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIENDS | FELLOWSHIP | FOAM | FUN!

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FEB.

Wednesday Night

Backbeat Brewing Company



See you there at 6:30 p.m.!

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

Join us in the  
Lounge or via  
Zoom!



Lectio Divina Zoom Link for  
Friday

JOIN...

**FBC Beverly  
"Twerties"**



# @ Clay Dreaming

Bring a  
snack/drink  
to share!



**FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

**6:00-8:00 P.M**

186 Cabot St. Beverly Ma, 01945  
RSVP: (781) 558- 0245

**WORD SEARCHERS IS CANCELED FOR THIS WEEK!**

Let's try to find the word in the Conference Room at 11:30 this Sunday morning for a class that... again, will... (1:26-55) (which surely everyone has memorized)... The first... Willin... and Earth will focus our attention on the theme of rejoicing as we consider this text. We hope to see you there!

**PICK PICK PICK PICKLEBALL**

*Come out & play!*

**FBC PICKLEBALL**

Mondays at 7 pm in the gym!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

**FBC SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner**

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

• Fellowship Hall •

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**FBC WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**Save the date**

Friday, May 30 – Sunday, June 1st, 2025

As with prior years' Women's Retreats, the formal retreat programming will run from Friday evening, May 30th, until early late afternoon on Saturday, May 31st. Those who would like to stay on through Saturday night for games, hanging out, and fun, followed by Grotonwood breakfast on Sunday, June 1st, are welcome to do so!

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Repressive societies always seemed to understand the danger of 'wrong' ideas.

— Octavia Butler, from *Kindred*

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## PENCIL IN FBC

February

26

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. Come enjoy this playful stage production from 5:30-8:00 p.m. 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 6:30 p.m.!

February

28

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 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.!

### FBC Adult Field Trip is on the Books!

We'll have a light lunch after worship then head to the *Set at Liberty* exhibit at Historic Beverly at 12:30 p.m. Take a look at the online exhibit [here](#). Transportation will be available as needed and the suggested donation is \$7/person to defray cost. *RSVP with Daniel* if you plan to attend!

March

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Sunday

### Cherry Hill Chamber Orchestra Performs at FBC

Tickets are on sale now for the 2:00 p.m. show at FBC. Learn more about "LeBec and the Existential Dream Onion" performance [HERE](#) and get your tickets using the code FBCBeverly for 10% off adult tickets [HERE](#).

March

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Tuesday

## Pancake Dinner for Shrove Tuesday!

Join us for Mardi Gras fun from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

March

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Friday

## Parents' Night Out!

It's FBC's monthly PNO from 6:00-8:30 p.m. open to those ages 2-12 in our church family and the greater community! Book a date night, catch up with a friend, get a jump on your grocery shopping—the time is yours!

March

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Sunday

## First Sunday in Lent & Daylight

### Savings

Spring ahead with us one hour for the first Sunday in Lent!

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