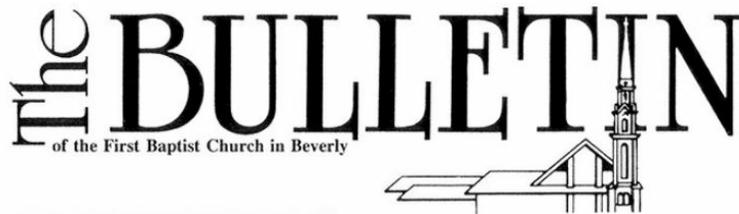


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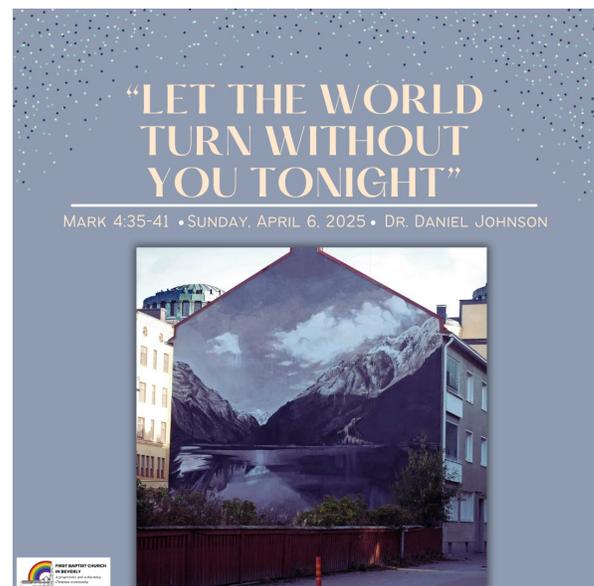
It's an exciting week ahead with the Middle School Fellowship Retreat officially here and Bryan Vosseler offering a wonderful presentation exploring more about the murals and art in the Punto Urban Art Museum after worship this Sunday. Fun, interesting and faith-filled events are being added left and right, so be sure to check out our "Pencil In FBC" dates listed at the bottom of the newsletter!

Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, April 6th, 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 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 grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Bryan Vosseler is presenting right after worship in the chapel, exploring some of the murals we've seen in worship.
- Baptism Class meets Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (Middle School Fellowship Crew will be back in time for those who have the energy to attend!)
- Sr. High Fellowship meets at 6:00 p.m.



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



Fellowship News for this Sunday

Middle School Fellowship

**Friday, April 4th – Sunday, April 6th: Weekend Retreat at Grotonwood in Groton, MA
5:30 p.m. on Friday drop-off at First Baptist Beverly; return to the church around 2 p.m. on
Sunday**

It's finally here! The Middle School Fellowship Retreat weekend is happening this weekend, April 4th – 6th, at Grotonwood Camp in Groton, MA! The group will plan to meet at FBC at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4th, to get gear loaded up and get on the road by 6 p.m. Grotonwood is about 45 minutes to an hour from here, so the trip won't take too long; the group will stop for a quick food stop on the way. Youth who would like to grab dinner or a snack should bring money for that stop.

The Middle School crew will return home early afternoon on Sunday with an ETA of around 2 p.m. Baptism Class WILL meet that day, at its usual time, for those who are enrolled and who have the stamina to stick around and roll on through watching the movie about the history of First Baptist! There will NOT be regular Fellowship at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 6th, however – the weekend retreat will *be* Fellowship that weekend!

For those interested in attending who have not yet sent an RSVP to Julie, please do so right away; additionally, those who are attending who have questions or may need another copy of the packing list and/or permission form, please email Julie for all of that information.

Sr. High Fellowship

**Sunday, March 30th: Egg Hunt!
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge at First Baptist**

The Sr. High Fellowship will be getting into the pre-Easter spirit with a creative egg hunt throughout the church on Sunday evening. Come ready to test those seeking skills to find the eggs the advisors will creatively stash here, there, and everywhere! If time allows, the group will also play a few favorite games in the Youth Lounge. Friends are, of course, welcome, and dinner will be provided during the program, as well.

Save the Date for Sr High AND 8th Grade: Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast! Sunday, April 13th, at 7:15 a.m.!

The group will be working together to prepare (and serve and clean up from) the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 13th! ALL hands are needed on deck to make this fundraiser for the youth programs of the church a success (and it's more fun with more of us, too!). Sr High and 8th grade youth are encouraged to come help out with this joyful annual tradition – helpers will be needed in the kitchen at a start time of between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m. and should plan to stay until things are cleaned up (typically around 10:30 or 11 a.m., depending on how quickly cleanup goes!). This event is A LOT of fun, and it is a fundraiser that helps support the youth programs we do – so please plan to come and help out!



PUNTO Urban Art Museum Presentation and Field Trip: "In Art and Love We Trust!"

You enter into the heart of the Point Neighborhood in Salem, MA. Then, you walk up an incline into an alleyway between two buildings, you turn a corner, and there you see it: "En Arte y Amor Confiamos" "In Art and Love We Trust." Clearly love is something we can trust in, but art? What does it mean to trust in art? If this question intrigues you, then we invite you to come to the **presentation on Salem's Punto Urban Art Museum that Bryan Vosseler will give after worship on Sunday April 6th.** And then feel free to experience it yourself on a **field trip to Salem after church - and a small lunch - on Sunday April 27th .** No need to come to the presentation to participate in the Field Trip!

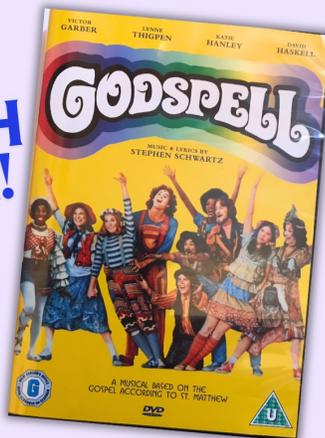


However, if you want something to ponder before we get together, feel free to think about this: What if art is an act of creative love? What if art is an act that actually constricts fear by creating surprise, wonder and beauty? And what if beauty actually does have power - just as love does - to create community and to empower a neighborhood? And, if you'd like to *chat with Bryan* about any of these questions before we get together, feel free!

Pencil In These Holy Week Dates & Please Get Those RSVPs In!

FBC DINNER & Movie Event

FRIDAY,
APRIL 11TH
AT 6 PM!



Join Us for Our Annual Entering-into-Holy-Week Dinner and a Movie Event on Friday, April 11th! Click [HERE](#) or on the thumbnail photo below to watch a hysterical new *Godspell* YouTube Short!

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a dinner of pizza and salad in the Narthex followed by a movie starting at 7:00 p.m. (with movie snacks!) in the Sanctuary as we reprise this fun FBC tradition!

Let's cozy on in as we enter into Holy Week at FBC Beverly! We're excited to enjoy our feature *Godspell* together! You're invited to get into the theme by wearing funky 70s attire including tie dye, bell bottoms, colored glasses, whatever helps you channel that groovy era! We'll have song lyrics sheets at the ready for a sing-a-long as well.

Don't forget to bring your pillows and blankets and to [RSVP to Julie](#) so we can have an accurate headcount for food.





Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast & Worship on Sunday, April 13th This Year!

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and come and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast before worship on Palm Sunday! This breakfast – a long-time tradition at First Baptist – is prepared by the Sr. High Fellowship, and all proceeds raised go to support the youth ministries of the church.

Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in Wilbur Hall.

The cost for breakfast is \$9.50/adult, \$6/child, and children 2 and under eat FREE. (Max cost is \$26/family.)

Come for the pancakes, stay for the Palm Processional at the start of our 10 o'clock worship service that morning!

Maundy Thursday Worship Service



Thursday, April 17th, 2025
7:00 p.m. at FBC Beverly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Volunteers Welcomed (& NEEDED!) for Friday
Night with so many on the Middle School Fellowship
Retreat this Weekend!**

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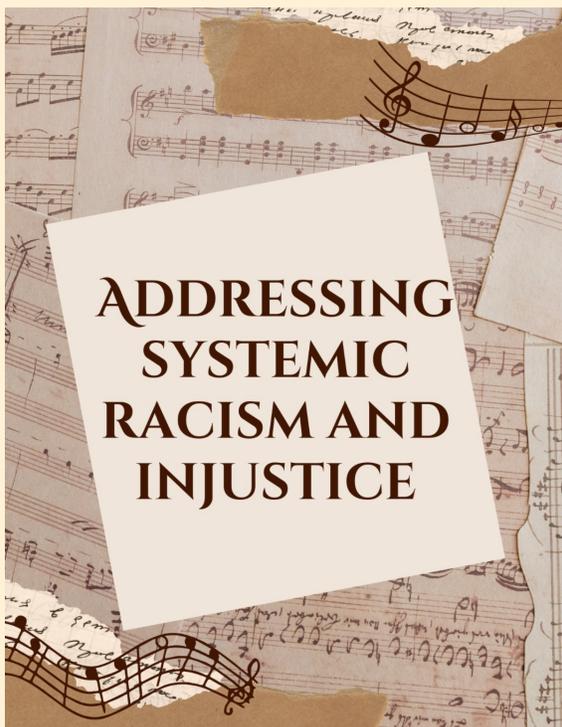
PNO this Friday, 4/4 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE ARE VERY MUCH IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS FRIDAY'S PARENTS' NIGHT OUT. THERE IS A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS THAT YOU CAN DO, SO COME ON OUT AND EXPERIENCE THE GREAT JOY THAT IS THE PNO EXPERIENCE AT FBC!

Email: djohnson@fbcbeverly.org

Hands Off Rally this Weekend!

Are you thinking about heading to Boston on Saturday for the big Hands Off rally but would like to team up with others who are heading there as well? Contact Pat at the church (978-922-3295 or phaight@fbcbeverly.org), and we will try to connect you with other rally attendees.



You may recall that we at FBC have committed to make reparations payments for each time we use music in worship that was originally created by unknown, uncredited Black Americans or other members of the African diaspora, in response to the fact that those musical creators were never paid for the use that others made of their works. These payments will take the form of donations to the Hamilton-Garrett Center for Music & Arts, a cultural organization in Roxbury dedicated to celebrating and preserving Black music, and especially Spirituals as an art form.

(You can learn more [here](#) about the inspiring work that the Center is doing to nurture the development of young musicians in Boston!)

We intend to share a brief Bulletin report

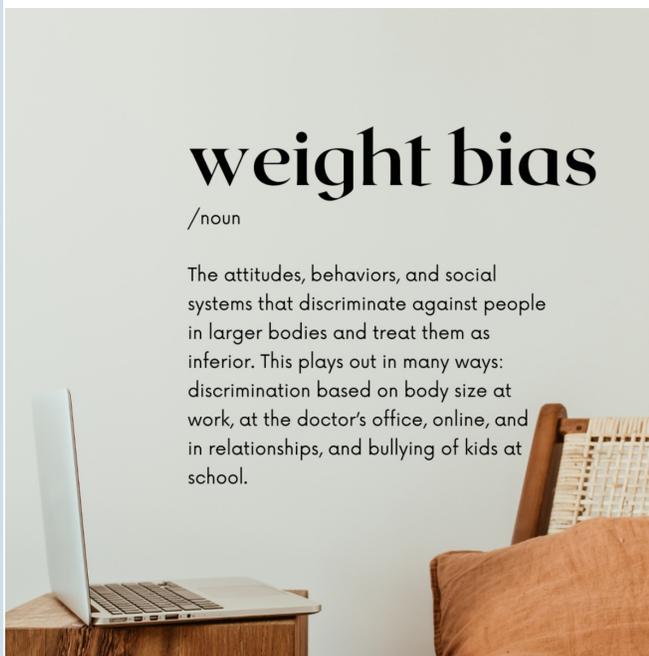
every three months summarizing the applicable music that we have used in worship over the preceding months, along with the amount of the resulting donation. And this is the first such report!

Since the first week of January, we have used these three pieces in the context of our worship services at FBC:

- "We Shall Overcome"(congregational hymn)
- "Here's One" (offertory solo)
- "Standin' in the Need of Prayer" (choral anthem)

Based on this usage, our first donation to the Hamilton-Garrett Center for Music & Arts will be for \$120. This total includes \$45 of specified giving from community members who felt moved to give directly to the program.

We look forward to seeing where this new relationship with our friends at Hamilton-Garrett will lead us!



***Coming Home* *NEW* Vocab Word of the Week!**

Take a look at our latest *Coming Home* weekly vocabulary word and the accompanying definition!

Thank you for *Coming Home* and connecting with your body and self, and stay tuned for some exciting new updates from Abby Sykes and Lisa LaPlante!

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!

FBC Women's Fellowship



Cook & Dine at Taste Buds Kitchen! Wednesday, April 30th at 6:15 p.m.

FBC Women's Fellowship Plans An Upcoming Culinary Adventure!

FBC Women's Fellowship is pleased to host a cooking class and meal at *Tastebuds Kitchen in Beverly* on Wednesday, April 30th at 6:15 p.m. Learn new techniques and experience delicious flavors together as we create and enjoy a multi-course menu from scratch in our adult cooking class!

Cost: \$40 per person (Please Note: This cost reflects a subsidy from FBC as the actual cost is \$80 per person. Additionally, if the \$40 presents an obstacle to attending for someone, you can please reach out to Rev. Julie Flowers directly at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org).

Payment: Please pay with cash or check (made out to FBC) to Pat Haight in the FBC office, noting it's for the Women's Fellowship Cooking Event.

RSVP: Please [email Rev. Julie Flowers](mailto:Rev. Julie Flowers) to let her know you are attending; **DEADLINE for RSVP is Monday, April 21st.**

Waiver: Every attendee MUST fill out a waiver before participating. You can find the waiver here: https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/63fe74c1e7cdf/web/?auto_tag=fh_id_273088372

Menu: (dairy-free; nut-free) Rockin' Moroccan • Chicken Tagine w/ Lemon & Olives • Spiced Chickpea & Carrot Salad • Orange-Cardamom Cake • Couscous

You are invited to bring a wine or beer to share, or a non-alcoholic drink to share. Water will be provided.

Address: Tastebuds Kitchen, 131 Rantoul Street, Beverly, MA 01915

Don't miss this fun night out together, women of FBC! It's sure to be as fun as it is delicious!

**Labor Day Weekend Family Camp:
Come & Join us August 29-September 1, 2025 for a FUN Weekend
with other FBC Members and Friends!**



Spring is almost here and along with it, thoughts of summer vacations. What could be a better way to wrap up the summer than a weekend away, at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepesaukee? The weekend is for all ages, singles, families, extended family, friends, and newcomers. It is a time of fun, exploration, community and recreation in a beautiful setting. Sit a while in a rocking chair overlooking the lake and mountains. The cost of the weekend includes housing, meals, plus amenities, including beautiful vistas, beaches, boats, lifeguards, trails, green spaces, playgrounds, gardens, and an expanding collection of onsite recreational opportunities. This time together is sure to become a highlight of your year. You may find out more information on our website, ldwfc.org. **First time attendees will receive a discount.** Also funds are available to make the weekend affordable for all those who would like to attend. If you have further questions, please contact Cindy Shupp at cjshupp@verizon.net.

FBC's Senior High Fellowship had a...

Make-Your-Own Movie Night

last Sunday, and they REALLY pulled out all the stops with their creativity and incorporation of props! It was a hilariously good time!



Looking at the week ahead at
FBC...

Together Again!

Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am



Zoom Coffee Hour Link for
Thursday @ 10 AM

**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
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NEW EPISODE:

"Growing Together: Faith
That Makes Room"

Scripture: Mark 2:23-3:6,
First Egalitarian Translation
Preacher: Kelsey Belis,
Student Minister
Sunday, March 30, 2025



“

Everything's alright, yes, everything's fine.
And we want you to sleep well tonight.
Let the world turn without you tonight.

”

— "Everything's Alright," from *Jesus Christ, Superstar*

PENCIL IN FBC

April

4

Friday

Parents' Night Out!

Start making plans because we can't wait to host all youth from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for dinner, games & fun together!

April

4-6

Friday-Sunday

Middle School Fellowship Retreat

Off to Grotonwood Camp they go! The Middle School Fellowship Crew & Advisors push off on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and will return to FBC around 2:00 p.m. in time for Baptism Class on Sunday!

April

6

Sunday

Communion Sunday

Join us for Communion Sunday worship (& the fifth Sunday in Lent!) at 10:00 a.m.

April

11

Friday

Dinner & Movie Event Entering Holy Week: *Godspell!*

Grab your grooviest 70s attire and join us for a cozy-night-in as we enjoy dinner then singing along to *Godspell* together starting at 6:00 p.m. **RSVP to Julie** that you are in for our food headcount, please!

April

13

Sunday

Palm Sunday

Join us for a delicious Pancake Breakfast prepared by our Sr. High Fellowship in Wilbur Hall from 8:30-9:30 a.m. then stay for the Palm Processional and worship.

April

17

Thursday

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

We'll have our regular Maundy Thursday worship service and quiet time for reflection at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

April

18

Friday

The + Club Meets

Pencil in The + Club at 7:30 p.m. tonight! More details to come!

April

20

Sunday

Easter Breakfast, Celebration, Egg Hunt & Worship!

Christ is risen! Join us Easter Sunday morning starting with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and stay for our egg hunt at 9:00 a.m. and then worship at 10:00 a.m.

April

26

Saturday

FBC Men's Fellowship BBQ Bash at Ron's House of Ribs 'n Roast!

Join the men of FBC for a fun night bbqing and socializing hosted at Ron Brennan's starting at 5:30 p.m. Folks are welcome to bring an appetizer as well to share!

April

27

Sunday

Church Field Trip to Salem's Punto Urban Art Museum

After worship and a light lunch, off we'll go to Salem with our own personal tour guide (Bryan!) to check out some artwork together!

April

30

Wednesday

FBC Women's Fellowship Cook & Dine Together at Taste Buds Kitchen!

A fun evening of fine food paired with FBC fellowship kicks off at 6:15 p.m. and costs \$40/person. *RSVP to Julie* that you are in!

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