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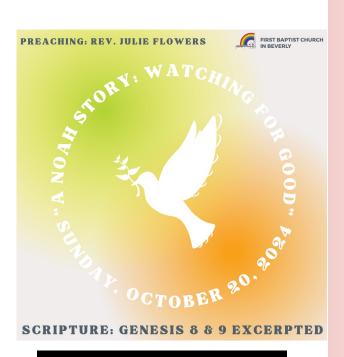
The fall foliage is in full swing right now, as is our FBC calendar! Join us Friday night for our Intergenerational Game Night (very appropriately hosted by the Fun Squad) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Also of note: the Youth Class and Word Searchers will meet after Worship this Sunday. If you have been hankering to do some good, bring a bag of allergen-free candy this week to build our supply for the Downtown Trick-Or-Treat event and/or a donation to support the Silent Auction for the upcoming Holiday Fair. Every little bit helps!

### Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday**, **October 20th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our *FBC YouTube Channel*. We look forward to welcoming new members during Worship this Sunday!

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 enter into the quiet enjoyment of worship in a flexible childfriendly 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. Youth Class meets THIS SUNDAY as well as on Sunday, 11/3!



Click HERE to join Worship via Livestream on Sunday



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## Youth Fellowship Notes for Sunday:

Middle School Fellowship: GIANT Games! 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\*Middle School Fellowship Parent/Caregiver Meeting 5:15 p.m. – 6 p.m. \* - all parents and caregivers of our Middle School Fellowship youth are encouraged to gather in the Lounge (on the main level, in the room at the rear of the sanctuary) for a kick-off meeting to get to know the advisor team better and to learn more about our hopes for the Fellowship year!

Our Middle School Fellowship will gather on Sunday afternoon for the parallel program to our *Tiny Games* from two weeks ago: *GIANT Games!* Youth should come prepared for all types of games – including some in the gym where sneakers/good shoes for running around would be helpful. The Sr. High Advisors will join us for the second half of the program time, participating in the games as our Middle School Advisors meet with parents and caregivers. Word on the street is that our advisor Maddie will have a GIANT snack ready for us to enjoy, and that "Robert (when you're being GIANT, you can't go by your nickname!) Ross" will make another appearance to lead us in GIANT art! As always, friends are welcome!

### Senior High Fellowship: Theme Night! 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. \*Sr. High Parent/Caregiver Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 10th, from 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.; please save the date!\*

Our Sr. High Fellowship group will gather on Sunday evening for our first Theme Night program of the year, designed to help us dig into some of the issues impacting our lives and the world around us and to think more deeply together about them. We love having our whole crew at Theme Nights so we can hear everyone's unique and insightful perspectives – and friends are also welcome! As always, we'll close our time sharing dinner and then sharing Concerns and Celebrations.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make Life Sweeter for our Downtown Trick-Or-Treaters: A Call For Candy STAT, Please!



### Fun Squad Hosting Intergenerational Game Night!

Join FBC's Fun Squad for an Intergenerational Game Night (think board games and puzzles!) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Narthex and Lounge on Friday, October 18th. Popcorn and snacks WILL be provided to fuel the fun, and we encourage everyone to bring a favorite game of theirs *and* their own water bottle to fill up at our convenient, environmentally-friendly water station!

ALL ages are welcome to this fun event including children accompanied by their



adult. We can't wait to bust out our popcorn machine and our favorite games for a fun night in at FBC!

Ready to retreat?!

\*THREE\* FBC Retreats are Planned so far for 2024/2025!

Save-the-Date for the Sr. High Fellowship Retreat to North Conway, NH: January 10-12, 2025

Save-the-Date for the Middle School Fellowship Retreat at Grotonwood in Groton, MA: April 4-6, 2025

Save-the-Date for the Women's Retreat at Grotonwood in Groton, MA: May 30–June 1, 2025 (as with our other Women's Retreats, the formal programming for the retreat will run from Friday evening – Saturday late afternoon; those who would like to stay longer to enjoy time for informal games, connections, and fun, are welcome to do so and to leave after breakfast on Sunday morning!)

## How To Support Hurricane Relief Efforts



If you would like to make a donation towards Hurricane Helene relief efforts, but are unsure about where to donate, the following organizations are on the ground making a difference in regions affected by the storm. Learn more about each organization and how to give by clicking on the links.

*First Congregational United Church of Christ of Asheville*: This is Terri and Ed McFadden's former church, located in Asheville, NC. UCC Asheville has created a secure online VANCO banking site, specifically for local hurricane relief. *Operation Air Drop*: Initially, Operation Air Drop helped with search and rescue efforts and dropping goods in locations that are unreachable by vehicle. Current efforts are focused on ground operations as well.

*World Central Kitchen*: WCK delivers water and fresh food to areas affected by the storm, including Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee, by partnering with local kitchens, food trucks and restaurants.



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This past Sunday the Sr. High Group busted free from an Escape Room created by advisors Jack and Rachel!



### The 2024 Holiday Fair's Silent Auction Needs Your Help!

The Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 16th this year. We would love to have your support for the Silent Auction and there are many ways in which you can donate; with your time, your talents, or financially. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact Doris-Ann at *vosselerd@mersd.org*.

At this time, we are asking for experience gifts. If you would like to make an experiential donation, here are some suggestions that would be of interest to bidders:

- Tickets or passes to cultural events, concerts, museums or theater.
- Tickets to professional sports games, such as the Patriots, Celtics, Bruins or Red Sox. Sports tickets are always the most popular items in the silent auction.
- A special skill that you would be willing to share and offer as a gift experience, like music or dance lessons



- A membership or subscription service, like Netflix, Blue Apron, Stitch Fix, or Audible.
- Gift certificates to local restaurants and stores. Support both our local businesses and the church by purchasing a gift certificate to donate!

Donations should be received **no later than Monday, November 11th**. Every cent raised from the silent auction supports the many ministries of this church and the larger community it serves. There are no expenses taken out of whatever money is raised so you are not only supporting a very worthy cause; you are also supporting a fundraiser with no administrative costs. If you have a donation, please contact Doris-Ann at *vosselerd@mersd.org*, or contact Pat at the church office at 978-922-3295 to let them know what you plan to donate. *Your donation will be very much appreciated.* 

## Looking at this week and beyond at FBC...

Link to Zoom on In!



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

> Join us in the Lounge or via

Link for Friday's Lectio

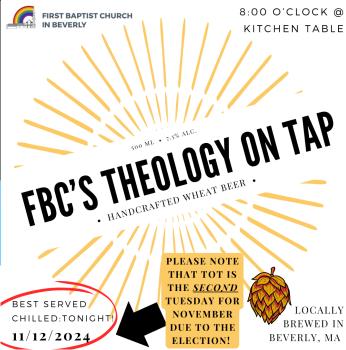


The Word Searchers adult Bible study will meet in the Conference Room at 11:30 a.m. this Sunday. We will focus on identifying the major themes and emphases from the Gospel of Luke that might be important to keep in mind once we begin reading the book of Acts together. While we have challenged ourselves to read the whole of Luke's gospel before getting together on Sunday, everyone is welcome to join the conversation whether they have read it or not!





Don't find yourself in a *pickle*! Head over to FBC on Monday nights at 7 o'clock in the FBC Gym!





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Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. — Genesis 8:8-9

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# Harborlight Homes Debuts Beverly Village!

Swing by to check out the former Briscoe School which is NOW the Beverly Village for Living & the Arts from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Limited tour spots are available so be sure to *RSVP via Paperless Post*.

## Living Room Conversations hosted at the Beverly Public Library (Part II)

This is the second gathering in a three-part local series running from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Sohier Room focused on the topic of "Our Political Autobiographies." Registration is recommended and folks will gather in small groups meant to help facilitate productive conversation. Learn more and register *HERE*.

## Fun Squad Hosts Intergenerational Game Night

It's time to break out the old popcorn maker and our favorite board games for a good ol' fashioned game night! Join the FBC Fun Squad from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for an event designed with everyone in mind!

## Candy Donations for Downtown Trick-Or-Treat Are Due Today

Please bring in all your sweet treats by TODAY to help fuel the fun as we participate again in Beverly's beloved Downtown Trick-Or-Treat event this year.

### Essex Improv Group is BACK for Another Jam and Jelly Join the laugh troupe from 7-9 p.m.!

## Amirah's Open House Celebration

Amirah is hosting their Open House Celebration and welcoming James Hunt, their new Associate Director of Faith & Justice Initiatives, at their offices located at 100 Cummings Center, Suite 204-J.

## Beverly's Downtown Trick-Or-Treat

Drop in from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and hear Esther play spooky organ music to set the tone while we hand out candy and have a ball dressed up for the occasion!

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17 Thursday

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Sunday

Children's Choir/Singing-With-Esther Has First Rehearsal!

Esther is ready for this fall's first rehearsal immediately after worship on the 27th! This is for all Elementary-Aged youth to learn more about music and have fun singing together, so save the date!

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