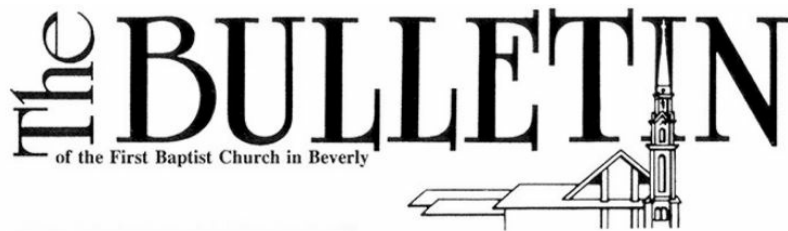


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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Get Involved

Worship with  
Us

Spring is unfolding out in the world and, with it, our journey through the Lenten season at First Baptist Beverly! Join us in worship this Sunday as Rev. Julie Flowers continues our exploration of our Lenten worship theme and invites us to consider a mural entitled *Colorín Colorado*. This mural by artist Silvia Lopez Chavez can be found in the Punto Urban Art Museum, right next door in Salem! This Sunday also brings with it a Church Council Vision Casting session after worship, the Youth Sunday School class back in action after worship, a trip by our 8th graders and Sr. High youth to see the BHS spring musical – and more! Come and be part of the Lenten journey with us!

## Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, March 16, 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.
- Church Council will meet after worship



“Colorín Colorado,  
Este Cuento No Se  
Ha Acabado”

**Sunday,**  
**MARCH 16, 2025**

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52,  
taken from The First  
Egalitarian Translation

Preaching: Rev. Julie Flowers  
First Baptist Church in Beverly

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

for a Vision Casting session - lunch will be provided.

- Youth Class meets this Sunday after worship.
- Baptism Class does *not* meet this Sunday because Sr. High Fellowship & 8th graders will be going to the BHS musical matinee performance of *The Addams Family*.
- Middle School Fellowship meets at 4:00 p.m.



## Fellowship News for this Sunday

### *Middle School Fellowship*

**Sunday, March 16th: Leprechaun Trap Shark Tank!**  
*4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge and the Lounge at First Baptist*

**\*PLEASE NOTE: 8th graders are ALSO invited to attend our Sr High program this Sunday – see details below!\***

Middle School Fellowship will have (back by popular demand!) its Second Annual Leprechaun Trap Shark Tank program this Sunday! Middle Schoolers are invited and encouraged to bring materials they would like to use to design the *best* leprechaun trap possible (materials will be available in the Youth Lounge, too, but youth are encouraged to think and plan ahead and bring some items with them for their design!). THEN the group will head into the FBC Shark Tank, complete with Celebrity Shark investors, to pitch their designs and prototypes to the FBC Celebrity Sharks. These Sharks will be ready to invest in the leprechaun trap designs that interest them – and will be ready to make a deal! This program encourages creativity, playfulness, and innovation – this Middle School crew always brings the best of all three! The group will *also* have a viewing (while working on their leprechaun traps) to watch the original movies created last Sunday. As always, friends are welcome to join in the fun!

***Save the Date: Middle School Fellowship Retreat*** will be happening April 4th – 6th at Grotonwood Camp in Groton, MA. Detailed information about the retreat will be coming in this week's Fellowship email update, along with details on how to officially sign up to attend the retreat!

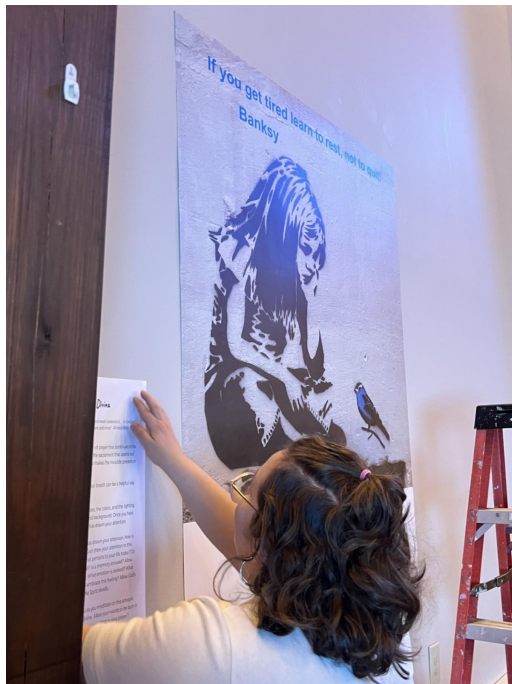
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### *Sr. High Fellowship - with 8th graders invited!*

**Sunday, March 16th: BHS Musical *The Addams Family***  
**NOTE SPECIAL TIME: Meet at FBC at 1:00 p.m. (OR Meet at BHS at 1:30 p.m.) for the 2:00 p.m. Show!**

The Sr High Fellowship (and any 8th graders who wish to join!) will be heading to Beverly High School this Sunday for the matinee production of this year's musical *The Addams Family*. Come along for the fun and support some of FBC's very own fellowshippers who are part of the production, as well! The group will meet at First Baptist at 1 p.m. to head over together OR youth are able to meet the group at BHS at 1:30 p.m. – everyone is asked to please let Julie their mode of transportation! Those heading back to FBC after the show will ride back together in the church van EITHER to stay for the remainder of Middle School Fellowship (8th graders, if desired) OR for pick-up. Youth may also be picked up at BHS after the show – please let an advisor know if that is the plan.

There is still an opportunity to get tickets for the show; please **email Julie** asap to be added to the list!



## An Invitation to Take on a *Visio Divina* Practice During Lent

As part of our stepping into the Lenten journey together this past Sunday, a new image – that of a piece of street art entitled “Girl with Blue Bird” by the anonymous artist Banksy – appeared on the wall of the sanctuary. Our Lenten theme this year – *The Art of Rest, Renewal, and Resolve* – will find us walking through the season by putting scriptures that tell us of moments in Jesus’ life and ministry into conversation with murals and street art found out in communal spaces all around our world. As we move through this season, we will consider what the artwork and the scriptures have to teach us, to offer us, about ways in which we can practice the arts of resting, being renewed, and returning to the good work to which God calls us with renewed

resolve in our own lives.

The images of pieces of street art and murals that will be added to our sanctuary wall week by week also offer another invitation to us: the invitation to take on a new spiritual practice for Lent. *Visio Divina*, or sacred seeing, is a reflective and prayerful way of engaging with an image or piece of art, to reflect on it fully, and to discover, in so doing, what message or meaning it stirs in us, what connection to God’s Spirit or our faith we find in what we notice in or about the image.

There are instructions on the mural wall for how to engage in a practice of *Visio Divina* with these images – and there will be blank space on the bottom of each mural where you are



invited to write some of those words, thoughts, or phrases that are evoked for you when you are considering the image. This can be done, of course, on Sunday mornings, at any point before, during, or after the worship service – but the murals and the opportunity for engaging in this practice are also available to folks any time the church is open during the week. The church is typically open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on weekdays, with evening hours from 5 or 6 p.m. until 7 or 8 p.m. on weeknights. If you are thinking of coming by at a time you are not certain the church will be open, you can contact the church office (978-922-3295 or by emailing [phaight@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:phaight@fbcbeverly.org)) to check its schedule for that day.

Consider this your invitation to engage in this prayerful practice and this new way of exploring art found in communities all around this Lent!

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## Orders Being Accepted for Easter Lilies and Tulips Thru Monday!

Easter lilies and tulips are still available to order at FBC! The cost is \$10.00 for lilies and \$8.00 for tulips. Orders are due to Pat by Monday, March 17th. You can note your lily or tulip order on the clipboard in the church office on Sunday or contact Pat Haight at 978-922-3295 or at [phaight@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:phaight@fbcbeverly.org) to place your order.

The flowers, in memory or in honor of a loved one, will decorate our Sanctuary during our Easter Sunday Service and will be available to take with you after the service on April 20th. If you prefer, you can donate your flower(s) to be gifted to members of the First Baptist Church family who are not able to join us for worship as often as they would like in person but who are still very much a part of our FBC Family!



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## Meet Our Artist: Heidi Keating



We hope you are embracing the artistic direction of our Lenten theme this year. Even though the artist for ONE piece of artwork unveiled on Sunday (Banksy) is anonymous, we ALSO unveiled another piece of artwork by an artist very well known to us...our very own Heidi Keating!

Heidi is the artist who created our beautiful and original Lent season logo art pictured above!

We thought taking her original watercolor design and incorporating it into our Lent 2025 logo would be the perfect meaningful (& beautiful!) touch and hope you agree. *Thank you so much, Heidi, for sharing your art & gift with all of us! To check out more of her gorgeous work, take a peek on Instagram @smudgeandswirlstudio.*

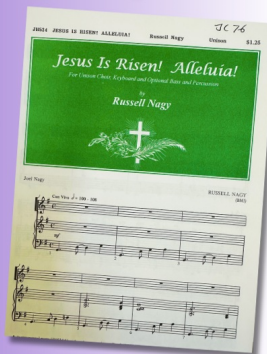
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FBC Pop Up Choir FOR EASTER!

JOIN ESTHER FOR A FUN POP-UP  
EASTER CHOIR!

ONLY 2 REHEARSALS:  
SUNDAY, MARCH 23 &  
SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH  
FROM 6:00-6:30 P.M.

THIS CHOIR IS FOR ALL FBC YOUTH  
AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE  
TO SING THE CATCHY, JOYFUL, AND  
BELOVED SONG "JESUS IS RISEN!  
ALLELUIA!" ON EASTER SUNDAY!

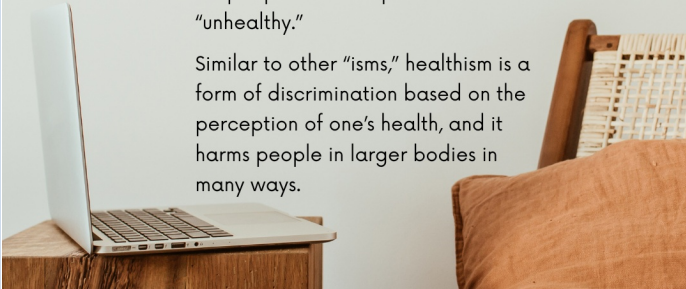


# healthism

/noun

The expectation that "health" is a moral obligation, achievable for all people. And that there is a moral advantage, deserving of more respect and resources for people who are performing and attaining health, than for people who are perceived as "unhealthy."

Similar to other "isms," healthism is a form of discrimination based on the perception of one's health, and it harms people in larger bodies in many ways.



## Coming Home Education Continues

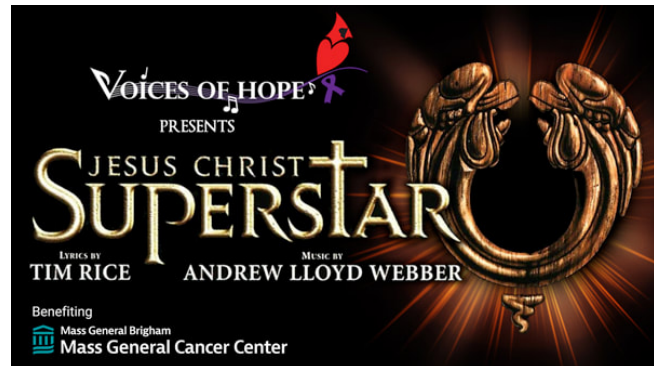
Thanks to everyone who came to Abby and Lisa's Mini Information session of "Coming Home" this past Sunday. There was a lively discussion and great feedback that folks learned a lot, and are excited for more upcoming events on the horizon!

Our second *Coming Home* weekly vocabulary word with definition is included to the left. Thank you for *Coming Home* and connecting with your body and self!

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## ACT NOW!

Only 4 tickets remain in FBC's special seating section for *Jesus Christ, Superstar* at the North Shore Music Theater on Friday, March 28th. If you would like to snag one of those final 4 tickets (for \$48), [Contact Daniel](#) directly.



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."

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# Ecumenical **Spring** Celebration



**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



**The Garden School**  
**36 Foster Street Beverly, MA**  
**2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Registration for attendees and display application can be found on [KinshipFarm.org](https://KinshipFarm.org)

Please email us at [info@kinshipfarm.org](mailto:info@kinshipfarm.org) with any questions

This year's Ecumenical Spring Celebration (ESC) 2025 will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Each year, this special event brings together Christians from across the North Shore and beyond for an afternoon of worship, reflection, and fellowship in a natural setting. This year, it will be held at The Garden School in Beverly, MA at 36 Foster Street.

The main event for ESC 2025 will be an inclusive, outdoor ecumenical Christian worship service from 3-3:30 p.m. Beforehand and afterward (from 2-3pm and 3:30-4:30), attendees may go for peaceful woodland trail walks and/or explore interactive tented displays.

*Join us for all or part of an inspiring afternoon of community, worship, and connection!*

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# Save-The-Dates for These Fun FBC Traditions Back This Lenten Season!



## Join Us for Our Annual Entering-into-Holy-Week Dinner and a Movie Event!

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 tradition from last year!

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 theme 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!

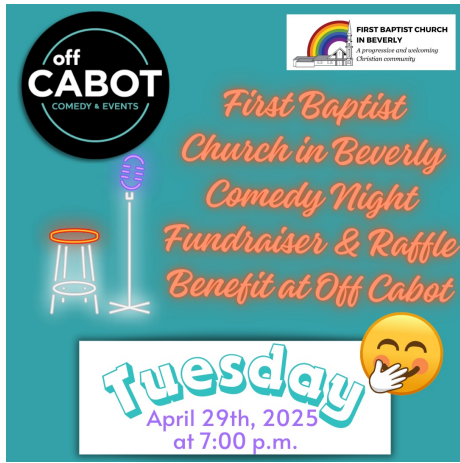
Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our youth to benefit our FBC Beverly Youth Ministries!

**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!*





## 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!*



Looking at the week ahead at FBC Beverly...

**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  
Friday**



**FBC'S T3 MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
AT DEPOT DINER ON  
TUESDAY, 3/18 @ 7AM!**



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 3/16/25  
AFTER WORSHIP FOR FBC'S...**

**YOUTH CLASS**



**Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to  
stay immediately after worship!**





# fbc TWENTIES dates!

• Friday, February 28th  
We're Clay Dreaming!

CHANGE

NOW: Saturday, March 22nd  
Movie Night & Chat!

• Last week of April  
(Date TBD) headed to  
TasteBuds Kitchen.

• Friday, May 16 Fun  
Night in at FBC with  
games, show & tell,  
etc.

• Saturday, June 21st  
Mini Golf & Ice cream!

\*All evening events,  
with specific times TBA.



## 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.

“

Jesus said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you  
not know I had to be in my Abba’s house?’

”

— Luke 2:49

## PENCIL IN FBC

March

18

Tuesday

### FBC's T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

This men's fellowship group will meet at 7:00 a.m. to dine  
at Depot Diner together this month.

March

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Friday

### The + Club Game Night at FBC!

Join us for this exciting kick-off event *Gayme* Night  
starting at 7:30 p.m.!



March

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Saturday

## Twerties Movie Night & Chat

After all the fun of Clay Dreaming, the Twerties can't wait to gather together again! Movie Night kicks off at 7:00 p.m. and Twerties are invited to bring a nut-free and peanut-free snack to share!

March

23

Sunday

## Summer Service Trip Informational Meeting

Stay after worship to have all your questions answered and to potentially sign up for this summer's FBC Service Trip to Marion, VA!

## Esther's Easter Pop-Up Choir!

The young (& the young at heart!) are invited to rehearse "*Jesus Is Risen! Alleluia!*" from 6:00-6:30 p.m. We'll practice twice together then perform this FBC favorite with joyful hearts on Easter Sunday!

March

28

Friday

## *Jesus Christ, Superstar!* at the North Shore Music Theater

If you purchased tickets from Daniel from our block, see you there at 8:00 p.m. tonight!

March

29

Saturday

## Save-the-Date: *Ecumenical Spring Celebration Outdoor Service*

The outdoor service will be from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., but you can come check out the Garden School property and community displays anytime between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m.

March

30

Sunday

## Esther's Sing-A-Long Children's Choir Rehearsal after Worship

Elementary-aged children are invited to stay after worship for a brief, fun rehearsal with Esther!

## Esther's Easter Pop-Up Choir!

The young (& the young at heart!) are invited for the second and final rehearsal of "*Jesus Is Risen! Alleluia!*" from 6:00-6:30 p.m. We'll perform this favorite song on Easter Sunday!

March

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Monday

## Wit & Wisdom Luncheon Meeting in the Lounge

This flourishing new group will meet from 11:30-1:30 p.m. to cover official business as well as the business of fun, including Laughing Yoga! FYI, Laughing Yoga does NOT require flexibility or an ability to do traditional yoga!

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