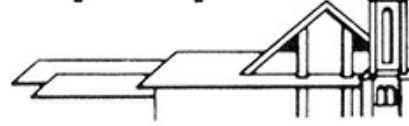


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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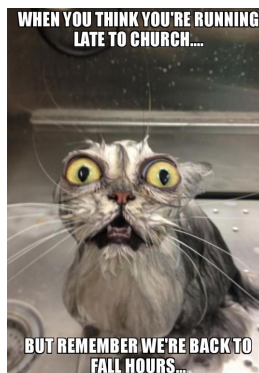
Worship With Us! *Sunday, November 7, at* *First Baptist Church*

10:00 am: Join us on our [YouTube channel](#) or in person!

This is also Communion Sunday! If you are joining us online, please bring your own communion by bringing some bread and a cup of something to drink with you to your worship space.

This video will also be available on our church website, www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons. You will find a link to the service on our [Facebook page](#).

Additionally, this Sunday there will be an **All-Church Meeting in person at 11:15 am in the Dove Room**. Join us again at **2:30 pm for an All-Church meeting on Zoom** where members will vote on what we discuss at 11:15. Stay tuned for an agenda and links via email!



Don't forget Daylight Savings this Weekend!

Sunday, November 7, 2021

10 a.m.

**"The Composition of
Change"**

Scripture: James 1:2-8 and 17-18

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November 7, 2021

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**Pledge Drive 2022 Spotlight:
How Members are Stirred From Placidness**

Why Karen and Bob Popadic Give



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-Karen Popadic

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"Bob and I are happy to support our churches with our time and skills, but we don't know how to do all the myriad of things that a church does, so we support financially as well so that others can. I am so grateful for so many opportunities and programs over the years. The music at FBC is and always been inspirational. The youth programming has been superior and to this day when my 40ish kids get together inevitably some fellowship story comes up. I have been fortunate to attend Bible Studies through the years along with and led by gifted clergy and lay people. I love the people at FBC, and walking with them through so many years has been a privilege. At our age, we think seriously about the future of our churches. Regular investment in the churches month after month,

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The Fellowship and Books group continues on **Wednesday, November 3!** We will continue our study of *Everything Belongs* by Richard Rohr. We will **discuss Chapter 4**. It is okay if you do not have time to read or finish the chapter before we meet. Join us anyway! The more, the merrier.

Fellowship and Books

A Book Group on Zoom!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY, MA



Wednesday, October 6-Wednesday, November 24 at 7:30 pm

Meeting ID: 814 6452 8845

Passcode: 905690



**Fellowship and Books,
Wednesday, October 6th-
Wednesday, November 24th
at 7:30 pm:**

Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81464528845?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81464528845?pwd=OVE3bUxoZGZjNkJld3NoUGw5WDlqUT09)
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Together Again!

Zoom Coffee
Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am



Coffee Time

Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Time

Come and gather around the virtual table on Thursday at 10:00 am for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us! **Julie is off on Thursday, so Jaimie will host the conversation.**

**Zoom Coffee Time
Thursday, November 4, 2021, 10:00 AM Eastern Time
(US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87406244804>**

Meeting ID: 874 0624 4804

Adult Bible Study Planning Session



Are you looking for an in-person (or hybrid) adult Bible study group? Have some ideas about what you would like to study and how?

This Sunday, immediately following the in-person All-Church meeting, Daniel Johnson will host a brief planning session for all who are interested in digging into God's Word alongside others at FBC. Please stick around for a few extra minutes to discuss plans for the group.

If you cannot attend the planning session, feel free to share your thoughts with Daniel by email (djohnson@fbcbeverly.org) or to talk to him after the worship service on Sunday.

A Note from First Church in Wenham: "Almost Home" Panel Discussion

On November 5th at 7:00 pm the First Church in Wenham will be hosting **Almost Home: a panel discussion on housing insecurity on the North Shore and how we can all respond.**

Housing and insecurity and homelessness is a regional issue which we all should know more about and know how we can help.

Come join your neighbors on **Friday, November 5th at 7:00pm** and become part of the conversation. Food or cash donations at the door to benefit Acord Food Pantry. Contact Cecilia Mullings at mullings.cecilia@gmail.com or 978-406-3618.

To register, please click on this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BP1NLhVgL2ObPLv1PonQh8BHnDh8RIM9vaUqL Cz187Q/viewform?edit_requested=true

You can also call 978.468.4900 or reach out to the office at office.firstchurchinwenham.net.

Panelists include Anna Siedzik, the H-W Human Rights Coalition; Meegan O'Neil, Essex Co. Habitat for Humanity and Rachel Hand, Family Promise North Shore Boston, with musical interludes performed by Amy Sprenkle and Joe Stroup.

We will be practicing the COVID guidelines established by the Safe Church Committee. In the event we need to 'go virtual' a notification will be sent. The event is free. Donations will be accepted for the Acord Food Pantry.

Thank you very much for your openness in helping us spread the word in fighting housing insecurity in our communities.

First Church in Wenham
978.468.4900

Holiday Fair Updates

Calling all Apples!

We are looking for donations of apples for Saturday's Applepalooza, when we peel, slice and dice apples to make our pies to sell at the Fair. We prefer Macintosh, Macouns and Cortlands, but are grateful for all donations. They can be dropped off anytime this week at the church. Just be sure they are labeled for Pies. Best of all would be if you bring them at 11:30 am Saturday, along with your favorite peeler, and join in the fun! All are cordially invited! We will be in the gym with its excellent airflow. Please also wear a mask.

Grandpa's Attic/Yard Sale

We are giving Grandpa his own event this year on Saturday, Nov 13th from 8:00 am to Noon in the gym. Please bring items to donate starting Friday afternoon, 11/12. No TVs, computers, clothes or large furniture please! We also need helpers Friday and Saturday. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or call Pat in the office 978-922-3295.

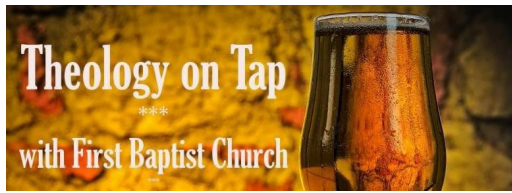
Help make the Holiday Fair's Silent Auction a SUCCESS!

We would love to have your support for the Silent Auction. You may support us with your time, your talents, or finances. Here are some donation suggestions:

- New or like-new gift items. If you have a beautiful vase that you've never used or a gift still in its original package, this would be an excellent donation.
- Art objects such as paintings, watercolors, quilts, or other handmade items.
- Gift certificates to local restaurants and stores, such as Home Depot, Target, or Whole Foods. Support both our local businesses and the church by purchasing a gift certificate to donate!
- Tickets or passes to cultural events, concerts, museums, or theaters.
- 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.
- Create a themed Gift Basket or donate items to be added to a themed Gift Basket.



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 or would like to volunteer your time, contact Dorris-Ann Vosseler at vosselerd@mersd.org, or contact the church office at 978-922-3295 to share what you plan to donate. Your donation will be appreciated and will help make the Silent Auction a success!



Reminder: Theology on Tap moved to Tuesday, 11/9 due to Elections this month

More details to follow; we look forward to seeing you next week at 8:00 pm!



Grown-Up Field Trip! Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, November 13th

Join with your friends at FBC on a learning adventure to Newburyport, where we will see and experience first-hand the transformative work of Swords to Plowshares (S2P).

S2P partners with police departments conducting gun buyback programs in Connecticut and elsewhere in New England. Once the collected weapons have been processed and designated for destruction, they are turned over to S2P to be reforged into gardening tools by volunteer blacksmiths, often working alongside prisoners in participating prisons or ex-convicts in community re-entry programs. The finished tools are then donated to community gardens and agricultural high schools, or they are sold in the S2P store.

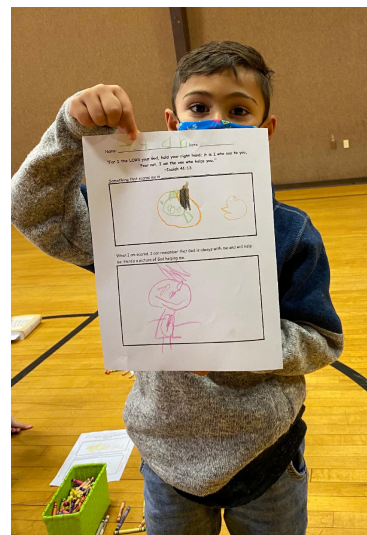
The demonstration event with S2P will feature a portable forge, affording us a chance to learn more about the program, watch a real blacksmith at work, and even try our own hands at fashioning a piece of glowing metal into something beautiful and life-giving!

Transportation is available, or you can drive yourself. We will plan to depart from the church parking lot at 12:15 pm, and our estimated return time is 4:15 pm.

Contact Daniel Johnson (djohnson@fbcbeverly.org) if you have any questions or would like to register for this event. We ask that you register by Friday, November 11, so that we may make appropriate plans for transportation (and lunches/snacks--it would not be a proper field trip without food!).

Scenes From Sunday ~ Pictures from Sunday School Last Week

These super fun pictures are thanks to teacher Lauren Costa!





Middle School Fellowship will meet at the church from 4:00-6:00 PM, and we hope to see all our Middle School friends there ready for some fun!

Senior High Fellowship will meet at the church from 6:00-9:00 PM for a MOVIE NIGHT (with dinner provided)! We are asking youth to bring a favorite movie-watching (nut-free) snack to share, if possible! They should also bring a chair or blankets to get comfortable during the movie, as we will be setting up the big screen and watching in the gym.

~Friends are welcome to both Middle School and Senior High Fellowship Groups, as always! So the more, the merrier!~

Welcome to our New Members!

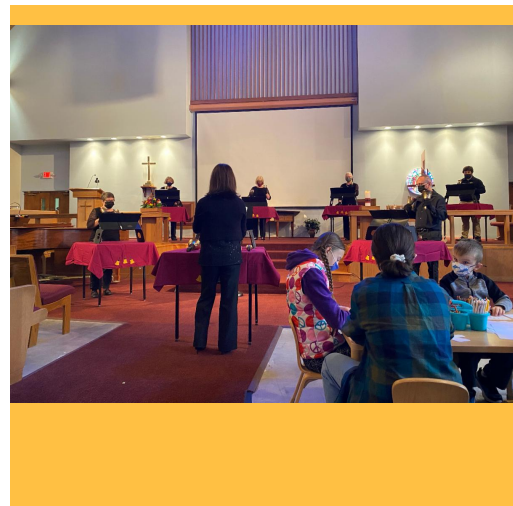


It was a joyful celebration within our worship service this past Sunday as we had the opportunity to officially welcome three new church members into the life of our church. In many ways, the new members standing before the congregation with their sponsors this past Sunday may not have felt new at all – they have all been part of the life and vibrancy of the church for some time; but this was the moment when they made the decision to officially join as members of the church *and* when we had the chance, following an unusual pandemic nearly-two-years, to welcome and to celebrate them.

Please join us in (officially!) welcoming and celebrating Jenny Lane, who was here along with her young son Zyan, and was introduced by her sponsor Julie Karaganis; John Hadley, who was introduced by his sponsor Gail Anderson and who almost needs no introduction, as he and his wife Eileen have been deeply involved in the life of the church already and serve, among other things, as the outstanding volunteer coordinators of our meals program; and Sharon Hutchinson, who has been an active part of Women's Fellowship, as well as in book groups and studies and Zoom Fellowship during the pandemic, and who was introduced by her sponsor Gloria Stoneham. It is *such* a gift to get to have each of these amazing people joining with us to continue to share in the hopes and the joys of membership in this congregation; we are blessed and gifted by their presence.

Stay tuned in the coming Bulletin issues for a short introduction to each member, in their own words. We are also preparing to hold a next Welcome Class session for those who may be interested in exploring more about the church and/or considering church membership. Please email Julie Flowers at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org for more information or if you are interested in this class.

More Scenes From Sunday's Worship



Corporate Responsibility and the Global Economy November 2021

The impact of the First Baptist Church in Beverly within the national and world economy has been largely pursued through the efforts of its investment managers. These efforts embraced an initial focus upon the selection of securities deemed supportive of our social Policy Guidelines, now expanded into an active engagement with company management to secure changes in business operations which comply with sound environmental, social welfare, and governance policies.

In our previous article, we introduced Boston Common Asset Management and the priorities which shape our mutual shared investment strategy. At this time, we wanted to briefly illustrate how Boston Common has exercised this strategy within our world economy. Specifically, Boston Common reports the following accomplishments:

- In Mexico:

Food multinational Grupo Bimbo is now better classifying the nutritional value of its product and reformulation efforts, and we are now focused on helping the company to minimize deforestation risks related to soy in the Amazon.

- In the United Kingdom:
Financial giant Standard Chartered has improved its climate risk reporting and strategy, including the creation of a group-level Climate Change Working Group and stopping direct coal-fired power plants.

- In Spain:
Melia became the first hotel chain to sign an agreement with the IUF labor union to prevent workplace sexual harassment and has implemented a more robust approach to human rights.

- In China:
BEWG Beijing Enterprise Water Group has improved its disclosure on risks by responding to a Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) water questionnaire. (Further analysis of this investment and related supportive claims will be provided in a subsequent article.)

- In Indonesia:
We engaged Bank Rakyat on low carbon banking and advised the bank to ask its clients to adopt RoundTable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) best practices.

- In Japan:
Hoya (Healthcare) and Orix (finance) both worked with us to map and assess their sustainability management and subsequently formed ESG Committees to drive best practice.

- In Taiwan:
Taiwan Semiconductor now has plans to improve its public reporting on recycling plastic waste.

Further information can be obtained by consulting Boston Common's Annual Impact Report, July, 2020 advocating for a more sustainable, equitable and transparent world. Please write to us at First Baptist Church with your questions or suggestions. Copies of our revised Investment Policy Guidelines and Revised Social Policy Guidelines can be obtained from our Church Office in Beverly.

Your Trustees of Endowment Funds,
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Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, November 3rd
7:30 pm: Fellowship and Books (on Zoom)

Thursday, November 4th
10:00 am: Zoom Coffee Time

Saturday, November 6th
12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, November 7th
Communion Sunday & Daylight Savings Time!
10:00 am: Hybrid Worship on YouTube or In Person
11:15 am: All Church Meeting **In-Person** in the Dove Room
2:30 pm: All Church Meeting **via Zoom** for Congregation Members to Vote
4:00-6:00 pm: Middle School Fellowship
6:00-9:00 pm: Senior High Fellowship

Monday, November 8th
6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Tuesday, November 9th
9:30 am: Staff Meeting
8:00 pm: Theology on Tap at Bonefish Harry's

Wednesday, November 10th
7:30 pm: Fellowship and Books (A Book Group on Zoom!)

Sunday, October 31, 2021

***"Stir Me From
Placidness: The
Challenge of Giving"***

Scripture: Acts 5:1-11

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

October 31, 2021

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