

The BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



A progressive and welcoming Christian community!

OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WILL CONTINUE THE CREATION OF OUR NATIVITY SCENE DURING THE OPENING CAROL OF OUR SERVICE.



WORSHIP WITH US AT FBC BEVERLY

**THIS MUSIC SUNDAY
AT 10:00 AM ON
DECEMBER 18TH**



**JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY
TO FOLLOW WORSHIP!
(SINGING, CAKE, AND
FUN FOR ALL AGES!)**

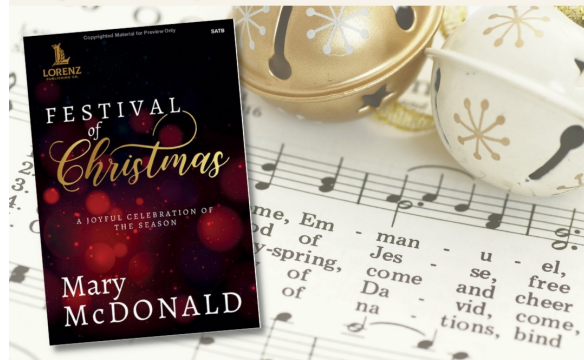


FBC's YouTube Channel

DR. ESTHER CHANG, MUSIC DIRECTOR OF FBC BEVERLY,
PRESENTS A...

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

Join us on **Sunday, December 18th at 10:00 am** for a compilation that expresses the events of Christ's birth through songs of various musical renditions. The celebration of joyous music features our Sanctuary Choir with local instrumentalists and Celebration Ringers! You won't want to miss this musical tradition that's a favorite of FBC Beverly & our greater community!



JOIN US



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, 12/21 AT 7:00 PM
AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF QUIET
CONTEMPLATION

CHRISTMAS EVE EARLY SERVICE
SATURDAY, 12/24 AT 5:00 PM
A SERVICE FOR ALL AGES AND PLANNED WITH
THE ENTHUSIASM OF CHILDREN IN MIND

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
SATURDAY, 12/24 AT 11:00 PM FEATURING
LESSONS & CAROLS

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
TO PREMIERE AT 10:00 AM AND ACCESSIBLE
ANYTIME THEREAFTER

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 AT 10:00 AM
SERVICE OF STORY AND SONG (NO SUNDAY
SCHOOL THAT DAY, BUT IT'S A VERY FAMILY
AND CHILD-FRIENDLY SERVICE, WITH LOTS OF
STORYTELLING AND SINGING!)

THIS CHRISTMAS

You may recognize **Green Beverly** from the farmer's market or the Great Pumpkin Smash, but their events are only the tip of the iceberg! With projects like subsidizing the cost of switching to clean home energy, saving excess food by distributing it to meal programs, and helping restaurants transition to compostable takeout containers, they're making waves everywhere in our community.

Check out their timely insights on how (and why) we should all strive for a more **sustainable holiday season**.



Learning Conversation about Antisemitism

Please join us and invite a friend.

**Wednesday
December 14th
6:30 - 8 pm
Temple B'nai Abraham
200 East Lothrop St**



Please join us for an important conversation about antisemitism led by Rabbi Alison Adler and hosted by the Beverly Human Rights Committee.

We will:

- Discuss the meaning of recent antisemitic events on the North Shore
- Invite your questions about antisemitism
- Explore how we can take action against antisemitism -- as individuals and in our broader community
- Identify questions for future discussion and learning



For more info. and to register, click **HERE**.

SILENT AUCTION

Update



We are especially grateful to our members and friends in the community who have come forward with donations in support of the silent auction at the Holiday Fair. This year, we earned over \$4,500 – an FBC record! Your incredible generosity made this possible! And a special acknowledgement of the efforts of Abby Johnstone, Tracey Armstrong, Loyce Thomson, and Cindy Antonuk, as these ladies donated a combined total of 25 baskets!

With sincere appreciation,
Doris-Ann and Brenda



Sunday Coffee Hour Helpers Needed :)

TO HELP OUT IN A LOW COMMITMENT, FUN CAPACITY, EMAIL LUCY KELLER BELOW TO VOLUNTEER ON NEW YEARS DAY (OR ANYTIMED) IN THE COMING WEEKS OR NEW YEAR



Communal Life runs the Sunday Coffee Hour after church and we are looking for some additional assistance. We are an ad hoc volunteer group so anyone can join anytime or for any length of time. You can sign up just to do one thing or you can ask to be on our email distribution list so whenever Communal Life is working on any event for the congregation you can volunteer to help, but you are not committed to helping on anything.

Currently we need some volunteer help for at least one coffee hour. Our primary person will be away visiting her mother and will not return until after New Year's Day. If we don't get any volunteers, then there will be no coffee hour until January 8th. We do have a outline of how to do the coffee hour. Lucy Keller is also willing to meet with someone at the church anytime before she leaves to show them the ropes. Please contact the church office at 978-922-3295, or email Lucy directly at vtladymuse@hotmail.com if you are available and willing to do the coffee hour after the New Year's Day service or if you are interested in helping out after the New Year.



Zoom Coffee Hour
Thursdays
@ 10am

Coffee Time

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

Join us in the
Lounge or via
Zoom!



[Zoom link](#) for Thursday at 10:00 am!

This is a hybrid event, so here is the [Zoom link](#) for those Zooming in.

From the 2018 Trip



Don't be scared of power tools- they are your friend!



Save-The-Dates!

For our all-ages FBC Service Trip (formerly known as our Mission Trip) heading to Plymouth, North Carolina to work with Carolina Rebuilding Ministry, July 31st - August 4th, 2023! Stay tuned for more details to follow in January.

This will be our first service trip since summer 2018!



OUR PICKLEBALLER IS READY FOR THE HOLIDAY PLAY!



...AND NOT TO BE HIDDEN IN A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR AN EXTRA GIFT!
(SEE YOU MONDAY @ 7:00 PM)

Beverly's New Year's Eve: Supper and Sweets



Join us on Saturday, December 31st from 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm for an evening of entertainment, supper and sweets as part of the citywide New Year's Eve celebration.

Beverly New Year's Eve is Looking for Volunteers!

Our downtown celebration on 12/31 includes a fundraising dinner in the gym for the community. All proceeds will benefit the 2023 Service Trip to North Carolina. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the evening. There will be shifts within the 2 pm to 9 pm time frame.

If interested, please sign up [here](#), after worship on Sundays through December in the narthex, or contact Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org.

DON'T FORGET TO PLEDGE!

Advent is here, and the busy Christmas season is upon us. if you haven't made a pledge for the upcoming year 2023, please take a moment to consider how much the church means to you and the community it serves and fill out a pledge card. It's easy to do:



Investing in the Ministry of FBC Beverly for 2023
(Electronic Pledge Card)

- If you're attending one of the special Sunday Advent services, pledge cards are in the pew racks and can be placed in the collection plate during the service.
- If you received a pledge card in the mail, you can return it by mail to the church office at 221 Cabot Street, Beverly 01915.
- It's also easy to submit an [electronic pledge card online](#). Click [HERE!](#)

The pledge drive has had a wonderful start with many generously increased pledges but it is still far from reaching its goal of raising the amount of money needed to sustain the church in the coming year. Your pledge can make an important difference and will be very much appreciated. Please make a pledge now, and check an important task off your December to-do list.



[Click HERE to Donate Online thru FBC](#)

The members of the Board of Deacons are hoping that you will join us in our annual Christmas giving by once again making a contribution to help Beverly Bootstraps provide heating assistance to individuals and families in our community. Many of our neighbors benefit from this assistance as they try to keep their homes warm and families fed. The folks at Beverly Bootstraps say this need is significant through the winter months. We can all imagine the worry and suffering that would come from lack of heat through our New England winter. With your help the Gift of Heat program can offer a substantial source of support. YOUR gift is greatly appreciated! Cash or checks are accepted. Please make your check out to the First Baptist Church with a memo to Gift of Heat and return it to the church office at 221 Cabot Street, drop it in the offering plate, deposit it in the basket in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday or give online through our FBC Beverly Donations page using PayPal (select "other" & type in Gift of Heat) or thru Vanco (you'll see Gift of Heat has been added as an option.) We will gather the donations and forward one total amount to Beverly Bootstraps. Please return your donations by January 8, 2023.

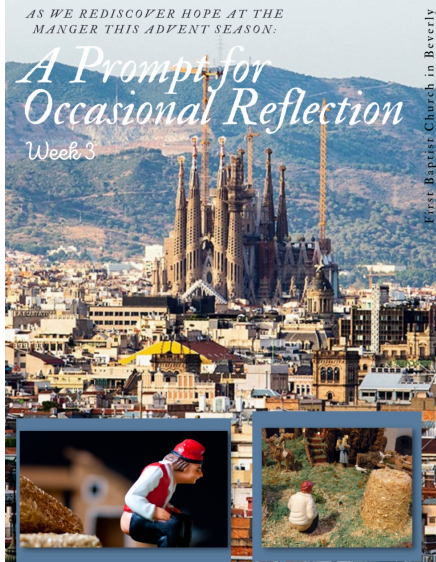


We hope your gift will warm your hearts as it warms a home ~ Thank you!

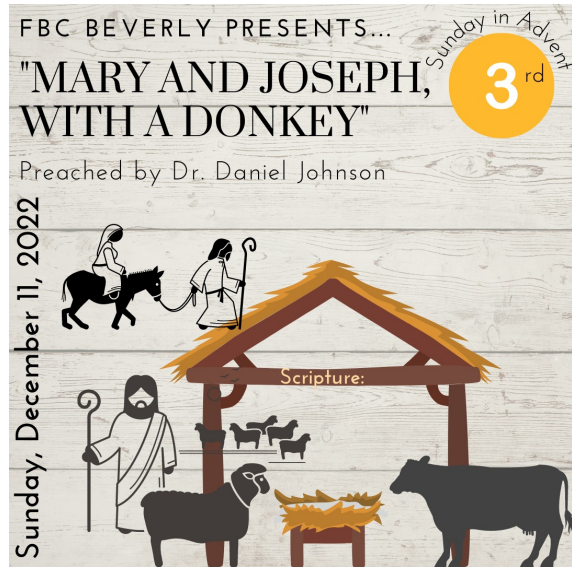
SHARE YOUR SPECIAL NATIVITY STORY OR SCENE WITH US & BE FEATURED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!

*Email Nativity Photos w/a note [HERE](#)

*Click [HERE](#) to upload your 60 second-or-less Video showcasing a Nativity that means something to you!



Visit our [Advent webpage](#) to see our latest Prompt for Occasional Reflection as you light your own Advent wreath or take a quiet moment to yourself this season.



Check out all of FBC Beverly's most recent sermons!

[First Baptist Church in Beverly](#) | 978-922-3295 | bulletin@fbcbeverly.org | www.fbcbeverly.org

STAY CONNECTED

