### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY A progressive and welcoming Christian community

Help honor and celebrate Earth Day this Saturday by coming out and literally getting your hands in the dirt! (Well, potentially at least!). FBC is coming together to help beautify Beverly at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 22nd with leather gloves in tow as we help clean up our community; All ages are welcome!



A progressive and welcoming Christian community!

### Worship With Us!

Join us this Sunday, April 23rd at 10:00 am for Worship either in person or via our FBC YouTube Channel for your convenience.

We can't wait to see you this spring and summer as we plan many more outdoor FBC events!

#### Notes for Sunday:

- Infant/Toddler Room will be open;
- Littlest Learners will run throughout worship;
- Elementary group classes will meet following Stepsitters;
- Worship Ensemble rehearses after worship and
- Both Youth Fellowship Groups will meet at their regularly scheduled times.

Click HERE to view Worship via our FBC YouTube Channel



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Click HERE to view our Calendar!



FBC Teaming Up for Earth Day Clean-Up this Saturday!

We're ready to band together and get some dirt under our nails in honor of Earth Day this weekend!

Meet us at 9:00 am at FBC this Saturday, April 22 as we plan to clean up some areas around Beverly for a few hours.

All are welcome and encouraged! Just bring your leather/cut-resistant gloves and let's get to work out in God's wondrous Creation (& have some fun while we're at it!) Save-the-Date for Children and Youth Sunday on May 14th (when all our children and youth will have the chance to help lead us in worship and be celebrated)! If any children or young people would be interested in a speaking part for the service, please let their teachers know on Sunday OR email Daniel at *djohnson@fbcbeverly.org*.

The Children's Choir will sing in worship for Children and Youth Sunday on May 14th as well! Everyone mark your calendars for this extra-special Sunday!

You're Invited to the annual Yom HaShoah Memorial Service on Thursday, April 27th

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Salem State University is continuing the tradition founders Sonia Schreiber Weitz and Harriet Wacks began over 30 years ago holding a Holocaust Memorial Service here locally. With the theme "Our Will to Live," this year's event will feature a talk by Holocaust music scholar Mark Ludwig. Ludwig has worked tirelessly to document the music and art created by victims of the Holocaust whose promising careers were tragically silenced, but who left a rich artistic legacy and stories of courage that testify to the strength of the human spirit. Rabbi Richard Perlman will preside over the service and a candlelight procession. The Salem State Community Chorus will perform traditional songs (our own Sue Kingston will be performing as part of the choir). We hope that you can make this musically moving evening as we join together remembering those whom we lost.

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The goal for this final informational meeting on Sunday, April 30th at 11:15 am, is to answer any additional questions you may have about participating in this summer's week-long service trip. We intend to finalize our group number by Sunday, May 7th in order to begin coordinating the remaining details. If you have any questions or would like to let us know about your plans to join us, please reach out to Julie at *jflowers@fbcbeverly.org* or call the church office at 978-922-3295.

As a reminder, we will be heading to Plymouth, North Carolina to work with Carolina Rebuilding Ministry, from Monday, July 31st - Friday, August 4th, 2023! The all-ages group will be making renovations to homes for those that are unable to afford to make those repairs themselves. *No construction experience is necessary*.

Become a Host Family for an International Exchange Student & Help Open Doors for a Young Man from Belgium!

The Beverly Rotary Club is excited to host a high school exchange student for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a young person

to study abroad in the United States. It's also an enriching opportunity for a family to host the student.

The Rotary's Inbound Student is from Belgium and he hopes to play basketball during his senior year at BHS. Three families are needed to help host this Inbound Student for about 3 months each.

If you want to learn more, please contact John Kenney at the Beverly Rotary Club at *johndkenney@gmail.com*. Feel free to pass this information along to anyone who might be interested in this unique cultural opportunity!



#### Come, Let Us Worship

The Weekly Worship Podcast of First Baptist Church in Beverly, Massachusetts



#### Subscribe to Our Weekly Podcasts!

"Come, Let Us Worship,"our FBC weekly podcast, offers a succinct version of our Sunday worship service. The podcast contains a thought-provoking sermon, Scripture, prayer as well as music. Ministers Rev. Julie Flowers and Dr. Daniel Johnson offer lively and thoughtful sermons on living this life of faith as well as deeply spiritual prayer. Music Director Dr. Esther Chang offers us a wide variety of music from the Children's Choir to the newest Contemporary Worship Ensemble with a variety in between to keep our ears attuned and guessing! *SUBSCRIBE* and pass on the link below to your friends!

https://comeletusworship.podbean.com

Are you interested in getting away for a weekend this summer?! Attend our upcoming Meeting for Dessert & Details on Labor Day Weekend Family Camp!



The warm weather is here and many of us are thinking about summer plans. You are invited to an informational get together at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3rd** to learn more about a weekend away, at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnipesaukee. Labor Day Weekend Family Camp is for all ages, singles, families, extended family, friends, and newcomers. It is a wonderful place for families with children. It is a time of fun, exploration, community and recreation in a beautiful setting. Soak in the scenery and sit awhile in a rocking chair overlooking the lake and mountains. This time together is sure to become a highlight of your year! Come and join FBC folks along with people from other communities.

During this brief meeting you will learn more about the activities for both adults and children, the housing accommodations, meals, and cost (there is a **discount for first time FBC individuals and families**).

Come and enjoy some dessert, hear about the weekend, and have your questions answered. You may contact Cindy Shupp with any questions at *cjshupp@verizon.net*.





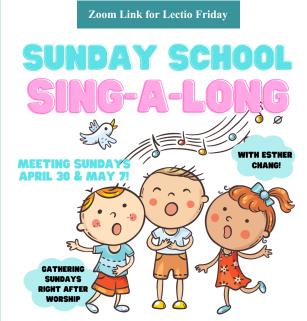


## THE GOSPEL OF PETER

Julie's Lenten Book Study Class will meet at 7:15 pm on Thursday, April 20th.

Lectio Divina continues Friday with Daniel at 5 pm.

Join us at Independence Park or via Zoom!



The Word Searchers adult Bible study will meet as usual on Sunday at 11:30 in the Conference Room. This week we will examine how Jesus turned the town of Bethany upside down with his moving response to the death of his friend Lazarus. The episode is recorded in John chapter 11 and analyzed further by Jaime Clark-Soles in chapter 7 of *Reading John for Dear Life*. But regardless of whether you are able to read these in advance, all are welcome to join the conversation on Sunday.

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Worship Ensembles will rock out at rehearsal again this Sunday after Worship!

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.<sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup> For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup> So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. - 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

# **PENCIL IN FBC!**

