

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

A progressive and welcoming Christian community

If at all possible, you may want to come in person this week to feel the organ resonate in your chest/soul AND for the delicious, deluxe breakfast offered beforehand FREE to musicians (a fundraiser for everyone else) prepared by the Middle School Fellowship group!



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Get Involved

Worship with Us



Music Sunday! May 21

This semiannual Sunday gift is prepared by FBC Music Director, Dr. Esther Chang, and all of our FBC choirs & musical groups. Enjoy **Te Deum** by Mark Hayes, performed by the Sanctuary Choir, featuring an orchestral ensemble. Performances by the Bell Choir and Worship Ensemble will be featured as well with an uplifting medley of songs for spring!

Worship With Us!

Join us this Sunday, May 21st at 10:00 am for Worship either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#).

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant and Toddler Room will be open during worship as usual, ready to receive our friends age 2 and younger.
- Littlest Learners will be open during worship for our Preschool friends ages 3-6
- Our Elementary groups will meet following the Stepsitters children's message time
- The Youth Pew is ready for our Middle School and Senior High youth (grades 5-12) who would like to worship together with peers
- The Worship Ensemble will rehearse following worship
- Youth Class meets with Julie and Jerry after Worship today
- There is NO Middle School Fellowship (meeting at 7:45 am to prep for the breakfast)
- Senior High Fellowship will meet from 5:00-8:00 pm this week for canoeing on Chebacco Lake.



"When the Familiar Breaks the Norm"

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Music Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Beverly

Preaching is Rev. Julie Flowers
Scripture from Psalm 150.

Click [HERE](#) to view Worship via FBC's YouTube Channel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to view our Calendar!



MENU INCLUDES: SCRAMBLED EGGS, DELUXE EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, TOTS, PANCAKES, BLUEBERRY PANCAKES, JUICE/COFFEE & CEREAL

FBC'S MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS~

**A*DELUXE*
BREAKFAST, ON
SUNDAY, MAY 21
FROM 8:30-9:40AM**



**\$9/ADULT;
\$5 CHILDREN 12
& UNDER;
KIDS 2 & UNDER
(AND MUSIC
SUNDAY
MUSICIANS!) EAT
FREE!**

Youth Updates:

Middle School Fellowshipers who are running the breakfast this Sunday should arrive at 7:45 am. We will NOT meet later in the afternoon Sunday, FYI.

Senior High Fellowship will meet from 5:00-8:00 pm this week as we head to Chebacco Lake to hit the canoes!

If you are a Youth Class attendee then Julie and Jerry look forward to seeing you this Sunday, May 21st immediately following Worship!

To our Elementary-School Parents, we hope you'll *RSVP to Daniel* that you are IN for this Sunday's bowling party for you & your youth! (Please note: food is available for purchase at the lanes if your kiddos work up an appetite scoring all those strikes!)

A Special Open House for the First Baptist Church Family June 8

Please mark your calendars to join the special party being thrown for our church family at Harborlight House, the oldest of the church's housing ministries, as it celebrates its 60th anniversary. As Julie and Daniel have shared in their short sermon series on living lives of faith and service to others, Harborlight House is the origin of FBC's housing ministry (also including Turtle Creek and Turtle Woods), from which grew the hugely successful Harborlight Community Partners/Harborlight Homes organization, which provides wonderful homes to individuals and families of limited means.



On Thursday afternoon, from 4:00 to 6:30 pm, we have the chance to tour the beautiful residence on Monument Square, just behind the church. The residents are looking forward to showing off their home and sharing refreshments with you. The building has been renovated several times over the 60 years, so whether you have been to Harborlight in the past or have just learned about its history, this is a great day to see the building and, more importantly, to get to meet the people who live there.

So, please drop in on June 8th. The residents look forward to seeing you!

Ready to get involved & make a difference



Christian Education:

Information & Matching Sessions on Sunday, June 11th after Worship & Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 pm



through Christian Education at FBC? If that sound like you, stop by our "Information & Matching Sessions!"

We're excited to connect potential volunteers with various ministries of our CE program!

The two upcoming sessions will take place after worship on **Sunday, June 11th** and on **Tuesday, June 13th** at 6:30 pm (which also includes dessert!). *Prospective volunteers are welcome to attend one or both of these sessions.*

On the 11th and 13th we will share the variety of deeply impactful volunteer roles that people could step into in connection with each of the major CE ministries. Those roles include:

- *Infants and Toddlers Room Caregiver*
- *Teaching Assistant for Littlest Learners*
- *Teaching Assistant for Elementary-Aged Students*
- *Teaching Assistant for Middle/Senior High Students*
- *Middle School Fellowship Advisor*
- *Senior High Fellowship Advisor*
- *Parents' Night Out Helper*

Our hope is that potential CE volunteers will come away with a clear understanding of the expectations for each role, of the significance of each role within the overall structure and objectives of the whole CE program, and of the steps required in order to be approved for each role. After all, we want this to be a fabulous fit for everyone, and to be a fulfilling experience!

If any of the above-listed roles are speaking to you and you'd like to learn more re: if you'd be a fit, please attend these helpful sessions. *Shalom!*

TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

R.I.M. AND FBC UNITE AGAIN **DONATE A USED CAR** ... & **CHANGE A FAMILY'S LIFE!**

Have a used car you'd like to potentially donate?! Refugee Immigration Ministries is working with a family of three who now has housing but needs a vehicle. Please contact Daniel at djohnson@fbcbeverly.org if you'd be interested in helping make this family's dream come true!



Donate a used car and make ALL the difference to a newly established Beverly family!

The asylum-seeking family that our partners at Refugee Immigration Ministries are supporting here in Beverly are rapidly moving toward full independence. The parents have finally received federal approval to work, and each of them has landed a job that pays well enough for them to meet all of their monthly expenses. One major hurdle that still remains for them is securing a car that can reliably get them where they need to go.

Please email Daniel if you think your old car could become their first family car!

Saturday Lunch Program Volunteers Needed!

We are still in immediate need of one more person to join the team for the second Saturday of every month, 10:00

am-1:30 pm. Duties may include food preparation and cooking; setting up tables and chairs, a coffee/tea station, a meal serving station, a dessert station, and a plate clearing station; serving the meal; interacting with guests; resetting the gym; kitchen clean-up.

There is flexibility in that there are alternate volunteers who can fill in if a team member is unable to work their given Saturday. This is a great opportunity for students who are looking for volunteer hours or for anyone who would like to be more involved in the life of FBC. If you are unable to commit your time each month, **you are welcome to sign up to be on the alternate list to occasionally fill in for a regular team member.**



FBC'S SATURDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

We are in immediate need of one more person to join the team for the second Saturday of every month, 10:00 am-1:30 pm.

Please contact Brenda at bdurivage@gmail.com

Flexible and fun volunteer opportunity at FBC Beverly offering free meals.

Email Brenda with your Interest or Questions

international ministries



Missions in May Campaign: Giving back thru ABC/USA Annual Offerings

For the last three years (2020, 2021 and 2022), the Mission Committee has decided to use a portion of our annual giving funds to contribute to *ABC/USA Annual Offerings* (American Baptist Churches USA), on behalf of our congregation. During the month of May, we will once again be asking for FBC community contributions. Each Sunday, we will highlight one of the four offerings: America for Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission Offering, Retired Missionary and Ministers.

Tracing its history to George and Hannah Liele, formerly enslaved people who founded a church in Jamaica in 1783, followed by Adoniram and Ann Judson working in Burma (Myanmar), the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society was formally organized in 1814. It was the first such organization in the United States. Today called *International Ministries*, IM funds diverse programs to help people all over the world through the *World Mission Offering* (WMO). A small sampling of the WMO work includes rebuilding a church in the Dominican Republic destroyed by fire, working with migrants in Mexico, economic development training for ministers in South Asia, providing scholarships to Black clergy, and promoting literacy in Africa. Diversity in mission work is matched by the diversity of the people who work for IM. Two centuries ago, Adoniram Judson wrote, "Our future is as bright as the promises of God." We hope you'll consider a donation to this remarkable organization who respond to God's call as Jesus taught and as the Holy Spirit leads. You are welcome to view these videos to see a moving first-hand look into how God is at work in *Bolivia/Mexico* and *Democratic Republic of the Congo* through your donation.

If you would like to make an online financial gift to support World Mission Offering, head [HERE](#). If you would prefer to make an FBC Beverly combined community contribution, there are envelopes in the back of the church sanctuary that can be placed in the collection baskets during worship or placed in the church office any time this month. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration!

A Picture of the Week Ahead...



Coffee Hour Zoom Link



FBC Music Director Emeritus Robert Littlefield will perform his farewell concert next door at First Parish at 7:30 pm on Friday. Come out for what is sure to be a memorable performance as Robert prepares for his retirement!

“
 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. -Psalm 95:1-2
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PENCIL IN FBC

May
17
 Wednesday

Salem State Community Concert TONIGHT!
 Tonight at 7:00 pm you are invited to a spring concert based on a *Love of Music, Love of Life!* at Salem State University Recital Hall, 71 Loring Avenue, Salem, MA. What a great warm up ahead of Music Sunday!

May
21
Sunday

Music Sunday

Join us for this FBC fan-favorite that we enjoy twice a year filled with music from start to finish! The special selection is Te Deum by Mark Hayes performed by the Sanctuary Choir featuring an orchestral ensemble. Performances by the Bell Choir and Worship Ensemble will also be featured with an uplifting medley of songs!

May
21
Sunday

Elementary School Family Bowling Event

Meet at the church at 4:00 that afternoon, or at Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester at 4:30 for some time of bowling and fellowship you won't soon forget~ STRIKE!

May
24
Wednesday

FBC Beverly's Annual Meeting

Pencil in the FBC Annual Meeting from 7:00-9:00 pm. More details on the horizon~stay tuned!

May
28
Sunday

Pentecost Sunday Worship & the Birth of the Church: B-day Party!

Join us for Worship at 10:00 am followed by a birthday celebration that will include activities, refreshments and a FUN group activity using Instax cameras to capture the "faces" and spirit of our church for our new bulletin board display in the main hallway!

June
2
Friday

Parents' Night Out!

Pencil in next month's PNO & start brainstorming plans for 6-8:30pm!

June
3
Saturday

Service Saturday Event! *Save-the-Date*

Join us on **Saturday, June 3rd from 8:45 AM – 12:30 PM for our FBC Service Saturday!** What is Service Saturday?! Formerly called *Super Mission Saturday*, it is an all-ages church tradition in which we spend the morning volunteering together. Folks choose from a variety of service projects from either within our church building or out in the Beverly community. There will be special activities for children as well! Additional details to follow~ stay tuned & save the date!

June
7
Wednesday

FBC Sponsoring \$1 Movie Night at The Cabot!

Join us at The Cabot for a fun night out and a showing of *Wall-E*! The evening will include a book giveaway, educational activities, and fun takeaways—all geared toward helping children of all ages consider what they can do to address the climate crisis and build a more sustainable world. All for \$1!

June
8
Thursday

Harborlight House Celebration & Open House!

Stop by to see where it all began **from 4:00-6:30 pm at One Monument Square located right behind FBC** as the residents cannot wait to meet and greet you! This event is part of the 60-year anniversary celebration of what is now called *Harborlight Homes* and all started here at our very own FBC Beverly.

June
11&13
Sunday & Tuesday

Christian Education Information and Matching Sessions

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June

17

Saturday

Paddle-A-Thon on the Ipswich River

Save-the-Date for the big culmination of this year's Paddle-A-Thon and consider sponsoring a favorite paddler or donating to this important cause!

June

24

Saturday

North Shore PRIDE Parade

We look forward to having a strong presence again this year at the PRIDE Parade, so Save-the-Date! Everyone is welcome and our youngest friends can be pulled alongside us in wagons as well!

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