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

See you tonight at Summer Book Study with Daniel from 6:30-7:30 pm. Thursday our Zoom Coffee Hour Crew meets with Julie and Friends at 10:00 am, and Friday at 5:00 pm Lectio Divina is back again! It's nearly time for our Service Trip headed to NC at the end of July, can you believe it?! Watch our social media especially later this month as folks share their LIVE experience helping the Carolina Rebuilding Ministry!



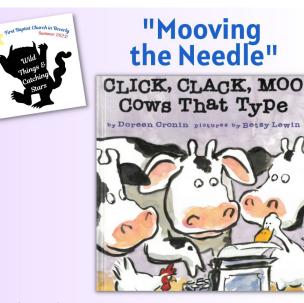
IN PERSON OR LIVESTREAMED VIA YOUTUBE AT 10:00 AM

### Worship With Us!

Join us this Sunday, July 23rd at 10:00 am for Worship 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 Prayground is open for our Elementary and younger friends to use for the quiet and child-friendly enjoyment of worship.
- The Youth Pew will be ready for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Worship Ensemble will rehearse immediately after Worship on Sunday. (*Read the newest Feature Article and get to know who's at the helm of the W.E. and more behind the band!*)



Sunday, July 23, 2023 Scripture: Isaiah 1:11-17 and Proverbs 31:6-9

Daniel Johnson, Preaching, FBC Beverly

Catching

Stars

Click HERE to view Worship via FBC's YouTube Channel

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

FBC's Summer Book Study Continues Tonight, July 19th, from 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us in reading and discussing *Rest is Resistance*, by Tricia Hersey.

#### Tonight we will be looking at Part One: REST!

Zoom link for Tonight's Book Study



#### Get To Know Your Neighbor: Bruce Redington, Director of the Worship Ensemble

Want to learn more about the Worship Ensemble, the group's Director & how to get involved? *Rock on!* 

We've all enjoyed clapping and tapping along with the newest contemporary worship group to form here at FBC Beverly, the Worship Ensemble, and now we're jazzed to learn more from their Creative Director, Bruce Redington, and how often we can expect to hear this moving, emotive form of worship music!

To answer that initial burning question: The band performs once a month during the year and has been performing twice per month over the summer months. Due to all the positive feedback the group is receiving, they could be playing even more in the near feature~ stay tuned!





When you listen to WE do you daydream about joining?! WE rehearses every Sunday after Worship for roughly forty five minutes to an hour. Currently, the Worship Ensemble is comprised of members Adam Costa on Bass, Cindy Shupp on flute, Dick Stone on Drums, and Jen Bobzin with vocals. Other participants have been Abigail Sykes on Violin, and Bob Stoneham with vocals. Bruce did mention that "we are considering auditions for electric guitar, acoustic guitar, and lead/back up vocals," so if you are a musician who might be interested, keep an ear to the ground!

Bruce was approached and readily accepted the role to lead the Worship Ensemble at FBC post-COVID and although there have been other former Contemporary music groups, this is his first time at the helm. He's well-positioned for this role as interestingly enough, Bruce collaborated with John Thomson on the composition of the FBC Bicentennial hymn years ago AND is classically trained with a Masters degree in vocal performance. In addition, he's collaborated as a composer/arranger on numerous projects and has performed as a soloist and choir member at FBC over the years during his time in Beverly since 1998.



When asked about his hopes for this group, Bruce responded "Contemporary music is a very emotional creative medium. Each person experiences it differently. In a congregation, or any group of people for that matter, you will find people from all walks of life - stages of life, who are facing different life circumstances all gathered together. With this group, we want to create an atmosphere of both praise and reflection - a time to let go of day to day worries and clear our minds to receive the gift of hope from our Creator." And when asked what his favorite thing is about the group, Bruce shared, "The Worship Ensemble members have great energy and synergy together. I try to keep a collaborative environment for the group - the rehearsals are fun!"

Be sure to join us every Sunday at 10:00 am for Worship in person or via our YouTube livestream to hear the Worship Ensemble perform!



(Captured at FBC this past Sunday thanks to Lauren Costa, Scott D., and Sarah Michelle!)



Looking at Today and the Week Ahead...





A Morning Of Interactive Fun And Resources For Families With Young Children



The Cabot Community Conversations is hosting a fun morning family event tomorrow on Thursday, July 20th at 10:00 am! *Register HERE*!

Zoom Coffee Hour Link

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

> Join us in the Lounge or via DZOOM!



Worship Ensemble continues to rock as they rehearse this Sunday after Worship!

Lectio Divina Zoom Link

'Cows that type. Hens on strike! Whoever heard of such a thing? How can I run a farm with no milk and no eggs!' Farmer Brown was furious.

- Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type, written by Doreen Cronin & illustrated by Betsy Lewin.

## **PENCIL IN FBC**

#### July

19 Wednesday

### FBC's Summer Book Study Class Meets Tonight

Join us for our second book study class focused on the book *Rest is Resistance* by Tricia Hersey from 6:30-7:30 pm. You are invited to attend in person or via Zoom. Click *HERE* to join us readily this evening via Zoom.

#### July

20 Thursday

## The Cabot Presents..."Thriving Families" as part of their Community Conversations Series

A morning of fun and interactive resources geared for those with young children kicks off at 10:00 am. There's still time: Register *HERE*!

21 Friday

July

28

Friday

Service Trip Group leaves for NC!

Lectio Divina Continues

Please join us!

Wish our Missions Group well as they are all-aboard for service in Plymouth, NC. The group will be returning Sunday, August 6th.

Daniel and Friends will meet for Lectio from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Lounge, or via Zoom.

August

### **6** Sunday

Interfaith Homecoming Service

We invite you to Lynch Park for the Interfaith Homecoming Service as we'll be participating in worship in place of at FBC this particular Sunday. Our typical worship service with Communion will resume on Sunday, August 13th.

#### August

11 Friday

#### August

25 Friday

## Pickup Kickball Night!

Join us at the Hannah School field for fellowship and fun as we play some pickup kickball! (The rain date is Saturday, August 12th just in case.) Hoping for sunny skies and to have a blast together prior to school starting!

### FBC's Movie Night on Beverly Common

It's time for Take Two; of FBC Beverly's \*Outdoor\* Movie Night that is! Grab your popcorn and camping chair and let's enjoy a summer night under the stars enjoying a surprise show (TBD!). Although our most recent movie night was moved indoors, a blast was had nonetheless-Don't miss this FBC Tradition!

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