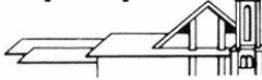


# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

*A progressive and welcoming Christian community*

# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Get Involved

Worship with Us

We hope that you had a truly moving and joyful Easter, and are excited to share a brief recap in this week's issue of *The Bulletin*! Isn't springtime such a season of hope as we see new growth all around us and start looking forward to the warmer weather ahead?! This week we have a lot to be excited for as we transition back to our annual theme of *Some Assembly Required* with a full docket of events and activities, plus, many dates that need saving!

## Worship With Us!

Join us this **Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for Communion Sunday** either in person or via our *FBC YouTube Channel* as we return to our annual theme at FBC of, "*Some Assembly Required!*"

**\*Reminder\* to bring your own Elements of Communion on Sunday if you'll be joining us via Livestream.**

### Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Littlest Learners will meet during worship this week.
- Our Elementary Sunday School Class will meet this week. The Prayground will be open for the enjoyment of our Elementary and younger friends & their families to use during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- Middle School and Senior High Fellowship groups will meet this Sunday at their regular times.



"Road Construction"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2024 AT 10AM

Some Assembly Required

First Baptist Church in Beverly  
2023-2024

Scripture: Luke 24:13-32  
Meditation: Rev. Julie Flowers

Click [HERE](#) to join Worship via Livestream on Sunday

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## Moderator Moment with Bryan + Corresponding Church Council Meeting this Sunday

### April's Moderator Moment!

Dear Church Council Members,

It's been just a few days since we all -- enthusiastically I might add -- shouted, "He is risen indeed!" Which leads me to ask -- evermore so enthusiastically -- what is rising within us as a church? What can we rise up to address? What stones can we be a part of rolling away?

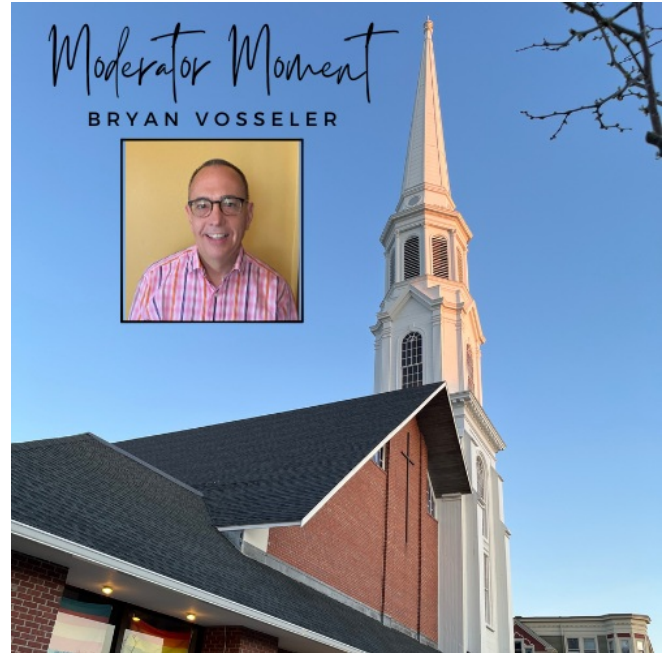
How about we gather this Sunday, April 7th at 11:30 directly after worship, and do some good 'ol fashioned lookin' - searching within and looking around. That's right, I believe it's time for some vision casting! Let's cast our vision beyond the empty tomb and see where we can go. Even though the church's liturgical color is no longer green, that doesn't mean that we can't catch a few green lights on our journey!

So, perhaps you could spend a moment thinking about what your particular focus is for your committee's vision. Then we could all come together to see what everyone sees. And see where we as a church are rising -- indeed!

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you on Sunday. And just in case you were wondering, I see that our Annual Meeting will be May 29th, 2024 at 7pm.

Blessings and see you soon,  
Bryan

\**Email Bryan* or call him at 978-210-1657



# EASTER 2024 AT FBC



# FROM BREAKFAST TO BAPTISMS, EGG HUNTS TO EGGCELLENT MUSIC, THIS EASTER REALLY COVERED IT ALL!





Join us on Friday, April 5th for **Parents' Night Out (PNO)** at FBC Beverly!

PNO runs from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and as always, we'll be ready with games, dinner and some fun learning time/activities!

This event is open to the greater community so tell your friends!



Questions about FBC's PNO or are you a high school student who would like to help come out and volunteer?! Email Julie at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org)!



A couple folks are missing from this quick snapshot, BUT it captures MOST of the TOT crew at Kitchen Table from this month's TOT last night!

It was a joyful evening of conversation and laughter ! Join us for our next Theology on Tap on **Tuesday, May 7th at Kitchen Table on Cabot St!**

### Looking Ahead: LDWFC Informational Gathering next Sunday, April 14, 2024

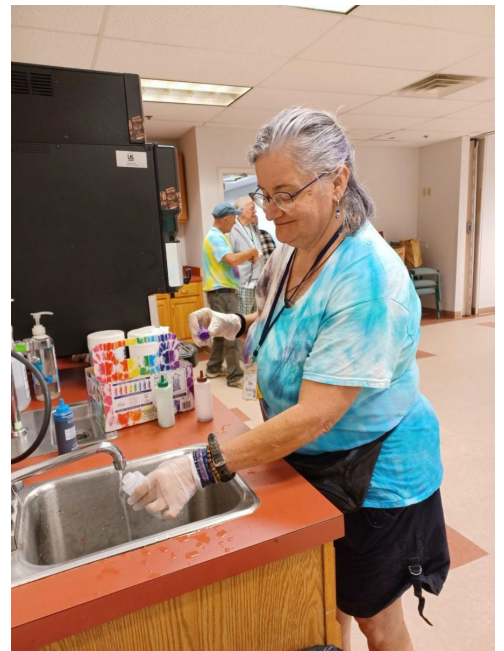
Do You have Plans yet for Labor Day Weekend? Now's Your Chance to Make Some!

*Come for an Informational Gathering on **Sunday, April 14th** after Worship!*

All are invited to hear about Labor Day Weekend Family Camp, especially those who are considering joining us for the first time. It's a wonderful way to spend the weekend at Geneva Point Center right on Lake Winnepesaukee. The weekend is for all ages, singles, families, extended family, friends, and newcomers. It is a time of fun, exploration, community, recreation, and a great way to get to know other FBC folks in a beautiful setting.

*"My family and I went to LDFWC for the first time last year and it was a great experience! The process was easy, and we were so happy to receive some financial assistance as being first time attendees. Our favorite thing about this getaway is that there weren't any obligations. That is what attracted us to it in the first place, because we wanted time to get away, enjoy nature, and to just simply be, not trying to get from one place to another. We were able to pick and choose what events we attended, which was important to us as we had our, then, one year old that had a schedule all of his own! It was a great time to connect with other people from FBC and spend time unplugged and outside playing at the beach, at the park and walking the area. I highly recommend going, great memories will be made." - KC Cottrell*

Read up more on LDWFC on their *website*. Please Note: First time attendees will receive a discount. Further questions? Contact Cindy Shupp at [cjshupp@verizon.net](mailto:cjshupp@verizon.net).



### Coffee Hour Planned Honoring Rev. Manny Faria

Join us **NEXT Sunday, April 14th**, as that will be our Pastoral Care and Visitation Associate, Rev. Manny Faria’s last Sunday with us!

Manny will be preaching, and then we will have the chance to thank and celebrate Manny at a coffee hour gathering following worship (those who are planning to attend the LDWFC can do both – stop by coffee hour to celebrate Manny and then head to the meeting at 11:30!).

*Thank you to Manny for being such a wonderful asset to our FBC Family these past few months!*

Thank Rev. Manny at...

# Coffee Hour

**Sunday, April 14**  
after Worship

### Earth Day is Right Around the Corner! Volunteer to Make a Difference!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS EARTH DAY RIGHT HERE IN BEVERLY!**



Join us in cleaning up our community on Saturday, April 20th from 9:45-11:00 a.m. Let's work together to make a positive impact on the world starting in our own backyard!



### Earth Day Clean Up in Beverly

In honor of Earth Day, please join us at Balch Park in Beverly on **Saturday, April 20th** to clean up the park and surrounding woods from **9:45 am-11 am**. All are welcome, especially children and youth! Gloves and bags will be provided. This is an event offered in conjunction with *SPUR*, a local organization that provides volunteer opportunities that meet the needs of the community.

*Email Brenda* to RSVP for this fun and fruitful Saturday where we can all give a little time and gain a more beautiful Beverly back in return!

Save-The-Date!: Saturday May 4th is both Service Saturday AND World Labyrinth Day!

Join us for both Service Saturday and World Labyrinth Day events on Saturday, May 4th this year!

What is Service Saturday, you may ask?

Formerly called Super Mission Saturday, it is an all-ages church tradition in which we spend the morning volunteering together locally. Choose from a variety of service projects from within our church building as well as in the Beverly community from 8:45 am – 12:15 pm. There will be special activities for children. Additional details about the service opportunities will be forthcoming.


After a morning of service, volunteers can then enjoy lunch at the church before walking FBC's labyrinth in a meditation for world peace. We will walk creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe in celebration of World Labyrinth Day at 1:00 pm.

(Please note that participation in both events is encouraged, but not necessary. Enjoy Service Saturday, World Labyrinth Day, or both!)



**SAVE-THE-DATE FOR FBC'S SERVICE SATURDAY**


Saturday, May 4th, 2024  
8:45 AM-12:15 PM

The point of a maze is to find its centre. The point of a labyrinth is to find your centre.

**Walk this way...**

for World Labyrinth Day!  
5.4.2024 @ 1:00 p.m.



Looking Ahead...

Come, Let Us Worship

**FBC'S PODCAST** The Weekly Worship Podcast of First Baptist Church in Beverly, Massachusetts



**NEW EPISODE:**  
"Blowing the Doors Off"  
Dr. Daniel Johnson  
Easter Sunday  
Sunday, March 31, 2024



Together Again!

Zoom Coffee Hour Thursdays @ 10am



**Coffee Time**

[Zoom Coffee Hour Link](#)

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

Join us in the Lounge or via **Zoom!**



[Link to join Lectio via Zoom](#)



**NO WORD SEARCHERS THIS WEEK – STAY FOR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AT 11:30 AM ON SUNDAY INSTEAD!**

*Church Council Meeting*  
 Save-the-Date this Sunday, April 7th following Worship for a CC Meeting at 11:30 a.m., Friends!



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, 4/21/24 AFTER WORSHIP FOR FBC'S...  
**YOUTH CLASS**  
 A Youth Sunday School Class meeting right after worship for all youth in grades 5-12!



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<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' – Luke 24:28-32

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## PENCIL IN FBC

April  
**5**  
 Friday

### Parents' Night Out

Parents and Caregivers are invited to bring their children and youth through middle school age from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for a fun-filled evening of dinner, fellowship and activities while they catch a breath and maybe even get ahead on something. This popular program is open to everyone in the community so invite a friend and start making plans- only two days until PNO!

April  
**7**  
 Sunday

### Church Council Meeting

It's Communion this Sunday at FBC and we'll also be joining together post-Worship at 11:30 a.m. for a Church Council meeting led by Moderator, Bryan Vosseler. Green lights and GO!

April

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Thursday

## Women's Fellowship Field Trip!

A group from FBC are hitting the road for Cambridge to attend Anne Lamott's Book Tour for *Somehow: Thoughts On Love!*

April

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Sunday

## Labor Day Weekend Family Camp Info. Session Post-Worship

Stay after Worship next Sunday for a brief informational session on Labor Day Weekend Family Camp, especially if you've never been! Great chance to talk with others and learn more about what a fun, meaningful weekend this can be for anyone and everyone!

April

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Tuesday

## T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our T3 Men's Fellowship Group are back at Stephy's this month at 7:00 a.m. for their monthly breakfast.

April

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Saturday

## Earth Day Clean Up in Beverly

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## Book Discussion \*Rescheduled\*

We have rescheduled the discussion for "The Bones Cry Out" authored by our very own Terri McFadden for 1:30 p.m. today!

April

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Sunday

## Youth Class *Rescheduled* for Today

We've rescheduled Youth Class for immediately after Worship today due to the Church Council Meeting.

## Wholly Sustainable Forum Series Continues with Green Beverly

Join us at 2 o'clock as local clean energy consultant Sean Leach gets us all charged up about using Electric Vehicles to go from here to there!

# CONTACT US

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