

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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Involved

Worship with  
Us

It's hard to believe it's already Memorial Day weekend! The long weekend means Youth Fellowships will not meet this Sunday; they will resume next week, with Sr. High at an earlier time (1:30 p.m.) to attend Beverly High School graduation and Middle School at its usual 4 p.m. start time for a walk in the woods. On that note, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of the holiday & will reopen at the regular time on Tuesday, May 28th. We look forward to continuing our "Some Assembly Required" worship series on alternative tools this Sunday, as Daniel preaches on "Messengers' Tools." Our church program year and Annual Theme will run through June 16th, when Julie and Daniel will preach a shared sermon culminating the "Some Assembly Required" theme. We'll be launching our *new* Summer Worship Theme and Series the following Sunday – stayed tuned!

## Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Worship Service** this **Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#).

### Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Our Elementary-aged friends are warmly invited to remain in worship with us for the duration of the service this Sunday. The Prayground space will be open and ready to welcome them for the quiet enjoyment of worship in a child-friendly space, as they make art, read stories, and build with our foam blocks!
- 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 not be gathering together this week due to the long holiday weekend. See you back at regular time next week, friends!

## *Some Assembly Required: Community Tools*



*Preaching: Dr. Daniel Johnson  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20*

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to  
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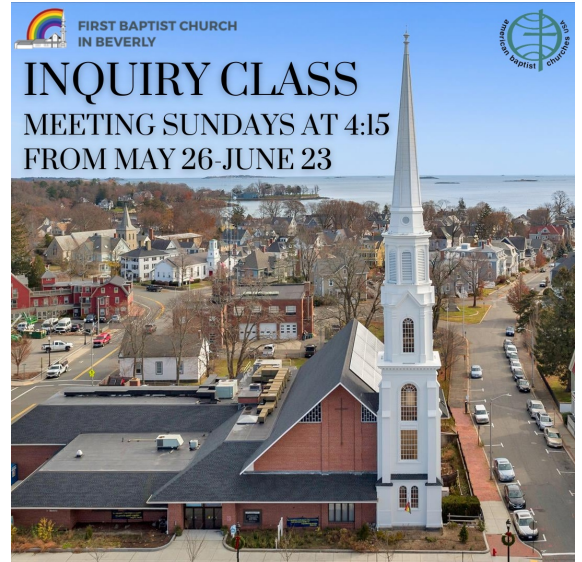
**\*NEW\* Inquiry Class being Offered at FBC**

Meeting from May 26 through June 23 on Sundays at 4:15  
p.m.

An Inquiry Class is forming for those new to FBC who would like to know more about the First Baptist Church, our history, our values, and our hopes for the future - as well as to explore what it means to be an American Baptist, and more!

The class is hosted by Rev. Julie Flowers and Dr. Daniel Johnson and meets for four sessions (one hour each) and childcare will be provided. This is a fun and relaxed way to meet nice people!

Please [email Julie](#) or [Daniel](#) with your interest or any questions!



**Share Names with us by Friday at Noon for Memorial**



**Memorial Day Sunday~**

We are remembering those who have died in the past year since last Memorial Day, but if you'd like someone added to our list for remembrance who is not included below, please email Pat with those names by this **Friday, May 24th by Noon.**

*Shalom & Thank You!*

**Remembering...**

*(listed in alphabetical order by last name):*

Cindy Antonuk  
Jane Clark  
Jim and Beverly Davies  
Helen Fisher  
Gertrude (Trudy) Fogg  
Calvin Frink  
Robert Johnson  
Pauline Johnstone  
Joyce Kingston  
Thad Outerbridge  
Linda Seal  
Rachel-Marie Thomas  
Allan Walch  
Sandra (Flowers) Wolfe

Coming Home FBC class meets TONIGHT!



Abby Sykes and Lisa LaPlante hold their final class (in this first introductory series!) this evening from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at FBC Beverly. This is an invitation to connect with your body through reflection journaling and gentle, embodied movement.

*Tonight we'll discuss our takeaways from these last five weeks plus will dig into positive body image research and the effects. Additionally, we'll look into "what is OUR beauty?" like the tree pictured to the right featuring a heartwarming feature! Lisa and Abby are open to feedback on the journey thus far, and to help guide future programming efforts in this important, hot-button sphere.*



Two Songs & Esther's Message from Music Sunday this past week



Click the photo above or [HERE](#) to take a listen to the Sanctuary Choir singing "Walk Hand in Hand" from Sunday!



*Hear* what our Director of Music, Dr. Esther Chang, shared on Music Sunday about her musical selections for the choirs this year and about the importance of finding hope in God's world.



*Take a Listen* to "We Are The World" as played by our FBC Worship Ensemble on Sunday.

# Friendly Reminder!

FBC's Annual Meeting is on  
Wednesday, May 29, 2024  
from 7-9 p.m.

Please note there WILL be  
make-your-own sundaes as  
we gather for the meeting!

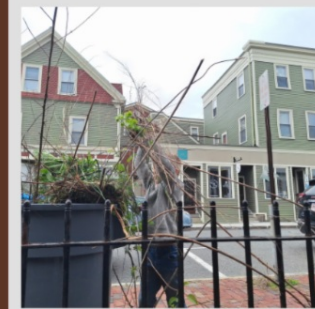


Hooray!



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## Service Saturday on May 4, 2024: Success!



**Thank You  
Service Saturday  
Volunteers!**

It was a successful workday with thirteen volunteers of all ages working in teams to accomplish several projects in the community and at the church. Family Promise's closet was re-organized to allow program participants to more easily access needed items; cookies were baked, decorated and promptly enjoyed; the Harborlight Nursery School playground received a minor face lift with rust removal and touch up painting; the FBC grounds along Abbot Street were given a proper spring clean up; three FBC freezers, utilized for the Saturday Lunch Program, were cleaned out, re-organized and inventoried; and new choir chairs were unpacked and arranged in the choir loft – all completed before noon! Laughter and conversation was heard as the work progressed throughout the morning.

*thank you*

*Many thanks to all who participated for the morning!*

Date that needs Saving: Friday, June 28th!



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# SAVE-THE-DATE

RIVERSIDE RENAISSANCE  
SWING BAND IS BACK AT  
FBC BEVERLY!



*Benefit Concert for  
Amirah, Inc.*

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024  
7-9 PM

Tickets Available: \$20/Adult,  
\$15 Seniors 65+, Children &  
Youth 18 & Under are FREE!

Looking Ahead...

**Together Again!**

Zoom Coffee  
Hour  
Thursdays  
@ 10am



[Zoom Coffee Hour Link](#)

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

Join us in the  
Lounge or via  
Zoom!



[Lectio Divina Zoom  
Link](#)

## Word Searchers

The Word Searchers adult Bible study had so much fun discussing First John last week that we only got halfway through our planned two chapters. So if you are eager to take up the thorny second chapter of 1 John with us, you still have your chance! Join us this Sunday at 11:30 in the Conference Room as we dig into it (along with chapter 3) together.

**PICKLEBALL IS BACK AT FBC BEVERLY!**

**THERE'S NO  
PICKLEBALL  
MONDAY -  
WE'LL SEE YOU  
NEXT TIME!**

**CONCELEBRATE THE FUN ON MONDAY  
NIGHTS @ 7:00 PM. CALL!**

remember & honor

# Happy Memorial Day

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WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HONORABLY SERVED OUR NATION AND GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE TO IT. THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAY AS WE STRIVE TO REMEMBER WELL.



“

This makes us Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making the appeal directly through us. Therefore we implore you in Christ's name: be reconciled to God. – 2 Corinthians 5:20

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## PENCIL IN FBC

May

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Wednesday

### Coming Home: Learning to Trust & Accept Your Body

Lisa and Abby round out their first series of classes tonight from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

May

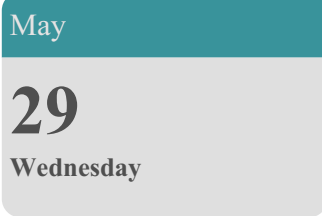
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Monday

### Church Office Closed

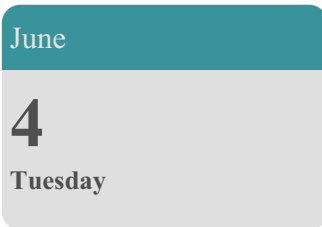
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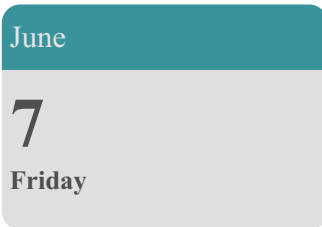
## FBC's Annual Meeting

Mark those calendars from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for our church annual meeting. *Friendly Reminder: All Annual Reports were **due to Pat** by Monday, May 20th. If you haven't gotten yours in, please do so ASAP.*



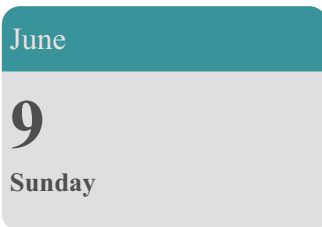
## Theology On Tap

Meet you at the *Kitchen Table in Beverly* at 8 o'clock for a brew, a bite and this favorite time of FBC Fellowship together!



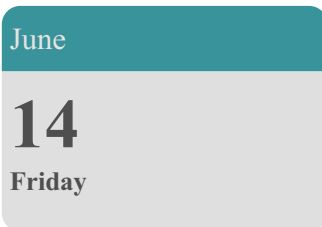
## Parents' Night Out

It's the final PNO of the school year from 6:00-8:30 p.m., and we have some EXTRA special fun in store! Mark your calendars :)!



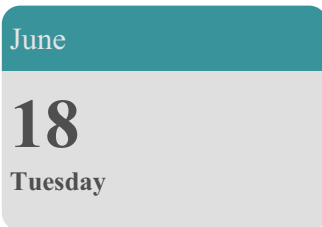
## Forum with AMOS Health & Hope of Nicaragua

Save-the-Date for a special luncheon and discussion with Adam Balduff of AMOS Health and Hope, beginning at 11:30 a.m.



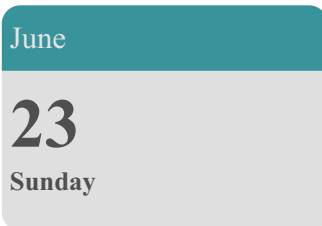
## Harborlight Homes' Groundbreaking for the Lighthouse Center at Anchor Point

Everyone is invited from 1:00-2:30 p.m. (optional tours begin at 12:30 p.m.) at 108 Sohier Road, Beverly to honor this exciting milestone!



## FBC Sponsors \$1 Movie Night at The Cabot

Come out for the best deal in town and also support this important Community Conversation at The Cabot! Join us for the showing of "Origin" as part of this upcoming Beverly conversation surrounding the origins of Juneteenth and the state of Race Relations in the U.S.



## Refugee Immigration Ministries Fundraising Walk

Join us at 3:00 p.m. beginning at 1 Church St., Wakefield, MA as we support this year's Annual R.I.M. Fundraising Walk! FBC members can participate in two ways: (1) by walking and encouraging others to sponsor you (*contact Barbara Brann-Weir* for details) and (2) by donating to sponsor someone who is already walking, using FBC's R.I.M. Walk fundraising page available [HERE](#).

June

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Friday

## The Riverside Renaissance Swing Band is BACK! Save-The-Date for their Benefit Concert at FBC

Our friends from RRSB are back to perform from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for their second benefit concert here at FBC, all proceeds benefiting exploited women through Amirah. Tickets will run \$20/Adults, \$15 for Seniors 65+, Kids 10-18 are FREE! Please stay tuned for more details forthcoming.

## CONTACT US

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