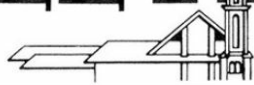


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY

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THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Get
Involved

Worship with
Us

It was a Rally Day for the books at FBC this past Sunday! Thank you to everyone who planned, prepped and perfectly carried out a truly tremendous Sunday brimming with love (note all those hearts in the photo spread below!) as we joined together to kick off the 2024-2025 annual theme of "My Heart Be Brave: Fearless Hope in Uncertain Times."

Worship With Us!

Join us for our **Communion Sunday Worship Service** this **Sunday, October 6th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**, either in person or via our [FBC YouTube Channel](#).

**If joining us via Livestream this Sunday please bring your Elements of Communion.*

Notes for Sunday:

- The Infant/Toddler room will be open during worship this week.
- Little Learners will meet during worship this week.
- The Playground will be open as worship begins to allow our elementary-age and younger friends enter into the quiet enjoyment of worship in a flexible child-friendly space. Our Elementary Class will meet following the Stepsitters children's message time during worship.
- The Youth Pew is available for youth in grades 5-12 to enjoy worship together with peers.
- The **Youth Class** for those in Grades 5-12 will meet in the Youth Lounge, immediately following worship this week.
- **Word Searchers** meets this week after worship.

*"Not Quite Everything
that Has Breath"*

Preaching: Dr. Daniel Johnson



Scripture:
Genesis 6:11-19

Sunday, October 6, 2024



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



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MY HEART BE BRAVE: FEARLESS HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

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BEVERLY 2024-2025

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 3PM
SECOND CHURCH ON CONANT ST.**

The man recognized today as St. Francis of Assisi is perhaps most widely known for his love of nature and of animals, to whom he would often preach and who he regularly called his "brothers and sisters." As such, a variety of Christian churches mark the Feast Day of St. Francis--either on October 4 or the closest Sunday to it--by providing a Blessing of the Animals service.

This year First Baptist Church is partnering with the Second Congregational Church (UCC) on Conant Street to offer this service. All are welcome to bring their pets, or even just memories or pictures of their pets, and join us at Second Church at **3:00 p.m. this Sunday, October 6**. The short service at that time will honor the help, sustenance, assistance, and consolation that animals provide, as well reminding us that God was the very first to bless the animals in the first days of Creation.

Youth Fellowship Notes for Sunday!

After an amazing Rally Day Sunday filled with preparing and serving a delicious breakfast and a fun-filled trip to Connors Farm in Danvers (THANK YOU to Bob Connors and his team for the generous donation of admission wristbands and apple picking bags for our whole crew!), both Youth Fellowships will be meeting this week at their REGULAR times: **4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** for Middle School and **6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** (with dinner included) for Sr. High!

Middle School Fellowship: Tiny Games!

It's like games you know and things you love to do... but tinier!

Sr. High Fellowship: Sr. High will have an evening of fun playing some creative and fun games together – come prepared for some fun and active games in the gym, some team-building group games, and some favorite Youth Lounge games, as well! MAYBE we'll even find ourselves trying out a tiny game or two, just to get in on the miniature-sized momentum!

We'll enjoy dinner together, too, of course. Invite a friend to come get in on the fun!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FBC's

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

Join us Friday, October 4th for **Parents' Night Out (PNO)** at FBC!

We can't wait for our next PNO! The program 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!

PNO is free & open to all!

Upcoming Young Adult Fellowship Group Event this Saturday for those in their 20s and 30s!

The Twerties is an FBC fellowship group for young adults in their twenties and thirties. Their next event will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5, at Beverly Commons Conservation Area (Greenwood Avenue, Beverly) for some fresh air on a nice hike followed by some delicious Thai food for lunch at *Andalin* (24 West Street) at 12:30 p.m. The group will meet at the entrance to the Commons near Glen Urquhart School.

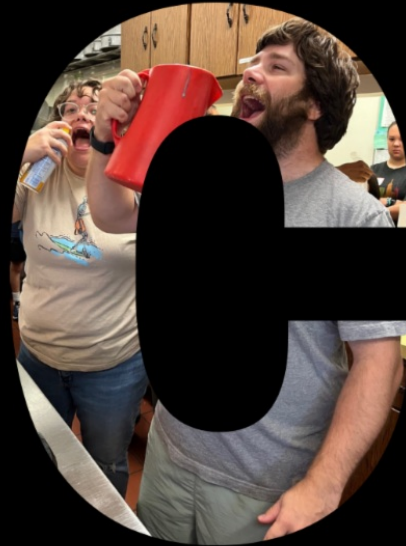
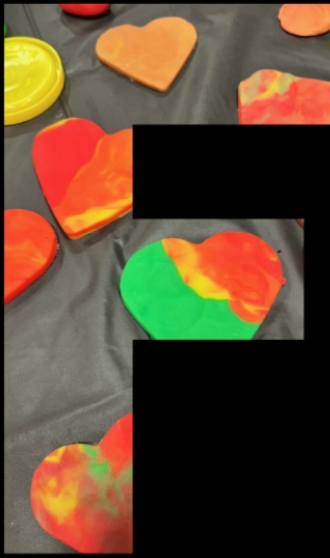
Anyone in their Twerties is encouraged to join for all or part of this fun outing, and rides can happily be arranged for anyone who could use transportation help by reaching out to Maddie at (781) 558-0245. Looking forward to Saturday's excursion!

JOIN THE
"TWERTIES"
OF FBC
BEVERLY

11AM - BEVERLY COMMONS
GREENWOOD AVE, BEVERLY MA

12:30 - ANDALIN
24 WEST ST, BEVERLY MA

RALLY DAY RECAP
FROM SUNDAY,
9.29.2024



MY HEART BE BRAVE:
FEARLESS HOPE IN
UNCERTAIN TIMES

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Wondering what was revealed on Rally Day - those unseen messages Julie was writing when Daniel came in during our pre-Rally Day video?

Wonder no more! The cards given out on Rally Day at first appeared only to say things like “fear,” “darkness,” or “afraid,” but once participants went inside our new blackout tent and put their cards under the black light inside, the fullness of the message was revealed.

Sometimes, our uncertainty can leave us afraid, fearful, or in the dark... but the light of God’s love reveals that we are braver than we think, more powerful in love than we know, and called to respond to God’s world with brave hearts and fearless hope.

Please Note: The blackout tent will remain up this week if you care to write and unveil your own messages!

DOWN ON THE FARM...CONNORS FARM FOR FELLOWSHIP LAST SUNDAY!



OUR THANKS TO
CONNORS FARM
FOR WELCOMING
US TO COME PLAY!



Rev. Wayne Lavender to Preach and Share about Foundation 4 Orphans (F4O), on Sunday, October 13th

Wayne will be preaching and sharing the work of *F4O* during the service on the 13th, as well as during a special luncheon and forum that will take place in the Chapel beginning at 11:30 a.m. that morning. You are invited to *RSVP to Daniel* for the accompanying luncheon by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11th. You can learn more about this organization's mission from Wayne *HERE*.

View the compelling *Foundation 4 Orphans film, Our Lions of Mozambique. This is the story of the new Foundation 4 Orphans - Zoe Empowers Programme.*

The 2024 Holiday Fair's Silent Auction Needs Your Help!

The Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 16th this year. We would love to have your support for the Silent Auction and there are many ways in which you can donate; with your time, your talents, or financially. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact Doris-Ann at vosselerd@mersd.org.

At this time, we are asking for experience gifts. If you would like to make an experiential donation, here are some suggestions that would be of interest to bidders:

- Tickets or passes to cultural events, concerts, museums or theater.
- Tickets to professional sports games, such as the Patriots, Celtics, Bruins or Red Sox. Sports tickets are always the most popular items in the silent auction.
- A special skill that you would be willing to share and offer as a gift experience, like music or dance lessons
- A membership or subscription service, like Netflix, Blue Apron, Stitch Fix, or Audible.



- Gift certificates to local restaurants and stores. Support both our local businesses and the church by purchasing a gift certificate to donate!

Donations should be received **no later than Monday, November 11th**. Every cent raised from the silent auction supports the many ministries of this church and the larger community it serves. There are no expenses taken out of whatever money is raised so you are not only supporting a very worthy cause; you are also supporting a fundraiser with no administrative costs. If you have a donation, please contact Doris-Ann at vosselerd@mersd.org, or contact Pat at the church office at 978-922-3295 to let them know what you plan to donate. *Your donation will be very much appreciated.*

Looking at this week and beyond at FBC...

Together Again!

Zoom Coffee Hour
Thursdays @ 10am



[Link to Zoom on In!](#)

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

Join us in the Lounge or via Zoom!

[Link for Friday's Lectio](#)

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Come, Let Us Worship

FBC'S PODCAST

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

NEW EPISODE:

"My Heart Be Brave"

Scriptures: Isaiah 12:2-6; 2 Corinthians 5:6-7; & Hebrews 11:1-3

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

Sunday, September 29, 2024

It's getting to be **JOURNEY HOME**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2024, 6:00-9:00 PM @ TRUE NORTH ALES, PRINCETON, NJ

Get your tickets or become a sponsor today!

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FBC'S HOLIDAY FAIR
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 2024

ENTERTAINMENT + SHOPPING + FOOD

SAVE-THE-DATE!

“ Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him. — Genesis 6:22 ”

PENCIL IN FBC

October

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Friday

Parents' Night Out
 Hooray for the second PNO of the fall from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Come one, come all, whether it's to participate or volunteer!

October

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October

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Communion Sunday

Join us for Communion during Worship or over Livestream at 10 o'clock. Additionally, Word Searchers picks back up after worship this morning!

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October

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Wednesday

ECCO Housing Justice Group

Care about housing inequality in Beverly? Join us at 5:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

October

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Thursday

Save-The-Date for Harborlight Homes Annual *Journey Home* Event at True North

Harborlight Homes has their annual event this year on Thursday the 10th from 6-9p.m. Get the full scoop and buy your tickets [HERE](#) to support this amazing organization born from FBC Beverly!

October

13

Sunday

Foundation 4 Orphans Forum, Luncheon & Special Guest Preacher

Rev. Wayne Lavender will preach this Sunday then stay for a Forum and Luncheon immediately after Worship.

October

15

Tuesday

FBC's T3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Our men's group gathers this month for breakfast at Stephy's.

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