

The BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us In Worship At First Baptist Church in Beverly!

Sunday November 26, 2017

9:30 a.m.: Adult Education (childcare provided)

Adult Bible Study: We are studying Paul's letter to the Galatians. Led by **Beth Loughhead**. We meet in the Mary Kuell room.

Faith Journey Bible study: "What's so amazing about Grace?" Led by **Gloria Stoneham** and **Kent Harrop**. We meet in the staff conference room, main floor.

Mae Patten: Led by **Andrea Stackpole**, this class studies the Scripture and other books, and discusses how it applies to our lives. We meet in the lounge.



11:00 a.m.: Worship & Multiage Children's Class

Now More Than Ever: Generosity

Psalm 103: "In Between"

Julie Flowers, preaching

**11:30 a.m. – Middle School Fellowship meets for Holiday Parade
12:00 p.m. – Soup, Sandwiches, and the Holiday Parade!**

12:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Group

12:00 p.m. – Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. – Senior High Fellowship

This Week At FBC:

Friday, November 24

CHURCH CLOSED

Saturday, November 25

12:30 p.m. – Lunch Program

Sunday, November 26

9:30 a.m. – Adult Education

11:00 a.m. – Worship (**Julie Flowers**, preaching and multiage children's class)

11:30 a.m. – MS Fellowship meets for Holiday Parade

12:00 p.m. – Soups & Sandwiches

12:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group

12:00 p.m. – Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. – SH Fellowship

Monday, November 27

6:00 p.m. - Monday Night Supper

7:00 p.m. – Church Council (Forty-minute presentation by Dr. Stephen Young. All welcome!)

Tuesday, November 28

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting

12:30 p.m. - Lunch Program

3:30 p.m. – Spiritual Life Committee

7:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

7:30 a.m. - Lectio Divina (at the church)

6:15 p.m. – JoyRingers

7:15 p.m. – Harborlight Ringers

Thursday, November 30

6:00 p.m. – Celebration Choir

7:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 1

1:00 p.m. Book Club

5:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, December 2

12:30 p.m. - Lunch Program

1:00 p.m. - Women's Fellowship to Castle Hill

1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. – Beauty and the Beast



LAST CHANCE! Check in at FBC on Facebook for a service, church event, or just a stroll by the building and you'll be entered to win a delicious apple pie! (To check-in, click the status bar and a few options will pop up beneath, including "Check In." Click that and type "First Baptist Church in Beverly.")

"Wrapped in Love" Prayer Shawl Group

Sunday, November 26

12:00 p.m.



We will meet for the church's soup and sandwich gathering, and then head to the parade and/or conduct the prayer shawl group downstairs in the chapel. Anyone who knits, crochets, or sews—or would like to learn any of those skills—is very welcome!

MS Fellowship at Beverly's 70th Annual Holiday Parade

Sunday, November 26 11:30 a.m.

Middle School Fellowship will continue their joyous tradition of collecting canned goods for Beverly Bootstraps along the Holiday Parade route with our famous Mac and Cheese float. Meet at 11:30 a.m. to prepare the float and head over to the beginning of the route at Beverly High School.

Soup, Sandwiches, and Beverly's 70th Annual Holiday Parade!



Sunday, November 26 12:00 p.m.

Join us for soup and sandwiches at FBC before the Holiday Parade begins! We have a great spot along the 1.7-mile route, near City Hall, where performers strut their stuff. Remember to bring canned goods to hand to Middle School Fellowship when they pass with the FBC float. Donations go to Beverly Bootstraps.



Hanging of the Greens

NOTE: We DO need a count to order food AND to ensure we have the numbers to make the event happen - so PLEASE RSVP to **Julie Flowers at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org or calling the office at 978-922-3295!**

Women's Fellowship: Christmas at Castle Hill

Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m.



We will meet at the church and journey to Ipswich to tour this 1920's mansion event, "The Season of Carols." Each room in the mansion will be decorated for a beloved Christmas carol. This is an opportunity to get some great decorating ideas, shop in the Castle Hill gift shop and enjoy live music, cider, and the Harbor Sweets pop up café. If the weather is inviting, we can walk the grounds of Castle Hill as well. The cost is \$20/person (scholarships available), \$10 for Trustees of Reservations members, and anyone named Carol is free! Organizers say we should plan at least 90 minutes in the mansion. Contact **Beth Loughhead** at bloughhead@fbcbeverly.org if you plan to attend.

Friday, December 1 at 5 p.m.

Come help get our church home ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Dinner starts at 5 p.m. Then we'll spread around the church to decorate every nook and cranny - there are jobs for all ages! We'll end the evening in the sanctuary singing favorite Christmas carols and enjoying a few seasonal movie clips. Join us, and please feel free to invite all of your friends and neighbors!

in the family....

We celebrate two additions to the First Baptist Church family! **Greta Eleanor Gormley** was born on Tuesday, November 14 to **Jon and Emily (Flowers) Gormley**. Greta weighed 7 lb. 5 oz and she was 19 1/2 inches long. **Lucille Anne Carbo** was born Thursday, November 16 to **Matt and Emma (Barbin) Carbo**. Lucille weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Welcome to the world and the First Baptist Church family!



This Advent Season

On December 3, we welcome the season of Advent. Throughout the season, we will be focusing on the amazing story of Christmas, a story born thousands of years ago that is so joyful and beautiful it continues to capture our imaginations and inspire our faith. As we live in turbulent times, there is great comfort and joy to be found in the story. Each Sunday we will pay special attention to a particular piece or character of the story and allow it to speak to us because, now more than ever, we need the stable and the star, the promise that God chose to dwell with us here on earth, and that God's light shines and the darkness cannot overcome it.

A special feature of this year's Advent season will be the decoration of a Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. Each Sunday, you will be invited to create an ornament that matches the theme for that Sunday. For example, the

first Sunday of Advent the theme will be based on the stable itself, and there will be materials at church for you to create a stable and then place it on the tree at the back of the sanctuary. Or, you can choose to donate a stable ornament. In addition, there will be strips of paper available on which you can write a thought, a poem, or haiku about the day's theme. After they have been displayed, they will be made into a paper chain to decorate the tree.

So often when we hear the Christmas story, we focus on the innkeeper telling Mary and Joseph that there was no room in the inn. But there was room for the family...in the stable. And there God came to live with us. Stay tuned for more...many thanks to **Avis Thomas** for the beautiful Stable and Star!



Beauty and the Beast at FBC

Sat. Dec 2 at 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. & Sun. Dec 3 at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

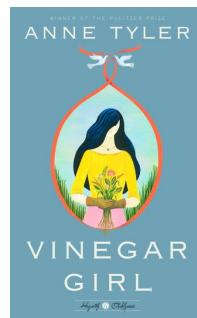
Come see the Neverland Theater's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast next month at FBC! Tickets are \$15 through neverlandtheatre.com, but members of FBC and the Harborlight Nursery School can purchase at a discounted rate of \$12 each at the door or at rehearsals Monday/Wednesday from 6:00-9:15 p.m. or Sunday, Nov. 26 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Children under 3 are free. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed as Beauty and the Beast characters!



Reception and Private Screening of *Bending the Arc*

December 6, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. reception, 7:00 pm. Film Screening

The FBC community is invited to join Build Health International and **Karen and Jim Ansara** at the Cabot Theater for a reception and viewing of this new documentary. *Bending the Arc* captures the story of Partners in Health, the Boston-based non-profit founded in 1987 "to bring the benefits of modern medical science to those most in need and to serve as an antidote to despair." *Bending the Arc* tells PIH's story from inception to the present day, using their work as a lens for a broader examination of the evolution of the field of global health. The evening will include a discussion of the how we can all make a difference in the lives of the world's poor. RSVP: abarker@buildhealthinternational.org



Book Group Tackles Lighter Reading

Friday, Dec. 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Join the Book Group for their December 1st meeting to discuss a hilarious book by Anne Tyler called *Vinegar Girl*. Since the group has recently read some longer nonfiction works that were challenging but rewarding, the members decided to tackle a shorter, more light-hearted book. The book is a contemporary update of Shakespeare's comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew*. Kate, the "vinegar girl" of the title, is a tart-tongued independent young woman whose father is trying to force her into an arranged marriage with his esteemed research assistant who's being threatened with deportation. The group will be meeting in the church lounge for discussion and laughter.



Three Months in Nicaragua: A Journey of the Heart with Tricia Harrop

Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Join **Tricia Harrop** for this All Church Forum in the chapel as she shares the story of her three-month mission trip to Nicaragua and the work of AMOS (a public health ministry). Tricia worked in an urban clinic and mentored a team of talented young Nicaraguans in grant writing and reporting and worked with the Development Team. Most of all, Tricia was inspired by the grace, heart and passion of the AMOS staff to bring healing and hope to the most vulnerable—newborns, children, and the elderly. Thank you to the FBC family for your support of Tricia and AMOS!

Holiday Fair Recap From Pam Constantine

Our Holiday Fair was a success! We did even better financially than last year, which was a really good year. We competed with a number of other fairs this time around, making our feat all the more impressive.

So many people contributed time and resources to this fair, and a hearty thank you goes to everyone, even to those who were only able to come and shop or encourage their friends to drop by. **Liz Crean** recruited and wrangled all the crafters in the gym, starting in August and working hard right through the end of the day. **Loyce Thomson's** silent auction was just stunning, with its elaborate baskets and wonderful Nutcracker and Bruins tickets, gift certificates, and handmade items. The debut of the **Armstrong Johnstone** Plant and Gratitude Tables was a hit and introduced the community to a new Thanksgiving tradition. **Julie Flowers** and the Senior High and Middle School fellowships provided our delicious breakfast and luncheons AND ran a great children's game room with crafts. We saw lots of happy children leaving the fair with the prizes they won. **Elly Flowers** and **Cindy Shupp** managed the gourmet Bake Table/Country Store as well as creating the apple pies earlier in the month. **Marty Lincoln** and her talented crew filled the narthex with lovely crafts that really showed off their remarkable talents—a yearlong task! **Bob and Gloria Stoneham** presided over the Raffle Table and made that experience a lot of fun for the folks who wanted those looonggg arm lengths of tickets. Santa was very popular and said he plans to tuck a little something extra into the stockings of **Glenn Peterson, Dick Stone and Luke Oliviera** for helping him make the day for so many families. And down in the light-festooned Grandpa's Attic, **John Thomson** and his crew spun hay into gold, selling off attic treasures and breaking the record for most money ever made selling the contributions from the church family. **Beth Loughhead**, as ministerial liaison to the fair, spent time answering odd emails, making interesting phone calls and performing tasks they never talk about in divinity school to support all of us coordinators—a big undertaking! And **Kent Harrop** fulfilled his assigned task of shmoozing the fair goers admirably, as well as luging carton after carton upstairs to **Buck Shupp's** truck to send the leftover items from Grandpa's Attic to Savers, where it was turned into \$127.22 to be donated to Family Promise.

On a personal note: I am grateful for all the hard work that so many people put into making our fair such a rousing success. Every year when I walk around, I am astounded by the care that people have taken in donating their time and resources to making the fair, not just a financial success, but a lovely presentation of who we are as a church family. We heard so many compliments about our fair—its overall feel, friendliness, and thoughtfulness about what would make for a good visiting experience. So thank you to everyone who did even one thing and those who did so many things—we are much more than the sum of our parts! My heart is so full, I would need 20 of the Armstrong Johnstone Gratitude Trees to express everything in it!





Merry Christmas

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00pm: Book Club 5:00pm: Hanging of the Greens	2 12:30pm: Lunch Program 1:00pm: Women's Fellowship to Castle Hill 1:00pm & 5:00pm: Beauty & the Beast
3 9:30am: Nicaragua All-Church Forum 11:00am: Worship 12:00pm: Soup Sale 12:00pm: Music Committee 3:00pm & 6:30pm: Beauty & the Beast 4:00pm: MS Fellowship 6:00pm: SH Fellowship	4 6:00pm: Monday Night Supper 7:30pm: Staff Admin	5 12:30pm: Lunch Program 7:00pm: Lay Visitation 8:00pm: Theology on Tap	6 7:30am: Lectio Divina 6:00pm: Reception & Viewing of Bending The Arc (The Cabot) 6:15pm: Joyringers 7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers	7 6:00pm: Celebration Choir 7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir	8 6:00-8:30pm: Parents' Night Out	9 12:30pm: Lunch Program 6:30pm: Advisor Christmas Party (Kelly & Todd Pheulpin's house)
Music Sunday 10 9:30am: Adult Education 11:00am: Worship 12:00pm: Children's Choir 2:30-5:00pm: Christmas Caroling 4:00pm: MS Fellowship 6:00pm: SH Fellowship	11 6:00pm: Monday Night Supper 7:00pm: Mission 7:30pm: Harborlight Nursery School	12 12:30pm: Lunch Program	13 7:30am: Lectio Divina 6:15pm: Joyringers 7:00pm: Newtown Prayer Vigil 7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers	14 6:00pm: Celebration Choir 7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir	15 6:00pm: Christmas Party at Rich & Diane's house	16 12:30pm: Lunch Program
Children's Sunday 17 9:30am: Jesus' b-day party 11:00am: Worship 12:00pm Children's Choir 4:00pm: MS Fellowship party 6:00pm: SH Fellowship party	18 6:00pm: Monday Night Supper 6:30pm: Church Home 8:00pm: Messiah Concert (First Parish)	19 12:30pm: Lunch Program	20 7:30am: Lectio Divina 6:15pm: Joyringers 7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers 7:30pm: Trustees	21 6:00pm: Celebration Choir 7:00pm: Longest Night Service 7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir	22	23 12:30pm: Lunch Program
Christmas Sunday 24 No Sunday School 11:00am: Worship 5:00pm: Worship (geared toward children) 11:00pm: Worship	25 Church Closed 6:00pm: Monday Night Supper 	26 Church Closed 12:30pm: Lunch Program	27	28	29	30 12:30pm: Lunch Program
31 No Sunday School 11:00am: Worship 3:00-7:00pm: First Night*	*First Night is part of Beverly Main Streets. We host and provide dinner.					