



Brewster Baptist Church 1824 ~ 2024

Celebrates **200** *Years*
Remembering our Past ~ Rejoicing in our Present ~ Reimagining our Future

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CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS: REMEMBERING OUR PAST, REJOICING IN OUR PRESENT, REIMAGING OUR FUTURE

Brewster Baptist Church was founded on December 23, 1824, and throughout 2024 we will be having special events, programs, and guests as we commemorate and celebrate 200 years of Christian life and witness on Cape Cod. At 200 years old, I believe BBC is the second oldest institution in town behind only First Parish. It's quite an achievement for a church or any organization to survive and thrive for 200 years. This is an event worth celebrating!

BBC has been around for roughly 10% of the history of the Christian movement that began almost 2,000 years ago in the middle east. What do you think the founders of BBC would say if they could see the size, scope, and impact that the little church they planted in a small town on the Cape is having today? Truly, I think they'd be amazed to see what God has done and how God has blessed the faithful, loving, generous service of the many generations that compose BBC's history. Perhaps the founders would also be happy to know there are still people at BBC today who are descended from or related to them!

In the beginning of *2 Peter 1:3-13*, writing about God's many blessings, the author tells the recipients, *"You know these things, and you are very strong in the truth, but I will always help you remember them. I think it is right for me to help you remember as long as I am in this body."* *2 Peter 1:12-13 (New Century Version)*

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I feel it's also my task to help us remember both God's blessings and promises as well as BBC's history and story of faith.

Throughout 2024 we'll be doing three things as a church:

Remembering Our Past, Rejoicing in Our Present, and Reimagining Our Future.

Sharon Kautz and Sarah LaFollette has designed a logo for us, and we will have a special Bicentennial Bulletin that we'll use throughout 2024.

It's important to remember and to tell the story of how God has blessed and worked through the people of BBC through many generations. We wouldn't be the church we are today without the faith and service of those who preceded us. We also have much to rejoice about in our present as we are

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The Church office will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Worship in January

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

January 7

"Remembering Our Past, Rejoicing in
our Present, Reimagining our Future"
2 Peter 1:1-13

January 14

"The Power of Prayer—A.C.T.S."
Colossians 4:2

January 21

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula

Series

**Ephesians: Celebrating the
Grace and Power of God in
a United Church**

January 28

"God's Purpose"
Ephesians 1:1-14

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blessed to be part of one of the healthiest and strongest churches not only in TABCOM, but in New England. Thirdly, remaining a vital congregation as we begin a new century requires reimagining our future. We have sought for many years to be a “both/and” church, one that reaches people of all generations, that offers traditional and contemporary worship, and we’re at a third turning point in being both in person and having a significant digital presence—being a hybrid church and seeking to connect with, disciple, and serve the several hundred people who now watch our worship services or the sermon online every week.

Throughout this Beacon you’ll read more about our Bicentennial plans. We hope you’ll put some of the dates on your calendars now so you can be part of the fun.

May God continue to bless our church and each of us as we celebrate 200 years as a local church and start building the foundation of the next century of service for those who follow us.

Grateful to be serving with you,
Pastor Doug Scalise

Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula will be the keynote speaker at the TABCOM Leadership Day on Saturday, January 20 at the Federated Church in Hudson, MA. He will then join us as our guest preacher on Sunday, January 21. We will have a special breakfast that Sunday morning hosted by our Student Ministry.



Leadership Day 2024

Saturday, January 20 ~ 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
at the Federated Church in Hudson, MA
Featuring Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula,
Executive Minister of ABC of Nebraska



Call the church office to register.

Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula is the Region Executive Minister of Nebraska. Greg is known for his strong leadership skills, creativity, and deep spiritual formation practices. He has participated in multiple ABCUSA initiatives including Transformed by the Spirit, Joining God in the Neighborhood, the Theologians Conference, and the Covid-19 Taskforce. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the American Baptist Homes of the Midwest. Greg earned his bachelor’s degree in Christian Ministries from Williams Baptist College in 2004, a Master of Divinity from the Truett Baptist Theological Seminary in 2007 and a Doctor of Ministry in Jewish Context of the New Testament from Northern Seminary in 2018. He is the author of *Table Life: An Invitation to Everyday Discipleship* published by Judson Press. He is co-editor and co-author of *Conflict Management and the Apostle Paul*, along with Dr. Scot McKnight. He regularly publishes articles in Word & Way and The Christian Citizen and is the host of the podcast Mission in 5. Greg is a tea snob, hoodie advocate, baseball aficionado, Omaha softball champion, and a lover of stories. He and his wife of 20 years, Lisa, parent their two teenage children in Bellevue, Nebraska, where they participate in the rhythms of life with an amazing community of neighbors.

FINANCE TEAM

BBC Finance News IRA/RMD/QCD Oh My!

We're entering the new year and in finishing Christmas rush it's also time to begin thinking about tax strategies. As always BBC welcomes cash donations to keep our budget funded. Did you know BBC also welcomes gifts of appreciated securities (stocks, bonds)?

And now, If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make charitable gifts directly to BBC from your IRA. This, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), can be a very attractive way to benefit both yourself and BBC. Please consider:

Any donations made directly from an IRA (up to \$100,000) can meet all or part of the IRA's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

The QCD is exempt from both State and Local taxes.

A QCD can lower your tax liability and may put you in a lower tax bracket.

You don't need to itemize deductions to make a contribution. The QCD simply reduces your taxable income.

You must request that your IRA plan's administrator make the transfer of funds to BBC. For more information on this subject please see Pastor Pranga and he will be happy to fill in all the details.

BICENTENNIAL TEAM

The Bicentennial Planning Team is made up of 9 members: Pastor Doug Scalise, Bill Harwood, Sharon Kautz, Nina Gregson, Sandra Tubman, Nancy Sveden, Nancy Wallroth, Audrey Smith and Roy Freeman. They have been meeting regularly throughout 2023 to plan an exciting Bicentennial year. We are going to have a new directory, movie nights, special events, and more.

Our theme for the bicentennial will be:

"Remembering our Past, Rejoicing in our Present, and Reimagining our Future."
Each month we will be highlighting people, ministries and events that represent this theme.

Here are some of the things to look forward to in the first half of the year, so save the date:

Bicentennial Kick-off Sunday ~ January 7
Annual Meeting ~ February 18
Lenten Retreat ~ March 1-3
Mission Trip to Camp Grotonwood ~ April 15-19
Brewster in Bloom Weekend ~ May 3-5
Bicentennial Celebration ~ June date to be determined
Called Out Quartet ~ July 14

There will be more details about these events and much more in the coming months. We hope you will all enjoy celebrating the 200 years of Brewster Baptist with us!

BBC Goes to the Movies

by Pastor Doug

As many of you know, I enjoy movies. My love for movies began as a child during the summer in Ocean Park, Maine, when I would go to two or three movies a week. At Colby College, one of my favorite classes was a course called "The History of the Sound Cinema" in which we watched films by great directors like John Ford, Frank

Capra, Howard Hawks, and many others. I thought it might be fun during BBC's Bicentennial to watch a movie every month (skipping the full summer months of July and August) with the movies either made in or about a twenty-year period beginning with the present day and working backward so the final movie would be set in the 20 years during which BBC was founded. For example, the final movie in December will be the 1984 version of "A Christmas Carol." While it is set in England rather than New England, it is from that period of the 19th century and its themes of love, generosity, grace and redemption are a wonderful way to conclude the series and prepare for Christmas. Most months our movie night will be the fourth Thursday of the month, with exceptions for March, November, and December because of Maundy Thursday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Our first movie night* will be on Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m., when we'll watch the Pixar movie *Up* which is appropriate for everyone including children. Before each movie I'll share briefly about the film, why it was chosen and some things to watch for, and then for those who wish to stay after, I'll lead a discussion about some of the themes raised in the movie.

Below is the full list of films with the title, year it was released, and the run time.

January 25, 2004-2023, ***Up*** released in 2009, 1:36

February 22, 1984-2003, ***Field of Dreams*** released in 1989, 1:47

March 21, 1964-1983, ***Selma set in 1965*** released in 2014, 2:08

April 25, 1944-1963, ***Finest Hours set in 1952*** released in 2016, 1:57

May 23, 1924-1943, ***Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*** released in 1939, 2:09

June 27, 1904-1924, ***Chariots of Fire*** released in 1981, 2:03

September 26, 1884-1903, ***Hello Dolly*** released in 1969, 2:26

October 24, 1864-1883, ***Little Women*** post Civil War, 2019 version, 2:15

November 21, 1844-1863, ***Glory*** released in 1989, 2:02

December 13, 1824-1843, ***A Christmas Carol*** 1984 version, 1:40

See you at the movies!

*Find out more about this first movie night on page 6.



JANUARY EVENTS

Mom 2 Mom resumes on Thursday morning, January 11, from 9:30—11:00 a.m. We will be doing a study of Jennie Cunnion's "Mom Set Free." New moms are always welcome. Childcare is available with registration.



White Elephant Yankee Swap

Saturday, January 13

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

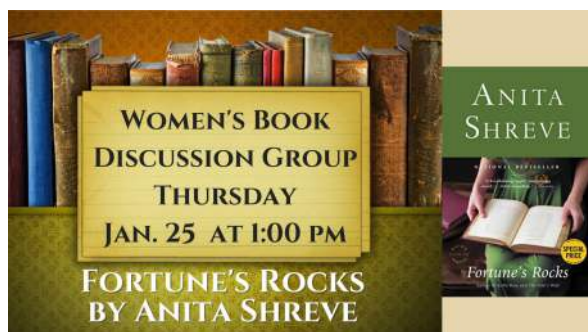
Please register online

Please bring a wrapped gift (nothing bought)
and a bread, salad, or dessert.
Lasagna will be provided.

On Saturday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall we will have a White Elephant Yankee Swap and a lasagna dinner. Please bring a gift you want to pass along - don't buy anything new, the funnier the better!

Bring a side salad, bread or dessert to share - we will provide the lasagna. This is a great night for all ages. We will eat and then play our game while enjoying some post-Christmas fun. Sign up on the church website to let us know you are coming!

The Christian Men's Lunch this month will be on January 25 at Noon in BBC's Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Tom McLaughlin. There will be sandwiches and salad. Please bring \$20 to cover the cost of the lunch.



The Women's Book Discussion Group will meet this month on January 25 at 1:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book "Fortune's Rocks" by Anita Shreve.

Our first Bicentennial Movie Night will be on Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. We will be showing the Pixar movie "Up" a fun movie for all ages! Children are invited to come in their pajamas and bring a favorite pillow and blanket. We will have pizza starting at 5:30 p.m. for anyone that would like to join us and snacks for during the movie. Please register online if you would like to come for pizza.



STUDENT MINISTRY

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Berea – Deep Freeze – January 26-28 **Cost - \$75**

Our student ministry winter retreat to **Deep Freeze** at Camp Berea in Hebron, NH will be taking place January 26-28 this year. We will meet at BBC at 12:30 pm on Friday in order to be on the road by 1:00 pm. We should arrive back around 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, but we will call parents as we come over the bridge. Students in Grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. Below are the two links to register, and you must fill them both out. Please be aware that Berea is now doing all their registration online as well. If you are bringing a friend, please send them both links:



This first link is for the BBC registration. It includes the option to pay the \$50 deposit or the full amount of \$75, or you can bring Sharon Kautz a check or cash at church:

<https://brewsterbaptistchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/379/responses/new>

This second link is the Berea registration. You can add all family members into one registration, but you will need to make sure that you say which session for each person. We will be attending under Brewster Baptist Church, Deep Freeze #3 January 26-28, and Sharon Kautz is who you should put as the main group leader. **<https://bera.campbrainregistration.com/>**

Fundraiser on January 21

We will be doing something a little different this year for our Berea Fundraiser. We will be having guest preacher Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula sharing in worship on Sunday, January 21 about Table Life ministry, so our students are going to offer a fancy breakfast for everyone to be able to spend some time after each service connecting with each other. There will be sign ups available to let us know how many to prepare for after each service. Thank you for your continued support of our students.

Student's Event Schedule for January:

First and Thirds on Fridays, January 5 and 19 from 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Sunday School on January 7 and 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Youth group on Sundays, January 7 and 14 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Breakfast Fundraiser, Sunday January 21 from 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Berea—January 26 – 28

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Joe Greemore, Pastor
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BBC Lenten Retreat

March 1-3, 2024 Bicentennial Year

Jesus said, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31b

Need a rest after a busy season in life?

Tired or stretched thin and needing space and a place to recover?

BBC Welcomes Rev. Brad Berglund



*Judson Press author, ABCUSA minister, spiritual director, and retreat leader for a **Bicentennial BBC Lenten retreat**, a time of rest, renewal, learning, growth, and sharing our joy.*

We have an exciting opportunity coming up, and we want you to be part! Out of a desire to offer a space for spiritual retreat, learning, growth, and engagement during our year-long Bicentennial Celebration, this Lenten retreat offers us all the opportunity to reflect together on our shared Lenten journey, engage in pilgrimage through learning and common Christian experience, and break bread together, celebrating the joy of our faith together at BBC. Lent begins on February 14, 2024. Just two weeks later, on March 1-3, BBC will host a Lenten weekend retreat during our activities will feature: "Life as Pilgrimage" "The Practice of Prayer" "The Taizé Community" "Praying in the Taizé Style" and more!

Here are the details about this weekend. Please mark your calendar.

Friday evening, March 1, Retreat Day 1, at BBC

5:30 p.m. Simple dinner, soup, salad, bread

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Opening session

Saturday, March 2, Retreat Day 2, at BBC

9:00 a.m. Morning session (with Taizé worship session)

12:00 p.m. Light Lunch provided

12:30 p.m. Afternoon session

Sunday, March 3, Morning Worship and Forum, at BBC

Brad participates in 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship services

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Retreat Forum in Fellowship Hall

Registration opens on Monday, January 22, 2024 through February 22, 2024.
Cost: \$10 per person will help cover meal and expenses. Ages 16 and under are free.

Walk-ins are welcome, and all are encouraged to attend!



Rev. Brad Berglund, spiritual director, retreat leader, Judson Press Author ("Reinventing Sunday" and "Reinventing Worship"), and founder of Illuminated Journeys and Threshold in Denver, CO, will be leading a retreat at our own Brewster Baptist Church. Brad has led and continues to lead trips around the world, including to such popular travel and pilgrimage destinations as France, Ireland, and Spain. He brings a lifetime of pilgrimage experience to bear in the retreats he leads. Joe and Shelby have been delighted to work with Brad who offers his skills and abilities as a gifted speaker, leader, and retreat facilitator.

Brad has a degree in theology (Eastern Theological Seminary) and music (classical guitar - Conservatory of Music, UMKC, and the Royal Conservatory, Madrid) and has completed the program for spiritual direction at the Shalem Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. Currently, he holds two positions: Director of Illuminated Journeys, an organization devoted to the spiritual deepening of individuals and groups through the practice of pilgrimage and retreat leadership, and Leader of the Threshold, a weekly contemplative experience in the style of the Taizé community. (Website: Illuminatedjourneys.org)

Brad has coordinated ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit celebrations and activities as well as the events for ICAP Global Conference in Green Lake, WI (with International Ministries Global Consultant Lauran Bethel) as a key member of the steering committee. Brad's wife, Rita, is a licensed psychotherapist; they reside in Colorado, and they often lead retreats and trips together.

Brad is interested in the interior journey we all take in the life of faith formation and the role of music to bind our hearts, minds, and stories together as we follow Jesus, as well as "thin places" where spirituality on earth comes close to God's kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER TEAM

The blessing shared at the Women's Christmas Communion Service:

Christ Has No Body

By Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body but yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 Compassion on the world.
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
 Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the
 world.
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
 Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
 Christ has no body now but yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 Compassion on this world.
 Christ has no body now on earth but yours.



January 2024 at Brewster Baptist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Caring Cupboard PL 6:30p Men's Bible St CH 7:30p AA FH	2 10a Staff Mtg CH 11a Caring Ministry CR 6:30p Potter SGL	3 10a Prayer Time S 6p Praise Team S 6p Cub Scout Pack 279 CH 7p Boy Scouts CH	4 9a Staff Retreat OS 10a Caring Cupboard PL 6:30p Women's AA CH 7p Mission Team CR	5 9a Bulletin Team CR 7p First and Thirds SMA	6
7 Bicentennial Year Kick-off 8:30/10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship C 10a Sunday School 6p Student Ministry SMA/ FH	8 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Staff Mtg CH 10a Caring Cupboard PL 6:30p Men's Bible St CH 7p Deacon Mtg Rm 101 7:30p AA FH	9 11a Caring Ministry CH 12p LOCAL Lunch 4p Sveden SG CR 6:30p Potter SGL	10 10a Prayer Time S 6p Praise Team S 6p Cub Scout Pack 279 CH 7p Boy Scouts CH	11 9:30a Mom 2 Mom SMA 10a Caring Cupboard PL 1p Needlers L 6:30p Women's AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ Care Grp OS	12 9a Bulletin Team CR	13 5p Family Night — White Elephant Yankee Swap and Dinner
14 8:30/10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship C 9a BP Clinic FH 10a Sunday School 6p Student Ministry SMA/ FH	15 Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Beacon Deadline 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Caring Cupboard PL 6:30p Men's Bible St CH 7:30p AA FH	16 10a Staff Mtg CH 11a Caring Ministry CH 4p Sveden SG CR 6:30p Potter SGL	17 10a Prayer Time S 6p Praise Team S 6p Cub Scout Pack 279 CH 7p Boy Scouts CH	18 9:30a Mom 2 Mom SMA 10a Caring Cupboard PL 10a Caring Nurses/LCOC choir room 11a Bicentennial Mtg CH 6:30p Women's AA CH	19 9a Bulletin Team CR 7p First and Thirds SMA	20 TABCOM Leadership Day
21 8:30/10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship C 10a Sunday School Breakfast — Rev. Mamula 6p Student Ministry SMA/ FH	22 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Staff Mtg CH 10a Caring Cupboard PL 6:30p Men's Bible St CH 7:30p AA FH	23 9:30a Women's Bible St CH 11a Caring Ministry CH 4p Sveden SG CR 6:30p Potter SGL CH/CR	24 9a Bayberry Quilters FH 10a Prayer Time S 6p Praise Team S 6p Cub Scout Pack 279 CH 7p Boy Scouts CH	25 9:30a Mom 2 Mom SMA 10a Caring Cupboard PL 12p Christian Men's Lunch FH 1p Needlers L 1p Women's Book Club CH 6p Movie Night "Up" 6:30p Women's AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ Care Grp OS	26 Berea 9a Bulletin Team CR	27 Berea
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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

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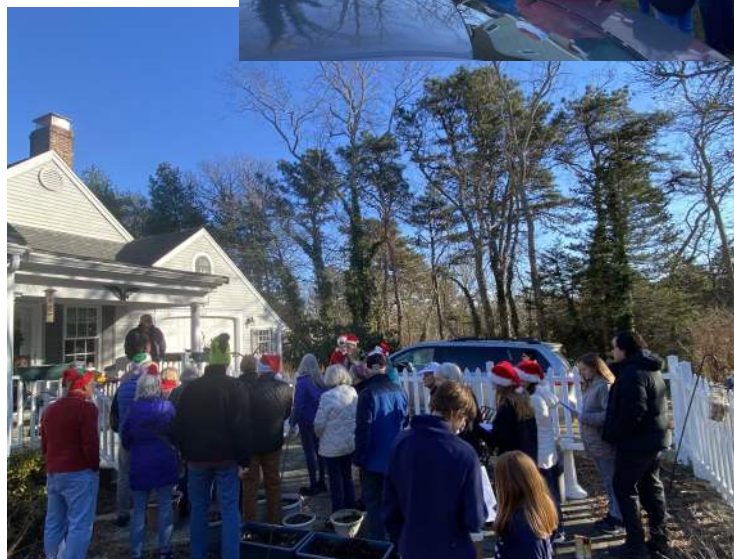
Birthdays

- 1 George Haller
Kerry Moore
- 4 Pam Praetsch
Sherley-Ann Belleus
Peter Swenson
- 5 Ann Wolf
Kellie Byrne
- 7 Bob Bartolucci
- 8 Poala Diaz-Collazos
- 9 Van Latham
Barbara Grandel
- 10 Audrey Smith
- 11 Janet Mitchell
Art Sparrow
Sebastian Diaz-Collazos
- 12 Paul Mullin
Art Radtke
- 13 Debra Johnson
Carrie Roberts
Margaret Falbo
- 14 Anne Longton
Giovanni Colon
Emily Kissa
- 15 Carla Jones
Terrie Borden
Larry Seberg
Jannette Caley – **103**
- 18 Patty Bartolucci
- 21 Eric Meads
- 24 Joe Keeler
Veronique Daley
- 25 Skylar Swaida
Jonathan Bull
Donald Wallroth
- 26 Tim Baker
Priscilla Carter
Jonathan Songer
- 27 Kristi Tyldesley
- 28 Arlene Richardson
Ted Fuller
Nancy Aleska
- 29 Mary Louise Cram
Elaine Griggs-Barroso
Sophia Ryan
- 30 Morie Burke
Joanne Johnson
Jill Caudill



I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the BBC Carolers singing to me from outside my home on December 16. After being housebound for 8 months and missing everyone at church, this was such a wonderful gift for which I am truly grateful.

God bless you, every one -
Linda Viprino



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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January 25: Bicentennial Movie Night—Pixar's "Up"

January 26-28: Student Ministry to Berea