



**Brewster Baptist Church**

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

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## **Celebrating 200 Years of Faith, Community, and Service: A Milestone for Our Church**

This year marks a remarkable milestone in the life of our church—a milestone that speaks to the endurance of faith, the strength of community, and the transformative power of service. As we plan to gather on Monday, December 23, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Brewster Baptist Church, we pause to reflect on how far we've come, to honor those who have gone before us, and to look forward to the future with renewed hope and purpose as we begin a third century of ministry.

Founded on December 23, 1824, our church began as a small group of faithful individuals seeking to worship, grow in their faith, support one another, and share the good news of God's love in Jesus. The world then was vastly different from the one we know today, but the core mission of our church has remained steadfast: to love God and love others and to make disciples. Over two centuries, what began as a small, humble gathering of believers has grown significantly, and evolved, adapting to the needs of the times, while remaining firmly rooted in the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.

As we look back over the last two hundred years, we recognize the countless individuals who have made this journey possible. From the founding members who gathered under humble circumstances to the generations of clergy and lay leaders

who have faithfully served and guided us, our history is rich with stories of commitment, sacrifice, and love that we've been sharing throughout the year, thanks to the wonderful weekly bulletin inserts prepared by Sharon Kautz.

One of the greatest legacies of our church is the sense of community that's been cultivated here. Whether through Sunday worship, Bible studies, small groups, outreach ministries, or fellowship gatherings, our church has served as a sanctuary—a place where people can find comfort in times of need, celebrate in times of joy, and be challenged to grow in their faith. Our commitment to service has reached beyond the walls of the church, as we've worked together to support local initiatives, global missions, and our neighbors who need assistance with the essentials of life.

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we're reminded that the work of the church is never finished. The world continues to change, but, our calling to serve remains as urgent and important as ever. We're tasked with ensuring that Brewster Baptist Church remains a place where people can encounter the love of Christ, where future generations can grow in faith, and where we continue to be a beacon of light in a world that desperately needs it. Looking forward, we're inspired by the many ways BBC is making an impact locally, nationally, and globally. We're



**Save the Date**

**2024**

**Bicentennial  
Celebration**

**December 23**

**5:30 p.m.**

Service begins at 6:30 p.m.

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# The Church Office will be closed December 25—January 1, 2025 for the Christmas Holiday

## Worship in

### December

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

## Advent Series: Listening to Prophetic Voices

### December 1

"The Days are Surely Coming"

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

### December 8

"The LORD GOD Is  
My Strength and My Might"

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

**December 10 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Women's Christmas Communion**  
"Light Has Come"

### December 15

"The Tender Mercy of Our God"

*Luke 1:67-79*

Pastor Nate Ryan, preaching

### December 22

"The Blessing of Believing"

*Luke 1:46-55*

**December 23 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Bicentennial Celebration**

"Immeasurably More"

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

**December 24 at 4:00, 6:00  
and 11:00 p.m.**

### Christmas Eve

"A Humble Beginning,  
a Glorious Savior"

*Luke 2:1-20*

**December 29 at 10:00 a.m. only**

"Charles Dickens:  
Champion of the Poor"

*Proverbs 14:31*

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# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you very much for your financial contributions in 2024. In August, Brewster Baptist Church welcomed a new pastor to our staff, Pastor Nate Ryan. This is on top of an ambitious budget that was set for 2024. Now, we are in the final few weeks of our budget year. We are very thankful for our first-time givers, as well as our regular tithers and givers, too.

The following numbers represent the income and expenses through November 21, 2024. Currently, our stewardship budget is \$1,300,000. BBC has taken in \$1,253,181 which represents 96.4% of the stewardship budget. Our expenses are only at \$1,211,760 which represents 93.2% of the budget. Our retain earnings are currently \$41,421 for 2024.

Missions have always been a priority at BBC represented in both our annual budget and through our designated and special offerings. In addition, BBC raised \$50,000 through our Holiday Fair. All \$50,000 will be given away to three charities on Cape Cod. The World Mission Offering received over \$24,000. The goal was only \$10,000. BBC also received a gift of \$10,000 towards Sofia Baptist Church. In addition, our Deacon Assistance Fund has received over \$66,000 this year. This money goes to financially assist people who are struggling and going through tough times. The Deacon Assistance Fund helps them with paying their rent, utilities, car payments, medical expenses, and food. Overall, BBC received over \$125,000 in designated and special offerings, along with \$50,000 from the Holiday Fair. Praise God!

In 2024, there have been several capital projects that have been completed in both the church and parsonage. BBC has spent over \$133,000 in total for all the projects. In the past month, BBC had to replace the projector in the sanctuary. The cost of the new projector was \$21,652. We did receive a \$10,000 gift towards this projector. BBC received a \$25,000 gift from The Eddy Foundation to cover some of the capital expenses in 2024. Other capital projects have included new security cameras, accessible doors, a renovation of the kitchen, a piano project, and upgrades to the sound systems in Fellowship Hall and the Chapel. There was also additional work completed in the parsonage, including installing a new boiler, and hot water heater, and replacing a water line.

Overall, BBC is doing very well financially, thanks to the incredible financial support we've received. As the year comes to a close, please consider giving an additional donation to help us close the year well financially. If you'd like to learn more about donating online or donating stock, please contact Pastor David Pranga or Treasurer, David Wilcock.

## Required Minimum Distributions

As the end of the year approaches, it is a good time to consider smart tax strategies.

For those who are 70 ½ years old and older, you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA each year.

To minimize your tax implications, and to directly benefit Brewster Baptist Church, you can request a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your plan's administrator. Any amount distributed to BBC from the IRA as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (up to \$105,000) will not be taxed as ordinary income.

If you have not already taken your RMD for 2024, please consider this easy and effective way of lowering your taxes and helping to fulfill the mission of Brewster Baptist Church. Please see David Hill or Pastor David Pranga for more information.





building on the foundation laid by those who came before us. We're embracing new technologies to reach people near and far, ensuring that the message of faith, hope, and love that has sustained us for two centuries continues to resonate with those who need it most.

We hope everyone will join us for a wonderful evening of celebration on December 23. We'll have some appetizers and desserts available starting at 5:30 p.m., with the worship service beginning at 6:30 p.m. featuring a host of music including, not only our staff, choir, and worship team, but several special guests. As we celebrate our 200th anniversary, we're filled with gratitude for the past, excitement for the future, and a deep sense of responsibility to continue the work that began here so many years ago. Here's to the next 100 years of faith, community, and service—a legacy that will continue to shine brightly for generations to come. May all who come behind us find us faithful.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Doug Scalise

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## Help Beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas and for the Bicentennial Celebration!

Once again, we will offer an opportunity to decorate our Sanctuary and lobby to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

This year, as we also celebrate our 200th Anniversary, we are rejoicing in the beauty of the season with our tree surrounded in the church lobby with live plants, as always; but we are reimagining the Sanctuary with all new decorations! We would welcome your donation to support our efforts, and you are invited to make this donation honoring or remembering your loved one. We provide this information in the bulletin when we recognize your donation.

There will be a table in the lobby after each service on Sunday, December 1, and December 8, to receive your contribution and take your commemoration info. If your preference is to contribute online, visit the registration page on our website, or event page on our app.

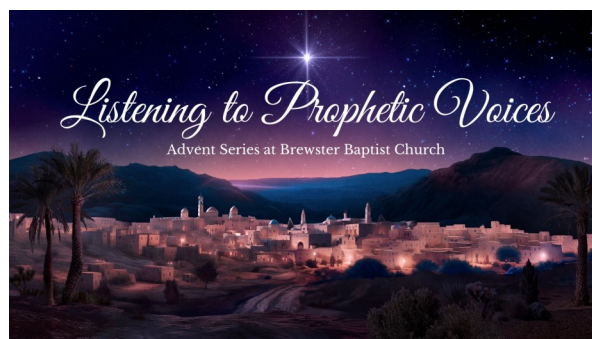
Thank you for helping to celebrate Jesus' birth, our 200th anniversary, and beautify the Sanctuary and lobby for this special season!




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## Advent Series: Listening to Prophetic Voices

Advent describes the days and weeks of preparing our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus, as well as the hope that Christ will one day return. Our theme for the four Sundays in Advent is: Listening to Prophetic Voices. We're going to hear from two of the great Hebrew prophets, Jeremiah and Isaiah, and from three people in the Gospel of Luke: Zechariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. All of them speak challenging prophetic words that we need to hear and respond to with faith and trust. Listening to the prophets requires an openness to the voice and judgment of God, which seeks to guide us to obedience, holiness, and the blessed life that God desires for us.



## Brewster Band

The Brewster Band, with John E. New conducting, is having their ever-popular annual Holiday Concert on Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. at BBC.

This performance is in conjunction with the "Brewster for the Holidays" weekend celebration. Admission is free and free-will donations are accepted to benefit a local charity, the Nauset Youth Alliance. The program will include: Candlelight Carol, A Mariah Carey Christmas, Cantique de Noel, The Saints' Hallelujah, and Home for the Holidays, among other traditional favorites. Topping it off will be our ever popular Christmas Pop Sing Along.



## Women's Christmas Communion Service



All women are welcome to join us for the Women's Christmas Communion Service on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service is an opportunity for women to come together for a time of reflection, songs and sharing.

This year's theme "Light Has Come" will focus on the Advent Candles of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. There will be a fellowship time afterwards. This is a great service to invite a friend to join you!

### Transportation to Women's Christmas Communion Service

If you are in need of a ride, or if you are able to offer a ride to the Women's Christmas Communion Service, please contact Lisa Freeman. You may email [Lfree125@comcast.net](mailto:Lfree125@comcast.net), call (508) 896-3299 or text (508)246-2823.



## Bicentennial Movie Night

For our final Bicentennial Movie Night, representing 1824-1834, we will be showing "A Christmas Carol."

Please note the different day and time this month: Friday, December 13, at 5:30 p.m.



## Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.

We will meet at BBC at 10:00 a.m., and we plan to visit 5-6 houses singing carols.

If anyone would like to join us in singing, please contact Deb Quinones at [dsmittyQ2@gmail.com](mailto:dsmittyQ2@gmail.com).

Music will be provided.



Christmas Caroling  
Meet at  
Brewster Baptist  
Church

Saturday, December 14  
at 10:00 a.m.



BREWSTER BAPTIST CHURCH  
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
 DECEMBER 24 AT 4:00, 6:00 & 11:00 P.M.  
**YEAR END SERVICE**  
 DECEMBER 29 AT 10:00 A.M. ONLY

Join us Christmas Eve for a contemporary service at 4:00 p.m., traditional service at 6:00 p.m. and communion service in the Chapel at 11:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

The offering at all our Christmas Eve services will be received for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. This offering is used to send "Thank you" checks to ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who dedicated their lives to serve in Christian ministry.



### BBC Hosts Christmas Dinner

Come and join members of your church family for a FREE Christmas dinner on Christmas Day.

Appetizers and cheese and crackers will be served at noon, followed by a dinner of ham, green beans, and roasted potatoes. Everyone is welcome!

To sign up, go to the registration page on our website or event page on our church app.

## Thanksgiving Appreciation Luncheon

I'd like to offer a sincere "thank you" to all who made the Businessperson's Thanksgiving Appreciation Luncheon so successful. I extend my thanks to those who organized, cooked, provided pies, served, set up, and cleaned up. The food was wonderful—but the comments heard most often from our guests was about how warm and hospitable the people at BBC are.

I thank you all for a successful 19th annual Businessperson's Thanksgiving Appreciation Luncheon and look forward to next year. Special kudos to Earl Caudill, who came up with this concept 20 years ago.

With thanks,  
 Bill Harwood

Dear Pastor Scalise; Pastors Pranga, Greemore, and Ryan;; and the entire parish of Brewster Baptist Church,

Thank you for the lovely Thanksgiving dinner enjoyed by our lucky Brewster Council On Aging staff recently. We admired all of your lovely decorations and the table décor, the delicious food, and the chance to socialize with other community "helpers," and the generosity and kindness of those who had to do the cooking, serving, and clean up. It is a massive undertaking, and we are so appreciative of everyone's efforts! Know that the COA feels lucky to be a part of a community that includes outstanding people like all of you. We wish you the very best!

With gratitude,  
 Annie Rapaport, Program Coordinator  
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# PRAYER TEAM

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## Praying With Power By Martha Dunford

I would like to share an experience I recently had with prayer. Ramzy Asfour gave me a workbook entitled, *"Pray With Power: Forty Days to Transform Your Prayer Life."* I accepted this exciting journey in prayer, and God blessed me with His wisdom, power, and guidance. Each morning, I would wake up ready to see what God had in store, and yes, the forty days were a joy! I learned that when I pray God's word, I pray God's will.

The workbook offered Bible verses each day, based on attributes of God, promises of God, or God's commands. After reading and reflecting on the scriptures, I stopped to think about their deep meaning. Next, I wrote out the scripture in my own words. This made the verses come alive and become very personal. Then I thought about how the scriptures applied in my life. God was speaking to me, and preparing my heart to pray. Heart focused and ready, I prayed. How exciting it was to access the throne room of God with joy, knowing He cares for me, as I prayed about personal situations and other things on my heart!

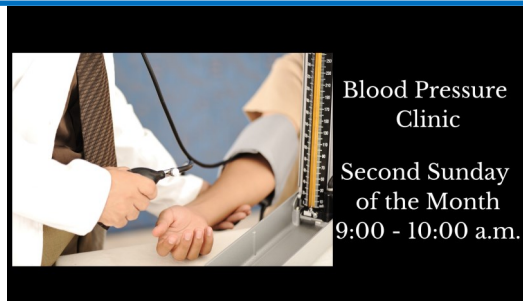
How has this experience deepened my relationship with the LORD? It has deepened my faith and my trust in God. I feel as though my life is being built on the firm foundation of the Bible. My moments talking with God are so precious that I do not want to miss a second being with Him. I've discovered the miracle of prayer is the change God makes in me during our intimate conversations.

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## Blood Pressure Clinic Sunday December 8, 2024

The Caring Nurses will be holding an in person blood pressure clinic on Sunday, December 8, from 9:00 to 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your home blood pressure kit to compare with our calibrated Blood Pressure machines.



Blood Pressure  
Clinic

Second Sunday  
of the Month  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

## Brewster Ladies' Library Offers Ongoing Holiday Grief Support Groups

The Brewster Ladies' Library presents **Together You and I Are Not Alone: Loss of Spouse Grief Support During the Winter Holidays**. On Tuesday, December 3, and Tuesday, December 17, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. join Maureen Keane-Bottino in a gathering for people living with the death of a spouse. In shared grief experiences, we can create a community of support. Call Brewster Ladies' Library for more information (508) 896-3913 or email [Bll@brewsterladieslibrary.org](mailto:Bll@brewsterladieslibrary.org)

# CONNECTING MINISTRY

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On September 25, we held a New Member Class with twelve people in attendance, in addition to Pastors Doug and David and Connecting Core Ministry committee members. Pastor Doug explained the basic principles of our faith and what it means to be a member of an American Baptist Church. Discussion was held, and questions and answers followed.

On November 24, during our worship services, we were delighted to welcome 13 new members into our Brewster Baptist Church family. These new members are Emma Byrne, Dorlores Dorso, Jacquie Songer, Suzanne Schintzius, Charlie Kautz, Hunter Marshall, Hannah Pranga, Jennie Ryan, Nate Ryan, Paula and Bill Wiseman, Cynthia Hastings-Boffoli, and J.D. Fougere. Please look for the display in the lobby with their pictures and information.

I encourage everyone to reach out and connect with all our new members, welcoming them to our BBC family.

Cynthia Hahn Caldwell, Connecting Core Ministry Leader



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## A Message from Pastor Nate

As we look forward to 2025 and a new century of faithful ministry here at Brewster Baptist Church, the pastoral staff feels it's imperative that we prioritize the spiritual formation of our congregation in the year ahead. We are called to not only believe in Jesus, but actually follow Jesus – conforming our hearts, minds, and desires to His in everything we do.

I am very excited to announce some new opportunities our church is launching to help aid in this process. These programs are designed for people across the spectrum of spiritual maturity, from those who have not yet given their lives to Christ but find themselves asking important questions about faith, to those who've been attending church for years and are just looking for new ways to dig deeper. Hopefully there's an opportunity for you.

## Alpha Class

The first opportunity is Alpha, a ten-week course designed for those who like asking questions. Perhaps you are new to the church and are struggling to understand the concepts and vocabulary the Bible teaches us about. Maybe you are a seeker, one who doesn't quite know yet what they think about Jesus, but are intrigued by His message of love and acceptance in a world that lacks it. Maybe you struggle with doubt; you believe in Jesus but are not quite sure

## Join a conversation...

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs.

Beginning in  
January 2025  
Register Today!

- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts and hear from others





how the hope of God fits together with the pain and suffering we see all around us in the world. If any of this resonates with you, then this Alpha ten-week course might be a good fit for you.

Alpha began in 1977 out of Holy Trinity Church in London, England, and since 1990, has been faithfully led by pastor Nicky Gumbel and his wife, Pippa. Each week, following a meal, Alpha participants gather to watch a video around one of the core tenants of the Christian faith: God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Bible, Good vs. Evil, etc. Then, periodically throughout the video, special time is allotted for round-table discussions to engage with these topics ourselves. Hopefully, by the end of the ten weeks, you will have found a new, robust understanding of the Christian faith and the part you have to play in faithfully following Jesus becomes visible. You can register for Alpha online through our church website or on the church app. Please be on the lookout for dates and times when these become available!

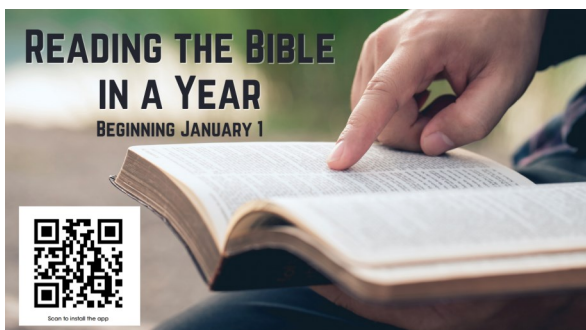
## Spiritual Gifts Class

The second discipleship opportunity is a Spiritual Gifts Class, intended for those who are faithfully committed Christians who are looking for new ways to practically use their faith in action in service to the local church and the world. In *Romans 12:6*, the Apostle Paul states that we, as the body of Christ "have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." These many gifts include: prophecy, faith, service, teaching, encouragement, generosity, leadership, mercy, and others, and they are all given by the same Holy Spirit, who is God's presence dwelling in us. As we seek to become more like Jesus and proclaim the good news of His reign on earth, we use our gifts to equip those in need, so the church can be built up and the new humanity founded in love God has designed might be made evident to all. If you do not know what spiritual gifts you possess or would like assistance in helping equip others to use their gifts for the edification of the church, please consider coming to our Spiritual Gifts Class led by Pastor David this January. This class will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. starting on January 9, 2025.



## Reading the Bible in a Year

The final discipleship opportunity is setting the goal of reading through the entire Bible in one year, something that all of our membership at BBC can do. In the digital age we live in, reading the Bible has never been more accessible over the course of human history than it is now. Despite this accessibility, the disturbing reality is that biblical literacy in the United States continues to decline, and this decline in biblical literacy is present even in our churches. With the abundance of printed copies, e-books, podcasts, websites, and apps that make God's Word a simple fingertip away, less and less people are experiencing the transforming power of His redemptive story for His people. In addition to the Alpha class, the leader of Alpha, Pastor Nicky Gumbel, has created a devotional app with daily 20-minute Scripture readings that, once completed, take you through the entire Bible in a year. Each day, Pastor Gumbel takes you through a reading from the Wisdom literature (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes), the Old Testament, and the New Testament, with helpful reflections and prayer exercises to do in between. We think this is a great opportunity for any members in our congregation who possess a smartphone to make a daily reading of Scripture part of your routine. You can find the Alpha Bible app right on the app store!



# STUDENT MINISTRY

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## November Recap

It has been an absolute joy getting to see all of BBC's students in action, learning more about Jesus, serving our greater Brewster community, and having tons of fun this fall. November was an especially busy month. In addition to our normal Sunday morning and Sunday evening programming, on November 1, we brought a group of our students to Ryan Family Amusements for a fun night of bowling and karaoke. In addition, many of our students volunteered in various capacities for the Holiday Fair, which raised over \$50,000 for local charities across Cape Cod.



We also had 11 students participate in a leaf raking service project for elderly members of our church community who were physically unable to take care of their yards this fall. Our students worked hard, but never failed to have a smile on their faces. Their willingness to serve and "do good" imitates the life and teachings of Jesus. It was a super cool opportunity to see their "mustard seed faith" sprout and have an abundant impact. A HUGE Thank You to Joe Linnell of JCL Landscaping for going to each house to pick up the leaves.



We also had the pleasure of welcoming four of our students to active church membership on November 24. After professing their faith and going through the waters of baptism in Cape Cod Bay on September 8, Hunter Marshall, Charlie Kautz, J.D. Fougere, and Hannah Pranga have decided to call Brewster Baptist Church their church home. We look forward to helping encourage them to identify and use their spiritual gifts for the edification of the body of Christ and the rest of the membership of BBC.



## Looking Ahead to 2025

As we look forward to 2025, perhaps the biggest student ministry event we organize throughout the year is on the horizon. On January 31, we will be taking our students for a weekend retreat at Camp Berea in Hebron, NH. In addition to group games, a snow-tubing hill, and many other fun winter activities, Berea is a time when our students will hear the Gospel message presented and have an opportunity to respond to the invitation of Jesus to give their lives to Him. Many of our students, over the past twenty years, have made decisions to follow Jesus or recommit their faith while at Camp Berea, Pastor Nate included. Nate came to know Jesus as His Lord and Savior through a transformative weekend at Berea in 2008, and he is overjoyed with the opportunity to continue this BBC tradition by bringing our students there now.



At BBC, the vast majority of the Student Ministry budget is earmarked to help offset the cost expectations put on parents to make this weekend a possibility for our students. Camp Berea's cost for a winter weekend is \$265 per student, and at BBC, we have only been asking parents to contribute \$75 per student. With that said, we recognize the increasing financial challenges facing many individuals and families in 2024, especially given that many of our families have two, three, or even four students currently enrolled in our program. Over the years, as the number of students in our youth group continues to increase, BBC's Student Ministry budget is strained to maintain the commitment to help offset the costs of attending Camp Berea.

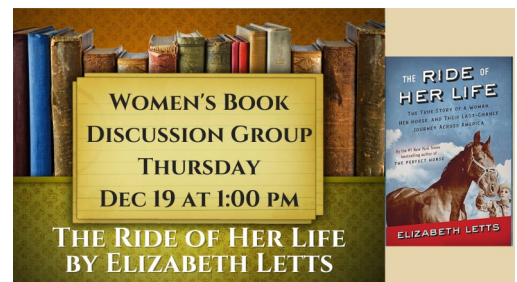
To help with this funding need, we will have a few fundraising opportunities in the first quarter of 2025, which we would like to ask the members of our congregation to prayerfully consider participating in. These include organizing a student-led church breakfast between worship services on Sunday, January 5, and holding a Student Ministry Italian dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 22. In addition to these, many of our students will be providing volunteer childcare at BBC's "Parents' Morning Out" on Saturday, December 7. If you feel led to help support our ministry and get our kids to camp, we encourage you to donate by delivering a check to our church office, with "Student Ministry – Snow Camp" written in the memo line.



Join us on Saturday, December 7, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. for a Parents' Morning Out! Parents, enjoy a few hours to wrap presents, shop locally, or go out for brunch while your kids have fun at BBC! Drop them off at 9:30 a.m. and pick them up at 11:30 a.m. – they will enjoy snacks, games, and crafts, while you get a little extra time to prepare for Christmas. Please register ahead on the BBC website or on the church app. This is a fundraiser for BBC Student Ministry – donations will be accepted.

The Women's Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, December 19, at 1:00 p.m. This month, we will be discussing "The Ride of Her Life" by Elizabeth Letts.

All women are welcome to join at any time.







2024 Brewster Baptist Church  
**HOLIDAY FAIR**  
*Sharing God's Love in Practical Ways*

**Celebrating 20 Years of Sharing God's Love**

**\$50,000 to be Donated to Lower Cape Outreach Council,  
 Faith Family Kitchen, and Dream Day on Cape Cod**

**This year marked a special milestone for Brewster Baptist Church** as we celebrated our 20th Annual Holiday Fair! The in-person Holiday Fair was held on Saturday, November 2, and visitors from all over the Cape poured through our doors, looking for bargains and finding fellowship. Shoppers left with arms overflowing with gifts and goodies, and spirits touched by the good works of Brewster Baptist Church.

Our theme again this year was "*Sharing God's Love in Practical Ways*," and the Fruit of the Spirit was everywhere. It was in the serving, the baking, the knitting, the crafting, the flower arranging, the jam and the spread making, the cleaning and sorting of attic treasures and jewelry, the parking, the money counting, the Bistro dining, the break room fellowshiping, and the setting up and cleaning up at the end.

**The Holiday Fair is BBC's primary fundraiser in support of our Cape Cod community** and is made up of two events: the Online Silent Auction and the in-person Fair.

All totaled, **we raised \$50,000** that will be given to our three beneficiaries this year: Lower Cape Outreach Council, Faith Family Kitchen, and Dream Day on Cape Cod. Since our first Fair 20 years ago, **BBC has donated \$625,000 to 25 local Cape charities**, helping those whoneed it most.





**We are grateful for all of you who worked so hard to make the 2024 Holiday Fair and Online Silent Auction a HUGE success, especially the following groups:**

**Leadership and Project Management** Steering Committee members Paula David (Lead), Amanda Carter, Jean Holm, Barry Hutchinson, Bob Lindquist, Chuck MacMillin, Pam Praetch, and Jill Scalise oversaw the planning and operations of the two events.

**Shoppe Leaders** Gail Chapman, Marsha Corwin, Tracey Deegan, Gini Donnelly, Kathleen Fogg, Sally Graham, Joanne Johnson, Diane Jones, Arlene LaVelle, Pat Lindquist, Karen Moore, Kerry Moore, Christy Pranga, Nancy Sveden, and Deb Quinones recruited their teams and makers and directed the sorting, pricing, displaying and selling of goods. Bakers, cooks, knitters, chefs, crafters, and floral designers made the goods to sell, while generous donations overflowed the tables in Attic Treasures and Jewelry. Pam Praetch led our volunteer recruitment effort and coordinated with the shoppe leads.

**The Bistro and Break Room Leaders** Barbara Losordo and Rebecca Smith and their team of cooks and waitstaff created a welcoming place for friends to gather. Special thanks to Rebecca Segura from Chatham Cookware Café for providing the soup and sandwiches at cost. Melanie Stone created a joy-filled respite for Fair workers and Dave Hill and Tom Moore warmed our souls with homemade soups.

**Welcome Team and Floaters, Parking, First Aid, Holding, and Security** Jill Scalise ensured the shoppes had enough workers, resolved issues, and organized the team of greeters. Wayne Johnston and his team parked a record number of cars, and Lisa Freeman and her team of nurses were ready to provide aid. Marcia Nugent and her team provided security. Nate Ryan and the Student Ministry cheerfully staffed the Holding Table and carried visitors' packages to their cars.

**Marketing and Communications** Paula David directed the marketing of both events and produced the ads, publicity, signage, Buzz and Beacon articles, and bulletin and pulpit announcements. Aubrey Keegan posted on Facebook and Instagram and Michael Kemp created the Holiday Fair website.

**Cash Management and Credit Cards** David Wilcock and Linda Hutchinson led the team of cash counters and worked with Pastor David Pranga on financial reporting.

**Set Up and Take Down Team** Tom Swaida, Chuck Hilton, Nathan Carr, and Jason Lussier, and their many volunteers, set up the Fair and then took it all down in record time, while cheerfully helping throughout the week. Russell Bassett removed the small number of leftover items from Attic Treasures and brought them to the Salvation Army. Barry Hutchinson designed the space plan, coordinated with vendors, and built display shelves and racks for the shoppes.

**Online Silent Auction** Chuck MacMillin and Bob Lindquist and their team solicited donations of 151 items from local businesses and church members. Jean Holm managed the online auction site, photographed the auction items and communicated with bidders. Tom Yocom and Amanda Carter helped upload the items to the website.

*Serving Together for His Glory,*  
**The Holiday Fair Steering Committee**

# December 2024 at Brewster Baptist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Advent week 1</b> 8:30/10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship C 10a Sunday School 6p Student Ministry SMA/101	<b>2</b> 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 11a Staff Mtg CH 6:30p Men's Bible St CH 7:30p AA FH	<b>3</b> Town Elections 9:30a Women's Bib St CR 11a Caring Ministry CH 4p Sveden SG CR 6:30p Women's Bib St CR	<b>4</b> 9a Bicentennial Comm Mtg CR 10a Prayer Time S 5:30p Cub Scout # 279 CH 5:30p Praise Team S 6:30p Potter SG L 7p Boy Scouts CH	<b>5</b> 9:30a Mom 2 Mom SMA 9:30a Bulk Mailing Team CR 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 1p Needlers CH 6:30p AA CH	<b>6</b> 9a Bulletin Team CR 7p First and Thirds SMA 7p Brewster Band S	<b>7</b> 9:30-11:30a Parents' Morning Out CH
<b>8</b> <b>Advent week 2</b> 8:30/10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship C 9a Blood Pressure Clinic FH 10a Sunday School 6p Student Ministry SMA/101	<b>9</b> 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 11a Staff Mtg CH 6:30p Men's Bible St CH 7p Deacon Mtg rm 101 7:30p AA FH	<b>10</b> 9:30a Women's Bib St CR 12p LOCAL Lunch 4p Sveden SG CR 6p Women's Communion Service S	<b>11</b> 10a Prayer Time OS 5:30p Cub Scout # 279 CH 5:30p Praise Team S 6:30p Potter SG L 7p Boy Scouts CH	<b>12</b> 9:30a Mom 2 Mom SMA 9:30a Nauset Interfaith Assoc Mtg FH 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 1p Mission Mtg CR 6:30p AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ Care Group OS	<b>13</b> 9a Bulletin Team CR 5:30p Movie Night "A Christmas Carol"	<b>14</b> 10a Christmas Caroling OS
<b>15</b> <b>Advent week 3</b> 8:30/10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship C 10a Sunday School 6p Student Ministry SMA/101	<b>16</b> 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 11a Staff Mtg CH 6:30p Men's Bible St CH 7:30p AA FH	<b>17</b> 9:30a Women's Bib St CR 11a Caring Ministry CH 4p Sveden SG CR 6:30p Women's Bib St CR	<b>18</b> 10a Prayer Time S 5:30p Cub Scout # 279 CH 5:30p Praise Team S 6:30p Potter SG L 7p Boy Scouts CH	<b>19</b> 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 10a Nurses/LCOC choir room 1p Needlers CH 6:30p AA CH	<b>20</b> 9a Bulletin Team CR 7p First and Thirds SMA	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Advent week 4</b> 8:30/10a Worship S 8:30a Children's Worship C 10a Sunday School	<b>23</b> 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 11a Staff Mtg CH 5:30p Bicentennial Celebration FH 6:30p Bicentennial Service S 7:30p AA FH	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve <b>RMMO Offering</b> 4p Worship S, N 6p Worship S, N 11p Worship C	<b>25</b> Christmas <b>Office closed</b> 12p Christmas Dinner FH	<b>26</b> Office closed 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 6:30p AA CH 6:30p LGBTQ Care Group OS	<b>27</b> Office closed	<b>28</b> 11a Helen MacGregor Memorial Service S
<b>29</b> 10a Combined Worship S 10a Children's Worship C 6p Student Ministry SMA/101	<b>30</b> Office closed 7:30a Men's Bible St CR 10a Caring Cupboard Parking Lot 6:30p Men's Bible St CH 6:30p AA leader mtg 101 7:30p AA FH	<b>31</b> New Years Eve <b>Office closed</b>	Please note that due to space limitations, this calendar does not list every event, activity or meeting involving our church community. To schedule an event or to determine if a particular room or space is available, please check with the church office.			
					<b>C</b> Chapel <b>CH</b> Community Hall <b>CR</b> Conference Room <b>FH</b> Fellowship Hall <b>L</b> Lounge <b>N</b> Nursery <b>OS</b> Off Site <b>S</b> Sanctuary <b>SMA</b> Student Min Area	



# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

## Anniversaries

- 3 Stephen and Margaret Rochette
- Stephen and Nancy Whitehurst
- 11 Nate and Susan Nickerson
- 14 Dale and Mary Ormon
- 16 Roger and Nancy Bray
- Joe and Shelby Greemore
- 28 Christian and Paola Diaz-Collazos
- 30 Bob and Ellen Meier



Broadway Comes to Brewster with Jeff Kready

## Birthdays

- 1 Dawn Hunt
- 5 Libby Donahue
- Dwight Ritter
- Bob Reynolds
- Cindy Parker
- 7 Lillian Costa
- Mark Kripp
- Muriel Rodgers
- 8 Bud Griffin
- 9 Eileen Johnston
- Stephen Gimmi
- 10 Neide Clinton
- 11 Karen Moore
- Stephen Whitehurst
- 12 Leslie Ingram
- 13 J.D. Fougere
- David Pranga
- Diane LeDuc
- 14 Abigail Kautz
- Jim Thomas
- 15 Brianna Mello
- 17 Matthew Metz
- 18 Michael Leyden

- 19 Mary Ann De Oliveira
- Paul Graves
- Karen Young
- Mary Boone
- Ian Millen
- 21 Frances McLaughlin
- Sandy Blaha
- 22 Joan Holding
- Pat Bertschy
- Betty Hyde-McGuire
- Eliza Foster
- 23 Geraldine Dugan
- 26 Helen Williams
- Liam Conkling
- 27 Jason Lussier
- Sandra Henry
- 28 Ben Gregson
- Cindy Caldwell
- Emma Byrne
- 29 Carol Meymaris
- 30 Hannah Preu
- Betsy Morrow
- 31 Felipe Diaz-Collazos
- Kelly Allen
- April Comstock
- Elliott Comstock

### Why I volunteered for the church fair, and what I found. Reflections by Paula Gifford

I have fond memories of "shopping" at the white elephant table at Monsenior Lane Church Hall in North Reading when I was maybe 8 years old. My mother volunteered there. I'm not sure where I got the money. I could sense that my mother took pleasure in it. It was a brief respite from taking care of 7 children. I volunteered sort of in honor of her — to get that fuzzy feeling.

I volunteered also in order to build friendships and feel being a "part of." I'd read about Jimmy Carter telling the story about an annual chore to remove a dock from the water. He could have paid someone to remove it, but chose to engage the family. It became an annual bonding event. Pastor Doug has talked about the need for community, especially as we age.

It was so cool to feel the warmth of

- the grandmother helping her granddaughter pick out just the right little ring and furry animal pocketbook. Mom was there too. "What do you think about the purse?"
- two friends who come every year as a girl's day out, chatting while they waited in line.
- hearing comments on how great the fair was.
- so many volunteers.

I don't know why I was amazed at the kindness and patience that my fellow volunteers extended to the shoppers, because I've seen it time and time again. It was a powerful example to me of God working in their lives. It was just lovely.

And how about this: My girlfriend, Jane came to see me there. It was the first time she had set foot inside Brewster Baptist Church! She had a nice conversation with Frances who greeted her in the lobby. She said it was "a mob scene" but really fun. She's volunteered at the Needham Community Council Thrift shop for years, so I was eager to hear her take on the workings of the Jewelry room, etc. She thought she could maybe help out next year!

Then, I told her about Broadway coming to BBC. And 48K. How fun is that?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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December 6: Brewster Town Band Concert

December 7: Parents' Morning Out

December 10: Women's Christmas Communion Service

December 13: Bicentennial Movie "A Christmas Carol"

December 14: Christmas Caroling

December 23: Bicentennial Celebration

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

December 25: Christmas Dinner