



# THE FLAME

"...I REMIND YOU TO FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF TIMIDITY, BUT A SPIRIT OF POWER, OF LOVE AND OF SELF DISCIPLINE."—2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7(NIV)

Happy New Year, Beloved Friends!

From my point of view, 2024 has been an extraordinary year personally, across the world, nationally, and for our church. No doubt, in the midst of my journey, I have experienced gratitude, joy, hopefulness, as well as doubt and concern. My best guess, as you read this missive, such an outlook may very well resound within you as well.

Looking towards 2025 my intentional focus is to live out Hebrews 1:1 –

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for  
and assurance about what we do not see.*

This verse represents a general commitment with specific application. For example, one application as we journey through death experiences can be empowered as follows. All deaths create disruption. The closer the person is in our lives, the greater the disruption.

Personal application:

Dorrie Berry just died yesterday afternoon. For years, holding onto hope, we prayed for her healing. The assurance of what we saw was her life was prolonged. My prayer has now changed. I am asking for gracious gifts of healing, that all those who grieve will grow stronger as their lives are forever changed. I hope for a future outcome, having faith of what is yet seen, will be manifested in reality.

What I just described has happened in my life, as I hope to experience again, and for all who seek to live by faith uniquely applying the truth of the verse cited.

2025 is upon us. May we all hope, and look, for a manifestation of God's grace which at this time is unseen.

Prayerfully with love,

(781) 249-3721

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Temple Beth Sholom



Saturday January 18th 10-2

MLK Event at **Wellspring** in Hull  
sponsored by the Temple Beth Sholom

The event will feature highlights of MLK's words and responses by students and members of the audience. All are welcome. Donations of non-perishable food items to the Wellspring pantry are welcome.

On Sunday, January 19th we will welcome Judy Mackenzie who will share with us the Ministry of **All Hands In**



### HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS

modern day slavery.	happening everywhere, even in the United States, and victims can be U.S. Citizens or of any nationality, age, socioeconomic status, or gender.
exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion.	
sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude.	any person under the age of 18 involved in a commercial sex act.

## CHURCH HYMN SING



First Baptist Church Hingham

85 Main St.

Hingham, Ma.

Sunday, January 26th

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Special features by  
Church Musicians

Free will offerings are appreciated



# ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan to stay for our Annual Meeting following worship on February 9th in the sanctuary.

Then join us in Memorial Hall for a Potluck luncheon.

All contributions are gratefully appreciated. Please let Amy know if you're planning on bringing anything.



## Calling All Readers!

We have updated the website with links for potential leaders and readers of the Call to Worship and Lessons during service.

But we are also cultivating a list of willing readers to be called upon. Please let Amy know if you are willing to be added to this list by emailing [fbc.hingham@verizon.net](mailto:fbc.hingham@verizon.net)

*Gary*

*Artise*

*Amy*

We, the staff, want to thank you so very much for remembering us in your gifts this Christmas. Your generosity has warmed our hearts. We truly appreciate you all.

*Matthew*

*Julia*

**GEOFF**



# BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

MATTHEW 5:4



Dorrie Berry

Passed January 9, 2025

Details to come for services at CC Shepard  
Funeral Home in S. Weymouth



Alice F. Hammarstrom

February 11, 1940 — January 6, 2025

[https://www.keohane.com/obituaries/  
alice-hammarstrom](https://www.keohane.com/obituaries/alice-hammarstrom)



George J. Mackertich

November 2, 1935 - December 13, 2024

[https://www.chapmanfuneral.com/obituaries/  
George-J-Mackertich?obId=34108812](https://www.chapmanfuneral.com/obituaries/George-J-Mackertich?obId=34108812)





# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & YANKEE SWAP

