



PRESS RELEASE

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First Baptist Is Preparing for Holly Fair

The First Baptist Church's annual Holly Fair will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall. The members of the Crafters' Group at the church has been busy all year working on a variety of holiday items for the fair. They enjoy getting together each month to exchange ideas; create decorations, ornaments, and other handmade items; and have a social time together.

The fair will also feature delicious baked goods prepared by church members, an extensive table of gently used jewelry, and the perennially popular attic treasures. In addition, talented woodworker Doug Crawford, who grew up in Westwood, will again be donating for sale a collection of serving and cutting boards made from interesting and exotic woods. They make beautiful as well as useful gifts and were very popular when he first donated them to the fair two years ago.

Throughout the day, food will be available at the Silver Beaver Café. Named for the Scouts' award for Scouters "who have provided distinguished service within a council," the café was organized by three local Scouters who have all received the Silver Beaver Award as well as the District Award of Merit: Darren Valentine, Chris Gross, and Ron Gauld. They cook primarily for Scouting events of all kinds and have now added a Donut Lodge to their repertoire. Darren expects that Ron as well as some church members will be joining him to staff the café during the fair. Ron is their expert donut maker, and they will be cutting, frying, and filling several varieties of donuts that morning along with serving small batch roasted coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and other beverages. The lunch menu is scheduled to include chili, hot dogs, chicken salad, soup, and apple crisp with ice cream for dessert.

First Baptist is delighted to be participating in the Third Annual Westwood Holiday Walkabout that day. In addition to First Baptist's Holly Fair at 808 High Street, the Westwood Artists will be holding their December Marketplace from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historical Society's Fisher School next door to the church at 830 High Street, selling hand-crafted jewelry, photography, paintings, pottery, and knits. The Westwood Young Women's Club will be taking Winter Photos with Santa & Elsa at the Gazebo at the Westwood Council on Aging at 60 Nahatan Street, providing an opportunity for youngsters to meet Santa and Elsa as well as get a fun holiday craft to make at home. And BiBi's Café & Bakery at 1 Church Street is offering the opportunity from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to write a letter to Santa and use their special mailbox to ensure delivery.

Special features of the Walkabout include the Mass Appeal Boston a cappella singers who will once again be providing an interlude of holiday music at both the Holly Fair and the Artists' Marketplace. And the Westwood Girl Scouts expect to receive their cookies in time for the Walkabout, and plan to have them available for sale at First Baptist near the entrance to the Holly Fair. All of these events are within comfortable walking distance of each other.