

# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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## Join Us In Worship At First Baptist Church in Beverly!

*Sunday July 2, 2017*

*Communion Sunday*

9:15 a.m. – Pick-up choir

10:00 a.m.- Worship

**Peculiar Treasures: Junia**

**Romans 16:7**

**John DeNardo**, preaching

**John DeNardo** is a new member of the church and is in the initial stages of seeking ordination in the American Baptist Churches, USA.



**\*\* Note: Rev. Kent Harrop will be out until July 8 on vacation and attending The American Baptist Biennial, and Rev. Julie Flowers will be on the Allagash trip until July 8. Rev. Beth Loughhead is at church & available!**

## The Allagash Trip Launched!

Fifteen group members, including leaders **Rev. Julie Flowers, Kara Constantine, Adam Constantine, and Rhys**



**Thomas**, are paddling the Allagash Wilderness Waterway over the next two weeks. Keep them in your prayers! (Many thanks to those who drove the group up: **Bob & Gloria Stoneham, Jim Gubbins, Jack Hadley, Bill Schneider, & Todd Pheulpin.**)

## Allagash Sunday

Join us at **10:00 a.m.** on **July 16** for a special service led by the youth and adults returning from their trip!

## All-Church Picnic

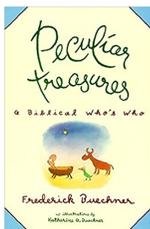


**July 16**

Following worship

All are invited to **Lynch Park** to enjoy food, games, the sunshine, and one another. The Communal Life Committee will provide grilled meat (veggie & vegan options too) and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. (The committee needs help with the picnic, especially on July 15 at 5pm to prepare and after for cleanup! Call or email **Rev. Beth Loughhead** at [bloughhead@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:bloughhead@fbcbeverly.org)). Parking passes for those who do not live in Beverly are available in the church office. See you there!

## Summer Sermon Series



Inspired by the engaging and entertaining book, *Peculiar Treasures* by Frederick Buechner, each Sunday we'll be introduced to lesser known and sometimes quirky biblical characters. Your pastoral team will choose from

this rich list of biblical characters and, with the congregation, unpack the lessons these lesser known characters have to share. A limited number of books are available for you to follow along this summer. Books are on sale at a discounted price of \$10 after worship or from the office.

## Men's Fellowship BBQ and Championship Lawn Bowling



**July 9 at 12pm**  
at **Buck Shupp's** house  
17 Lindall Street, Danvers

All men and boys of FBC are encouraged to attend this fun (and delicious!!) event. Bring a dish to share. Buck will provide his famous BBQ. Invite a friend! Bocce balls will be out for lawn bowling competition.

## Contemplative Paddle



Gather at the beautiful Chebacco Lake for a **Contemplative Paddle on Saturday, July 15 from 8:30-10:30 a.m.** We will slow down from the fast pace of everyday life and

practice mindfulness in a serene environment.

Limited canoes and kayaks on loan—no fee. For novice and experienced paddlers (nice event for youth and adults). See how meditation and



paddling are a good fit. Great event to invite a friend. Hosted by **Rev. Kent Harrop**  
RSVP [kharrop@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharrop@fbcbeverly.org)



Join us on **July 11 at 8pm at Chianti** (not the first Tuesday but the second, this month only) for food, refreshment, and conversation about life, faith, and the places they intersect. The group is open to the community and new members are always welcome!

## Help Children of Nicaragua

Donate medical and baby supplies to help AMOS Health and Hope fulfill their vision of creating a world where no child dies from a preventable disease.

Our very own **Tricia Harrop** will serve as a volunteer in Nicaragua from mid August to mid November, using her training as a medical assistant alongside local physicians and health care providers, as well as writing grants and assisting with strategic planning.

Items being collected include: large bottles of hand sanitizer, Flintstone children's vitamins with iron (250 tablet size), sterile gauze pads (2x2, 3x3, and 4x4), gauze rolls, high quality digital thermometers (Braun), headlamps, insect repellent with deet, sunscreen (SPF 30 & above), fine point and extreme sharpies, batteries (AA, AAA, & D), and rolls of children's stickers and tattoos.

In addition to these, the following items are needed to complement baby blankets and caps knit by our Prayer Shawl Ministry: sets of 5 cloth diapers, sets of 6 pairs of diaper pins, sets of 3 onesies or tops for babies, and sets of 2 pairs of baby socks.

**Supplies will be collected until Sunday, July 30th.** A box will be available in the church narthex, or you can drop them off at the church office during the week. Financial donations can be made to FBC. Please note "Beverly Nicaragua Health Mission" in the memo line of the check.



## [FAMILY PROMISE- 7/16 to 7-23](#)

We are approaching our next Family Promise hosting, and hope to conduct our signups online to minimize double bookings. Please sign up for any remaining hospitality opportunities, including meal preparation and hosting, by visiting <http://signup.com/go/DrJceiq>. This is a partnership between First Baptist and First Parish in Beverly. If you have questions, please contact **Carol Ballantyne** at 978-998-9114 email **Roberta Grant** at [roberta.grant614@gmail.com](mailto:roberta.grant614@gmail.com).

Family Promise aims to return newly homeless families to economic self-sufficiency, while serving each family in a manner that embraces the dignity and strength of the family. Thank you for your support. We couldn't do this mission without you!

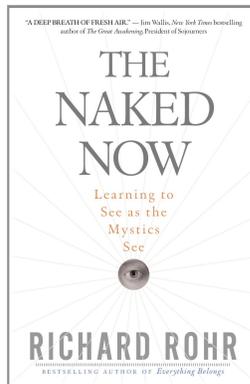
## [All Church Faith Forum: Immigration and Deportation— How does our faith inform us?](#)

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
11:15 a.m. –Noon



After worship, the FBC family will gather to discuss these important and timely issues. This session will offer ample opportunity for everyone to ask questions about immigration and deportation in our country and share thoughts and responses. Please plan to attend and engage in the conversation – no need to have attended the first session to participate fully in this second session!

## **Summer Book Club: *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See* by Richard Rohr**



Rohr, a Franciscan monk, takes his hat off to mystics and describes them as having moved "from mere belief systems or belonging systems to actual *inner experience*." These inner explorers are willing to surrender to the gift of grace that has opened their hearts "to the naked now of true prayer and full presence." They realize that although God is unspeakable, the divine is at the same time as close and as accessible as our breath.

Over the course of seven weekly Tuesday evenings (beginning July 18 at 7 p.m.) we'll journey through this thoughtful, provocative and engaging book. Our meeting locations will vary from Dane Street Beach, Beverly Commons, Long Hill, Mount Mitchman, Atomic Café and more. We'll playfully explore and experiment with new and deeper ways of seeing and being. By the end of our journey we may find that we've been changed, blessed and live more naturally in the present, in 'the now'. Hosted by **Rev. Kent Harrop**, limited to fifteen participants. RSVP to [kharrop@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharrop@fbcbeverly.org) Books will go on sale at a discounted rate on July 9th after worship and during the week from the church office. Invite a friend to share the journey with you!

## **Lectio Divina**

Lectio Divina will take a break for a few weeks and resume on **July 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. at Independence Park** on Lothrop Street in Beverly. We meet every Wednesday throughout the summer at the park on a bench on the lower loop overlooking the ocean. Bring a beach chair as we enjoy the quiet, savor the beauty of creation, listen to the Word and share in Communion. During inclement weather we'll meet at church. Hosted by **Rev. Kent Harrop**. New participants welcome!



## Moderator Awards



It takes so many hands to do the work of First Baptist Church in Beverly, and it is always humbling to realize how steadfast and loyal the members and friends of this church are. Each year, the Moderator (**Pam Constantine**) gets to highlight several members of the church who have either taken on a remarkable task or who have continued to toil away quietly doing those things at the church that are crucial to our vision. These awards are a chance to highlight those who fall into either (or both!) of these categories. Congratulations and *many many thanks* to all awardees!

**Anna Mei Gubbins:** Graduated from college and back home, Anna Mei has taken on a crucial role with our new projection screen. Working with Buck Shupp and Richard Stone in the balcony, she makes sure that the materials to be projected during the service are prepared and that they occur at the right time and in the right order during the service. She also stage-managed the enormously complicated River of Life Concert last March as well as creating publicity for it. Anna Mei also served on two mission trips last year- to North Carolina and to Nicaragua—and is an advisor to the Middle School Fellowship.

**Adam Constantine:** Here is a snapshot of Music Sunday for Adam. He began the day in the kitchen with the Middle School Fellowship (he is an advisor) preparing the Deluxe Breakfast. He then whipped off his apron to play percussion for the Celebration Ringers during the service—he is used to being with a bell choir, as he rings for the Harborlight Ringers. After church, he helped prepare for the Allagash trip, on which he is a co-leader this summer. He is also a Deacon and is a loyal kid wrangler at the Parents Night Out evenings.

**Bob and Deb Blanchard:** Last summer, more than 100 former (and current) ministers, advisors, and Fellowshipippers gathered for a super Fellowship Reunion. This was the culmination of more than a year of planning meetings, most of which involved, apparently, telling stories that would NOT be shared at the reunion. The Blanchards brought their good humor and creativity to the event and made it a huge success. They give freely of their time in so many ways, including hosting events at Chebbacco Lake designed to thank them for their service! They are among those who carry the light of institutional memory for FBC, and we are all richer for it.

**Buck Shupp:** Last year, Buck oversaw the enormous renovation projects of the sanctuary, narthex, hallways and stairwells! This work also included the installation of new stage lighting and the new sound and projection systems. This installation was the culmination of a year's work by the ad hoc technology group, led by Buck, investigating the best systems and companies to work with to meet our needs. Any one of these tasks was enormous in and of itself.



## Moderator Awards continued....

**Dave Constantine:** Dave has been a Deacon for many years—not sure that anyone has even counted how many! He has also served many years as a Sunday School teacher, both in the days of classes by grade as well as the current combined class. He has served on the Missions Committee and been a project leader multiple times for Super Mission Saturday. He is also a faithful mission tripper, specializing in hot projects in the direct sun. He also has driven many miles dropping off and picking up Allagashers.

**Heidi Keating:** Heidi makes worship a better place with her beautiful singing voice and terrific bell-ringing skills. She is also a devoted Middle School Fellowship advisor; since becoming an advisor, she has gotten married and given birth to Finn, yet none of those milestones slowed her commitment to the Middle School Fellowship, where she is now a record-holder for years of service. Heidi also was a leader of the Julie Jubilee planning group last October, also taking on the task of coordinating with the caterer and ensuring that the food portion of the evening would be a success. (It was!) Additionally, she is a Crusty Lady, one of the organizers of such cooking events as the Apple Pies for the Fair and other delicious fundraising pie building. She is also a faithful mission tripper, and, along with her husband, Giles, will be introducing Finn to service to others next summer.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry:** This is a terrific lay-led group in the church that serves others both in the church and in the broader community in so many different ways. They must have knit and crocheted enough yarn to circumnavigate the globe several times as they mark important moments in people's lives with the gift of knitted love. They are care personified.



## in the family...

- **John Thomson** was honored as **Beverly Rotary's Distinguished Citizen of 2017** at a dinner at the Landmark School on June 22. **Neiland Douglas** presented the award, which recognizes an "individual who actively demonstrates the highest ethical standard in their business and professional life—and whose achievements have contributed measurably to the betterment of life in our community." Neiland described John as, "a public servant and successful businessman who is devoted to his family, his City, as well as to his First Baptist Church community."
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- **Jeanne Rackliffe**, long-time member of the church and resident of Turtle Creek, passed away last Friday evening. Visiting hours will be held at Campbell's Funeral Home (525 Cabot St) Friday, June 30 from 10-11 a.m. with a service following at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, conducted by **Rev. Beth Loughhead**.
  - As we continue to hold the family of **Steve Nelson** in our prayers, if you wish to assist the family in a practical way, you can provide them a meal at some point throughout the summer. Visit this page and you can sign up and find more specific information: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/vq5dk6>

## Labor Day Weekend Family Camp at Geneva Point, NH!



We are expecting a record turnout from First Baptist this year. Great for families, singles and people of all ages.

Gather with your FBC family at beautiful Geneva Point camp on Lake Winnepesaukee in NH from September 1-4th. Enjoy relaxed and inspiring programming, swim, canoe, hike, and nap! Incentive for first time attendees: \$25 off for individuals, \$50 off per couple, \$75 off or family of 3 or more. See **Cindy Shupp** for more info and to sign up. Cindy's email is [cjshupp@verizon.net](mailto:cjshupp@verizon.net). Or check out our camp website to learn more and register: [www.ldwfc.org](http://www.ldwfc.org).



### Women's Fellowship Brunch

Women's Fellowship enjoyed a great brunch at **Cindy Shupp's** home. They celebrated the many fun and interesting activities from the last year and brainstormed wonderful plans for the 2017-2018 year – including the **April 27-29 retreat** at Grotonwood at the new Prescott Lodge. Stay tuned!

### FBC Third Annual Baseball Outing!



**August 30 at 6:35 p.m.**  
**LeLacheur Field in Lowell, MA**

Come watch the Lowell Spinners and Staten Island Yankees (Red Sox and Yankees Class A Farm Teams) at this all-church event hosted by The Men's Fellowship Group.

TICKETS ON SALE IN JULY BEFORE SUNDAY SERVICES

### Upcoming At FBC:

Thursday, June 29

7:00 p.m. –HCP Board Meeting at Harborlight House

Saturday, July 1

12:30 p.m. –Lunch Program

Sunday, July 2

9:15 a.m. –Pick up choir

10:00 a.m. –Worship

Monday, July 3

6:00 p.m.—Monday-night-supper

Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed: Happy Independence Day!

Saturday, July 8

12:30 p.m.—Lunch Program

### Pick-up Choir

Pick-up choir began on June 25 and will meet every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. until the fall schedule resumes. We encourage you to drop in at your convenience for the fun opportunity to offer up your voice in praise.

### Roofing Project FYI

A church roofing project began on June 26 and should last between three and four weeks. Spaces in the parking lot may be affected during this time.