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Join Us On Sunday at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Communion Sunday
March 3, 2019

9:00am: Seekers Adult Class

9:45am: Morning Cafe

10:00 a.m. Worship

On the first Sunday of each month, we forgo our usual Multiage Children's Class so that our children and young people can remain in and experience worship together with us, as the full family of God! Childcare is provided throughout the service for our youngest children, through Kindergarten. Older children are invited to enjoy worship this Sunday in the pew or in our flexible Prayground space at the front of the sanctuary.

11:20 am: Adult Education

How Will We Know?

Rev. Julie Flowers, Preaching

Matthew 5:13-15; 10:2-5; 21:23-27
John 14:1-5

Fellowship Activities for This Weekend

Middle School Fellowship: Glow Stick Games
4:00pm – 6:00pm

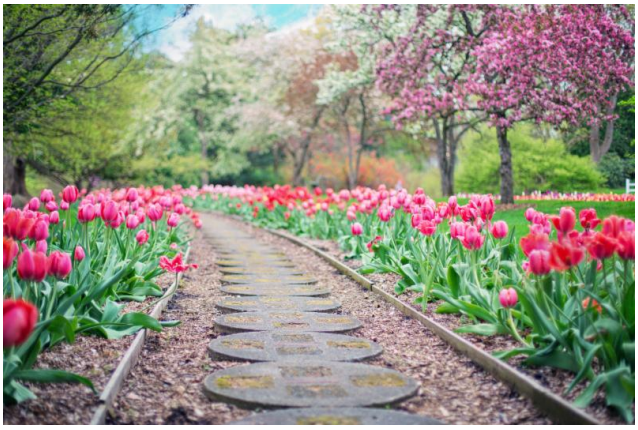
Meet at the church at 4 p.m. ready to play some fun and hilarious games throughout the building – in the dark, with only our glowsticks (and glow glasses!) to guide us! You may want to come dressed in dark colors – but we'll leave that up to you! – and wearing comfortable shoes that are good for running around. As always, we will provide snacks/drinks and friends are welcome to join in!

Senior High Fellowship: Ski/Winter Weekend
March 1st (7 p.m. at FBC) - March 3rd (return home mid-afternoon)

A late-breaking winter weekend trip is being planned! Joe Boccia has gracious invited us to spend the weekend, once again, at his family's wonderful log cabin in Brownfield, Maine, and to do some skiing/snowboarding during the time away. There will also be time to just hang out and have some fun during the weekend, as well! The group will meet at the church at 7 p.m. on Friday to get ready to depart and will return mid-afternoon on Sunday. The cost for food/travel is $30/person – youth should then just plan to bring additional money to cover the cost of whatever activity they would like to do (ski, snowboard, rent equipment, take lessons, etc).

You can check the **Attitash website** for more detailed cost information or contact **Julie Flowers** for more info.

Our Lenten Theme*: In the Garden*



Lent is a six-week season for personal reflection. Lent is from an old English word that refers to the lengthening of days as we move from the darkness of Winter, toward the warmth and light of Spring. In a spiritual sense, we cannot fully appreciate the joy of Easter, unless we first reflect upon God's relationship with us and our relationship to God.

Our theme for these six weeks is In the Garden. We will explore Biblical stories where the garden serves as a meeting place with the Holy. In Celtic spirituality this place of meeting is referred to as a 'thin place', where we transcend our busyness and preoccupations and become aware of ways God/Spirit is speaking into our lives.

We will begin on the First Sunday of Lent (March 10th) with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14: 32-42) and we will conclude our journey on Easter (April 21st), with Mary Magdalene meeting the risen Christ in a cemetery garden (John 20: 1-18). Each week we will explore a passage from the Old and New Testament that invites us to reflect and listen, for how God is speaking into our daily lives.

Here are a variety of opportunities to explore and grow your faith this Lenten Season. We invite you to invite a friend to share this Lenten journey with you:

Ash Wednesday March 6th at Noon
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, 8 Ocean Street, Beverly

FBC gathers with Saint Peter's to receive the ashes, an ancient symbol reminding us to be humble before God, the Source from which we come and to which we will return.

Delightful Dinners – Church Family Dinners
3rd Tuesday evening March 19, April 16, May 21st at First Baptist

An opportunity for newer and longtime FBC participants to get acquainted in a fun and relaxed setting. A simple but delicious catered dinner will be provided, served from 6 – 6:30 p.m. with a guided discussion following in small groups. Child care provided. A great way to meet wonderful people.
On way home by 7:45 p.m. Watch for sign-ups on Facebook and at the Welcome Cafe on Sundays.

Art Project – Flourishing Pots

Each Sunday as you enter the Sanctuary you'll find a table of flower pots. Over the course of Lent, you'll have an opportunity to decorate your own pot and participate in a ritual, to signify an intention for growth in your personal and faith life.

Lenten Poetry and Spiritual Practices

Each Sunday (March 10 - April 14) at 11:20, Bryan Vosseler will host a lively and creative discussion on how poetry can expand the heart and mind. Bryan has selected poems that complement our theme 'In the Garden' along with spiritual practices that connect with the poems wisdom and the movement of the Spirit. Bryan offers: "I hope these poems and practices fertilized your own spiritual garden."

Sunday Faith Forum

A forum with Ben Zoba. Farmer Ben will reflect on how a farm/garden is a window into the heart of the Creator. Watch the calendar for the date and time.

Beautiful Banner

Throughout Lent a beautiful new banner will grace the front of our Sanctuary. Created by Liz Crean, the banner complements our Lenten theme and will inspire.

***Planning Team**: Thank you to the Spiritual Life Team who began planning for this Lent in November. Bryan Vossler, Karen Wood, Barbara Brann Weir, Mary Lincoln, Lisa LaPlante, Kent Harrop.*

Baptism Class for Adults and Youth in Grades 8 and up

With the anticipation of the start of the season of Lent (which begins on March 6th), comes the season for Baptism Class. Our Baptism Classes are open to youth in 8th grade or older, and also to adults, who are considering making the decision to be baptized on Easter Sunday.

The class will meet throughout at the season of Lent, at a time that works for the group participating. During the time together, the class will explore more about the stories of Jesus and learn more about his life and what it might mean to make the decision to follow him and walk through the waters of baptism; we will learn more about the Bible and its history and context and how it came to be compiled; we will learn about what it means to be an American Baptist and more about First Baptist Church in Beverly, specifically. At the end of the class, all participants will have the opportunity to decide whether they feel ready and called to walk through the waters of baptism on Easter morning.

Rev. Julie Flowers will be leading the Baptism Class. Those who are interested in learning more or in participating should contact Julie *no later than* March 6th to let her know or for more information. She can be reached by email at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org or by phone at 978-922-3295.

Intergenerational Fun Night is THIS Friday, March 1st

Join us for the next Intergenerational Fun Night in our FBC gym on Friday, March 1st from 6pm to 8 p.m.
We will provide pizza and beverages, followed by fun trying our hand at Pickle Ball (hitting a ball with paddles over a low net for points). We will also play volleyball and fun mixer games with our giant Kin-Ball. You

should also feel free to bring a favorite board game for those who like to go at a slower pace (we will provide some board games, as well)!
This is a perfect event to invite a friend to attend, and to get to know some new people. Last time, our age range was 5 to 75; we are saving a place for you!

Theology on Tap and Parents' Night Out Next Week

Theology on Tap
Tuesday, March 5
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join us on the FIRST Tuesday of every month for Theology on Tap!

This lively discussion group meets at Chianti on Cabot Street in Beverly from 8:00 p.m. until approximately 10:00 p.m. (although it's a casual gathering – come and go as you need to!) to gather around the table and share food, refreshments, and conversation about life, faith, and the places that they intersect.

This group is open to the community, and new members are always welcome!

Parents' Night Out
Friday, March 8
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Our Parents' Night Out events are FREE, open to all, and take place the SECOND FRIDAY of each month, at the church. Drop the kids with us and take the evening off!

We have outstanding volunteers and teachers on hand to welcome your children and run an evening program filled with music, singing, Bible stories, art activities, and games – all taught from a progressive Christian perspective.

We provide dinner during the evening and close with a movie so that children are able to wind down and relax.

Contact Julie Flowers for more information or to sign up! (978) 922-3295 or jflowers@fbcbeverly.org

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Volunteers Needed for North Shore Shelter Fest!

Saturday, March 9, 2019,
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Volunteers are needed, 2-3 hour shifts to make this a fun and successful event. Please contact Brian Gregory if you can help: bgreg@comcast.net

Musical Lineup:
4:00pm Early Program:

- Ruby Slippers: The Academy at Penguin Hall
- Beverly High School Jazz Band: Beverly High School
- Sweet Escape: Sweet Escape

6:00pm Late program

- The Band Next Door: The Band Next Door
- Dave Bailin & the Bailouts: Dave Bailin & the Bailouts
- Exit 18: Exit 18
- Salem Wolves: Salem Wolves
- Barrence Whitfield Barrence Whitfield

Pizza and Italian Soda served throughout. Building

affordable housing, one slice at a time!

Proceeds from this all-day music festival go to benefit Harborlight Community Partners, North Shore's largest affordable housing provider and advocate. The general admission cost of $10 gets you full-day access. Parking can be found on the street or in municipal lots located between Cabot and Rantoul Streets (please pay attention to parking signage and make sure to pay at a parking kiosk on the street OR using the Go Park It app available for your smartphone). Check FBC's website for more information: fbcbeverly.org/north-shore-shelter-fest

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March 10th: Yoga - Spiritual Moments and Movement

Join us Sunday, March 10 at 9:00am for Yoga!

This class meets monthly, with the next session on March 10th hosted by certified instructor, Lisa LaPlante.

Bring your mat (or use one that Lisa has on hand!) and meet in the chapel, lower level.

Coming Up at FBC

Thursday, February 28
6:00pm: Celebration Ringers
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 1
6:00pm: Intergenerational Fun Night
7:00 p.m.: Senior High Fellowship Winter Weekend Departs

Saturday, March 2
12:30pm: Lunch Program

Sunday, March 3
8:45am: Morning Cafe
9:00am: Seekers Adult Class
10:00am: Worship (no Children's Class)
11:20 am: Adult Education
4:00pm MS Fellowship
Senior High Fellowship Returns from Winter Weekend

Monday, March 4
6:00pm: Monday Night Supper

Tuesday, March 5
9:30am: Staff Meeting
6:00pm Family Promise Dinner
6:00pm Shelter Fest Meeting
7:00 p.m.: Lay Visitation
8:00pm: Theology on Tap

Wednesday, March 6
Ash Wednesday
Noon: Ash Wednesday Service at St. Peter's Episcopal Church
4:30pm: Lectio Divina
6:15pm: Joy Ringers
7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers

Thursday, March 7
6:00pm: Celebration Ringers
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

Check out All FBC's Sermons at fbcbeverly.org/sermons

Accepting Love

Rev. Kent Harrop, Preaching

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 2 – 7; 1 John 4: 7 – 11

Music by FBC Choir and John DeNardo

Please see the attached March Event Calendar, or go to: www.fbcbeverly.org/calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 8:45am: Morning Cafe 9:00am: Seekers Adult Class 10:00am: Worship and Children's Class 11:00am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00pm: MS Fellowship 6:00pm: SH Fellowship	**25** 6:00pm: Monday Night Supper	**26** 9:30am: Staff Meeting	**27** 4:30Pm: Lectio Divina 6:15pm: Joyringers 7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers	**28** 6:00pm: Celebration Ringers 7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir	**1** 6:00pm: Intergenerational Fun Night 7:00pm: Senior High Trip departs for Attitash	**2** 12:30pm: Lunch Program
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17 *Kent's and Julie's Birthday!* 8:45am: Morning Cafe 9:00am: Seekers Adult Class 10:00am: Worship and Children's Class 11:20am: Adult Education and Children's Choir 4:00pm: MS Fellowship 6:00pm: SH Fellowship	**18** 6:00pm: Monday Night Supper 6:30pm: Church Home 7:00pm: Social Concerns	**19** 9:30am: Staff Meeting 12:30pm: Lunch Program 6:00pm: Delightful Dinner	**20** 4:30Pm: Lectio Divina 6:15pm: Joyringers 7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers 7:30pm: Trustees of Endowment	**21** 6:00pm: Celebration Ringers 7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir	**22**	**23**
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