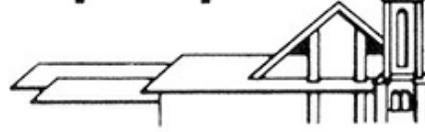


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us On Sunday at First Baptist Church in Beverly
First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019

9:00am: Seekers Adult Class and Yoga Class (Childcare Provided)

9:45am: Morning Cafe

10:00 a.m. Worship and Multiage Children's Class

Childcare is provided throughout the service for our youngest children, through Kindergarten. Our children in Grades 1 and up are encouraged to begin worship in the sanctuary with us - either in the Playground space or with families in the pews - and then will be dismissed to their class time following Stepsitters!

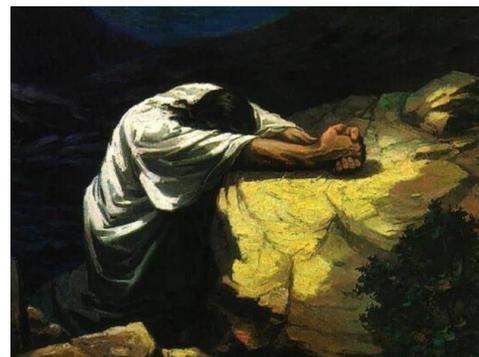
11:20 am: Adult Education and Children's Choir

2:30pm: Baptism Class

In the Garden at Night

Rev. Kent Harrop, Preaching

Scripture: Mark 14: 32-42



Fellowship Activities for March 10th

Middle School Fellowship: Theme Program

4:00pm to 6:00pm

We'll meet at the church and spend some time thinking together about some of the topics that are important in the everyday lives of Middle Schoolers! We will think together, talk together, and have some fun, of course! Snacks will be served (as usual), and friends are welcome!

Senior High Fellowship: Theme Program

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Come to the church at our usual time (6 p.m.) for a program that will focus on some of the topics the group generated at our Fall Retreat about what matters to you, as high school students right now. We will have dinner together, as well!

Our Lenten Theme: *In the Garden*

Lent is a six-week season for personal reflection. The word Lent comes 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. Invite a friend to share this Lenten journey with you:

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. Childcare provided. The dinners will be a great way to meet wonderful people.

We will have the program wrapped up and everyone on their 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 will 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.

New Class! 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 will fertilize your own spiritual garden."

For more information, [click here to see the flyer](#).

Sunday Faith Forum

March 24th 11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Come and learn and share during this forum with Ben Zoba, an FBC member, farmer, and one of the founders of Beverly's Garden School. Farmer Ben will reflect on how a farm/garden is a window into the heart of the Creator.

Beautiful Banners

Throughout Lent, beautiful new banners will grace the front of our Sanctuary. These banners are being created by Liz Crean, and complement our Lenten theme. They are certain to change our usual worship space and inspire our hearts, as we contemplate our Lenten theme together!

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

Parents' Night Out is This 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



New Vocal Choir Forming! Join us this Saturday, March 9th

If you've ever entertained the thought of joining the choir, but hesitated because of the difficulty of the pieces that our sanctuary choir sings, this new group may be for you. Our director of music, Esther Chang, will be meeting each Saturday, starting on March 9th at 11:30am for a 30 to 45-minute rehearsal. The music she chooses will be simpler in style and the choir will sing in worship only about once a month. This will give the new choir members the opportunity to be well-prepared and ready to share beautiful music with the congregation. If you want more information or are ready to sign up for the new choir, contact Esther at echang@fbcbeverly.org

Baptism Class for Grades 8 and up Starts March 10th!

Starts Sunday, March 10th, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. and will run weekly throughout Lent.

During this class time together, the group 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 make a public profession of faith and walk through the waters of baptism on Easter morning (one of the most beautiful and moving rituals and practices of the Baptist church)!

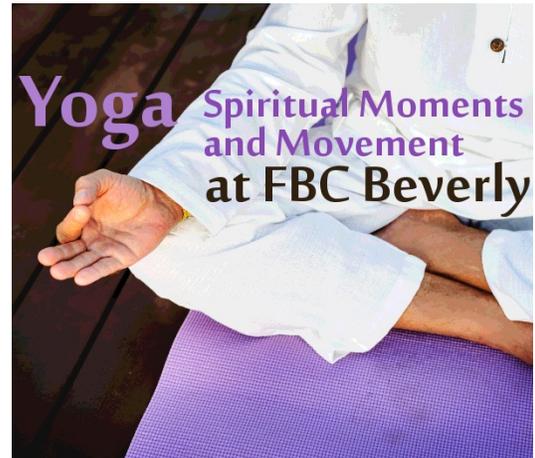
Rev. Julie Flowers will be leading the Baptism Class. She can be reached by email at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org or by phone at 978-922-3295.

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, on the lower level of the church.



Welcome Class Forming

A *Welcome Class* is forming for those new to FBC who would like to know more about First Baptist Church, our history, our values, and our hopes for the future - as well as to explore what it means to be an American Baptist, and more! This is also a class for adults who are considering membership. The class is hosted by Kent Harrop, and meets for four sessions (one hour each) at a mutually convenient time. Child care provided. This is a fun and relaxed way to meet nice people! Please email or speak with Kent if you are interested (kharrop@fbcbeverly.org).

In the Family

We celebrate having **Cathy Auld** back in worship with us these past Sundays! Cathy had been hospitalized for treatment of a concussion following a fall not too long ago, and it's truly a joy to see her back at church and doing and feeling so well! We also celebrate a few special birthdays this week – some great milestone birthdays are being had by **Helen Fisher, Beverly Powers, and Priscilla Douglas**. Happy Birthday, one and all! We offer our prayers for **Margaret Davey**, who recently suffered a stroke. Margaret is recovering at Ledgewood in Beverly, and the prayers and love of her church family mean the world to her. We offer prayers, too, for **Jack Faulkner**, as he recovers from scheduled surgery to relieve carpal tunnel symptoms in his hand and wrist. We pray for his swift recovery and relief of the pain he had been experiencing. We also had a few families in our church family share, recently, that their lives had been rocked by the loss of a loved one following a drug overdose. We pray for these families and for all those impacted by these tremendous losses. We pray for all those struggling with addiction, and for all those working, each day, to stay clean and sober. This is truly an epidemic in our area at this time, and our prayers are with all those impacted.

If you have prayer requests that you would like shared with the ministerial team, please always feel free to note them on the Prayer Request cards in worship on Sunday morning, but, also, to email them at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org and kharrop@fbcbeverly.org. Sharing the concerns and the celebrations in the life of our church family and holding one another in our hearts and prayers is but one of many ways that we build our church family and strengthen the ties that bind us.

It's Not Too Late to Volunteer for North Shore Shelter Fest. Tickets at door!

**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: fcbeverly.org/north-shore-shelter-fest



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Beverly High School Jazz Band / Penguin Hall Ruby Slippers

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
First Baptist Church 221 Cabot St. Beverly
Entry: \$10:00

Looking for Lunch Program Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers willing to help with the lunch program on Saturdays. It can be a once a month, or every other month, or once a year commitment to feed people in need. Cooking expertise is not required. If you do not feel comfortable preparing a meal, it will be prepared for you. All you will have to do is reheat and serve. Shopping for the meals is done ahead of time, and there will be a set menu in place. We typically provide a hot meal for 20-40 guests on Saturdays. Three helpers per week is ideal. Anyone interested can speak with John or Eileen Hadley, jh254@msn.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, March 7

6:00pm: Celebration Ringers
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 8

6:00pm: Parents' Night Out

Saturday, March 9

11:30am: New Vocal Choir
12:30pm: Lunch Program
4:00pm Shelter Fest

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:45am: Morning Cafe
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9:00am: Yoga - Spiritual Moments and Movement (Childcare provided)
10:00am: Worship and Multiage Children's Class
11:20 am: Adult Education and Children's Choir
2:30pm Baptism Class
4:00pm MS Fellowship
6:00pm Senior High Fellowship

Monday, March 11

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper

Tuesday, March 12

9:30am: Staff Meeting
7:00pm: Staff Administration Meeting
7:30 pm: Harborlight Nursery School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

4:30pm: Lectio Divina
6:15pm: Joy Ringers
7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers

Thursday, March 14

6:00pm: Celebration Ringers
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

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

How Will We Know?

Rev. Julie Flowers, Preaching

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



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