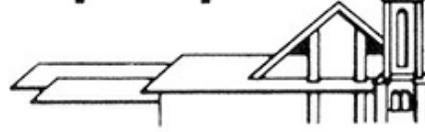


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us On Sunday at First Baptist Church in Beverly
Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019

9:00 a.m.: Seekers Adult Class (Childcare provided)

9:45 a.m.: 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 Prayground space or with families in the pews - and then will be dismissed to their class time following Stepsitters!

11:20 a.m.: Adult Education and Children's Choir

2:30 p.m.: Baptism Class

***In the Garden:
The Tree of Life***

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: Genesis 2, selected verses



Fellowship Activities for March 17th

Middle School Fellowship: Artful Life Program

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We will welcome guests from The Artful Life on Cabot Street to lead us in a program incorporating drama and art as we think together about how we keep our unique selves - our spirits and our souls - safe and strong, and about how we relate to and with one another to build strong friendships and group dynamics.

Senior High Fellowship: 40th Program

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Julie's turning 40 this Sunday! The advisors are working on a 40-themed program that will be fun and funny for all of us! Dinner will be served!

Our Lenten Theme: *In the Garden*

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 began on the First Sunday of Lent 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).

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

These dinners are 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 at FBC, served from 6 – 6:30 p.m., with a guided discussion following in small groups. Childcare will be 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 at 11:20 a.m. until April 14, in the Lounge on the Main Floor [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

New Lenten banners are up to grace the front of our Sanctuary! These banners were created by Liz Crean. They are designed to expand our hearts, minds and imagination, 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

One Weekend in the Life of FBC

God's Spirit is at work in the life of FBC! Here are some highlights from this past weekend.

Friday: Volunteers setting up for Shelter Fest; Parents Night Out, where children learn about and experience God's love, volunteers serve from the heart and parents get to relax.

Saturday: Luncheon served for local neighbors; Shelter Fest! Seven bands donated their time and talent, several hundred people attended and 34 volunteers made it all happen, to raise funds and awareness for affordable housing.

Sunday: Family Promise wraps up with FBC and First Parish collaborating, to provide safe and caring housing for four families; Worship with dedication of new Lenten banners; Several FBCers attended event at Zen Center; Mid and Senior High Fellowship. All this (and more) happened at FBC. Surely, God is in the House!

Liz Crean Creates Inspiring Banners for the FBC Sanctuary

In January, the Spiritual Life Committee (planning our Lenten season), invited Liz Crean, to create two banners for Lent. We offered Liz a broad concept, then got out of the way and let Liz's creative process flow! Our Sanctuary is now graced by two beautiful pieces that inspire our thoughts and feelings. On Sunday, Julie Flowers interviewed Liz during the children's story as Liz explained how the banners were put together and what the various panels represent. Stepsitters concluded with a dedication prayer for our new banners.



Our artist, Liz Crean, assisted by her husband, Tom.



Buck "No Fear of Heights" Shupp, installing the banners.

Shelter Fest: Rocking the House for Affordable Housing

FBC's Second Annual Shelter Fest was a great success. A few years ago, FBC began dreaming about ways to 'think outside the box' on how we live out our faith. Brian Gregory came up with the idea of Shelter Fest, 'to support affordable housing and invite the community to come to FBC, to hear great local music'. Last year we learned how to put on such an event. This year, our goal was to grow the audience. And we did. We more than doubled the size of our audience! (Final numbers for attendance and funds raised to be reported in the next Bulletin). Here are some highlights from Brian:

It took over 30 volunteers to fill over 15 assignments. Thank you!

- Light show included synchronized uplights on stage and laser lights on the sanctuary ceiling
- Introduced pizza and Italian soda this year
- Utilized on-line advance ticket sales for first time, totaling almost \$400
- Began afternoon program with two student groups...Ruby Slippers from Penguin Hall and Beverly High School Jazz Band.
- Hometown favorite band, and BHS alums "Exit 18"
- "Salem Wolves" up from Boston having been nominated in recent years for several Boston Music Awards
- In between songs Barrence Whitfield, our headliner, became a formidable advocate for affordable housing, and emphasized the need to take care of our neighbors, and particularly veterans, on the North Shore



King of Rock and Soul, Beverly's own, Barrence Whitfield



FBC's Adam Costa, BHS Jazz Band Director



Shelter Fest Coordinator Brian Gregory with Barrence Whitfield

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.

Book Group Meets Friday, March 29 at 2:00pm

The Book Group will meet again on Friday, March 29 to discuss the year-long bestseller “There There” by Tommy Orange. An enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Tommy Orange has been recognized as a new and original “voice” in contemporary literature, and his debut novel became a bestseller rapidly by word of mouth. His book describes the lives of twelve Native Americans as they prepare to travel from various parts of the country to attend the Big Oakland Powwow. He gives voice to Native Americans who live in the cities and struggle to find an identity that encompasses their history as a people, the urban struggles against addiction, abuse and suicide, and the beauty and spirituality of their ethnic traditions. Many readers have found this to be a remarkable and eye-opening novel.

The Book Group meets at 2 o'clock in the comfort of the church Lounge. New members are always welcome, even for a single session to discuss one particular book.

Change for Good March 31st: Support the National Center for Transgender Equality

Each month, on the last Sunday of the month, we invite church members and friends to bring in their blue Change for Good banks, with any money collected over the course of the month, and to combine all of our loose change and donations to make a gift to a wonderful organization or institution working for good in the world.

On March 31st we stand with the Transgender Community for Trans Day of Visibility. We will be donating our collected money to [The National Center for Transgender Equality](https://www.nctqe.org/), the nation's leading policy organization fighting for transgender rights. Established over 14 years ago, this trans led organization is central to work at the federal and state levels that move trans equality forward. Check out their great [Trans 101 video](#) to learn more about transgender people and thank you for your support! IT matters and is life saving.

Please join us in supporting this great organization by bringing your bank on March 31st and to continue helping to bring change for good!



Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 16

8:30am-11:00am: Harborlight Nursery School Pancake Breakfast
12:30pm: Lunch Program

Sunday, March 17

Kent's and Julie's Birthday!

8:45am: Welcome Cafe
9:00am: Seekers Adult Class (Childcare provided)
10:00am: Worship and Multiage Children's Class
11:20 am: Adult Education and Children's Choir
11:20 am: Lenten Poetry and Spiritual Practices
2:30pm Baptism Class
4:00pm MS Fellowship
6:00pm Senior High Fellowship

Monday, March 18

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper
6:30pm: Church Home
7:00pm: Social Concerns

Tuesday, March 19

9:30am: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Delightful Dinner

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

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

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

In the Garden at Night

Rev. Kent Harrop, Preaching

Scripture: Mark 14: 32-42



Stepsitters Children's message

Sunday's Stepsitters children's message concluded with a dedication prayer for our new banners, created by Liz Crean for the Lenten Season.



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