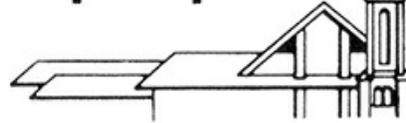


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us On Sunday at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

8:45 a.m.: Morning Cafe

**9:00 a.m.: Seekers Adult Class (Childcare provided)
Yoga - Spiritual Moments and Movement**

9:15 a.m.: Children's Choir Rehearsal for Singing in Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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 a.m.: Lenten Poetry and Spiritual Practices;
Adult Education Classes**

2:00 p.m.: Baptism Class

*In the Garden:
Sower and Seed*

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: Mark 4: 1 - 9



Fellowship Activities for April 7th

Middle School Fellowship: Sky Zone!

SPECIAL EARLIER TIME: 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our Middle School group will meet at the church at a slightly earlier time (3:30 p.m.) to ensure we can get to Sky Zone in Danvers in time for our planned hour of jumping and playing on the trampolines! The cost will be \$15/jumper (although, as always, we can and will provide assistance as needed - we never want youth to miss any activity due to cost!), and we will return to the church for pick-up at 6 p.m.! **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT SKY ZONE MUST HAVE AN ELECTRONIC WAIVER ON FILE FOR ALL JUMPERS!** Parents/guardians can go to [Sky Zone Danvers'](#) website to fill out a [waiver](#). If your Middle Schooler has been to Sky Zone within the past year, they may already have an active waiver on file, but we recommend double checking, to ensure they are registered and ready to jump.

Senior High Fellowship: Bring Your Pet!

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

The group asked for this program, and we are giving it a try! Youth and advisors who have signed up in advance (so that we can plan what rooms are needed for which pets!) can bring along a furry (or otherwise, in the case of some possible pets like turtles!) friend to Fellowship this Sunday, and we will have a chance to meet one another's animals friends and hang out. If you have not yet signed up to bring a pet BUT WOULD LIKE TO, please email [Julie](#) as soon as possible to let her know what type of pet you are hoping to bring, what kind of personality your pet has, and how it does with other animals/people. We are asking that youth please be thoughtful about their animal's limitations - if your animal is not always sociable/calm with strangers or new creatures, this may not be the best time for us to meet him or her! Dinner will be served (for the humans!), as well!

Yoga – Spiritual Moments and Movement

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Dates: April 7, May 19

Time: 9:00-9:50am

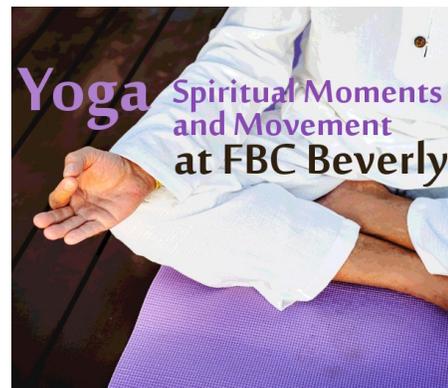
Meet in Chapel (downstairs)

Please bring water and a Yoga Mat. Childcare is available during this time. Class is appropriate for Middle School age and up.

Yoga Participants should be able to get up and down from the floor safely without assistance. All participants will sign a basic fitness waiver and must disclose any injuries or physical concerns related to gentle exercise movements.

Class will be gentle, spiritually connective and restorative – this is not a physically demanding Yoga. We will connect a unique theme each month through the practice of stretching, lengthening and breath awareness. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience a physical expression and honoring of our spirituality through the joy of basic movement; body and heart opening.

Class will begin and end with a mindful tuning into our bodies, hearts and spirits.



Weekly Blog: Green Preacher

Each week Kent Harrop writes a blog called 'Green Preacher'. The blog reflects Kent's personal perspective on the intersection of faith and culture. The blog seeks to engage the mind and imagination of people within and beyond the walls of the church. Kent's most recent blog reflects on the wisdom of indigenous voices, entitled: 'The First People'.

You're invited to read: <https://wordpress.com/view/greenpreacherblog.com>

Women's Fellowship Paint night at the Church: Saturday 4/13

Women's Fellowship Paint night at the Church
Saturday, April 13th from 7:00-9:00pm

Join Artist and Instructor Erin Grocki for a night of painting and ice cream refreshments in the gym.

All easels, paints, brushes, aprons and canvases will be provided. Just sign up and arrive ready to CREATE! No prior artistic experience necessary - Erin will guide all painters step by step in creating a masterpiece while enjoying snack, conversation and fellowship!

Join the fun and go home with a painting that's all your own!

Erin is an accomplished local artist who graduated from RISD, Cal Arts and worked for Disney. She currently teaches Art at Swampscott High School and continues to paint and create on her own!

Cost: \$35 per person

Sign up DEADLINE: Tuesday April 9th

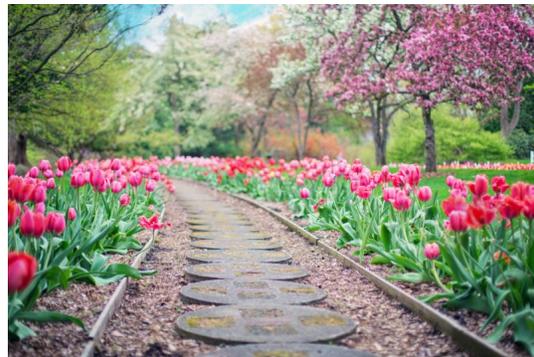
Sign up with [Julie Flowers](#) or [Lisa LaPlante](#).
Cash or Checks payable to Erin Grocki please.

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.

We began on the First Sunday in 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.



Delightful Dinners – Church Family Dinners

3rd Tuesday evenings: April 16 and 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 provided.

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. Decorated pots are then placed along windows and 'seeds' added throughout Lent.

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

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 imaginations, 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

Intergenerational Fun Night at FBC Gym - April 5th

Our next All-Church Intergenerational Fun Night is on the calendar! Join us on April 5th from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. for an evening of fun and games! Pizza served from 6:00 -6:30 p.m., with fun mixer games for all ages to follow. We will have Kin-ball Volley Ball, as well as other great group games. We also invite folks to bring a favorite board game to share. Invite a friend to share the evening with you! No cost.



Pilgrimage to Church in the Woods

On Palm Sunday, April 14th, the church van will be traveling to Church in the Woods, in Canterbury, NH. Church in the Woods Sanctuary is a 100 acre woodland, with paths for meditation and for savoring the beauty of creation. This faith community is rooted in the Episcopal tradition. We will meet in a pasture, by a fire, for an opening liturgy and will then be set free to wander through pasture and forest. Leave FBC at 12:30 p.m., stopping for refreshments at the Hooksett Tourist Information Center along the way, and then continue on to arrive in time for their 3 p.m. afternoon worship. RSVP to Kent Harrop kharrowp@fbceverly.org. Dress for the weather (rain or shine). This is a wonderful event for people of all ages and for families. This event is limited to the first 12 folks who are able to sign up.



April 16th Next Delightful Dinner

Join us for our upcoming Delightful Dinner on April 16th. A catered dinner from Henry's Catering will be served 6 – 6:30 p.m., with a fun and relaxed "get to know each other" conversation from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful way for newer and longtime participants at FBC to get acquainted. There is no fee for dinner, and childcare will be provided following the dinner. You'll be on your way home by 7:30 p.m. At the first dinner in this series, held in March, 45 people enjoyed the Delightful Dinner experience. You do not have to attend all sessions to be a part of these dinner conversations and experiences. Sign up by emailing Kent Harrop at kharrowp@fbceverly.org, or by adding your name to the list in the lobby, before or after worship on Sundays. We look forward to seeing you around the table!



Easter Sunday Services and Activities: April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday at FBC offers a morning filled with fun and celebration!

5:45 am:
Beverly Community Easter Sunrise Service at Lynch Park

Gather with your neighbors to welcome the Risen Lord!

8:30 am:
Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast at FBC

Bring a breakfast dish and join in our annual potluck breakfast.

9:15 am:
Egg Hunt at FBC

Following breakfast FBC hosts games for kids of all ages, and our famous egg hunt! This is a festive event to celebrate the joy of the risen Christ. We encourage you to invite friends and family, and stay for worship.

10:00 am:
Easter Worship Service!



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. Any one interested can speak with John or Eileen Hadley, jh254@msn.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Easter Lily and Tulip Sale

Easter Lilies and Tulips are now available for ordering. Sign-up in the church office or contact **Pat Haight** at phaight@fbcbeverly.org to place your order. You can also call the church office at 978-922-3295.

The flowers, in memory or in honor of a loved one, will decorate our Sanctuary during our Easter Sunday Service, and will be available to take with you after the worship service on Easter. If you prefer, you can also donate your flower to be gifted to members of the First Baptist family who are not able to get out of their homes or residences as often anymore to physically be with us in worship, but who are still very much part of the FBC family!

Cost: \$10/flower for either a lily or a tulip. Orders must be placed by Sunday, April 14th.



Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, April 4

6:00 pm: Celebration Ringers
6:30 p.m.: City of Beverly Community Meeting regarding Cabot St. redesign
7:30 pm: Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 5

6:00 pm: Intergenerational Family night

Saturday, April 6

11:30 am Chapel Choir
12:30pm: Lunch Program

Sunday, April 7

8:45am: Welcome Cafe
9:00 am: Seekers Adult Class; Yoga - Spritual Moments and Movement (Childcare provided)
9:15 a.m.: Children's Choir Rehearsal to Sing in Worship
10:00 am: Worship (No Children's Class or Stepsitters)
11:20 am: Adult Education (No Children's Choir)
2:00 pm: Baptism Class
3:30 pm: Middle School Fellowship
6:00 pm: Senior High Fellowship

Monday, April 8

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper
7:00 p.m. Social Concerns

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

4:30 pm: Lectio Divina
6:00 pm: Joy Ringers
7:15 pm: Harborlight Ringers

Thursday, April 11

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

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

In the Garden: The Vine and its Fruit

John DeNardo, preaching

Scripture: John 15:1-17

