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Join Us for Summer Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

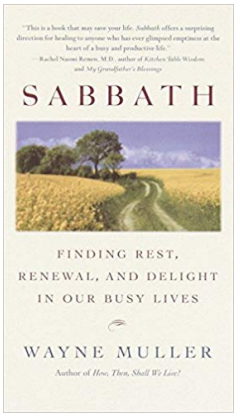
Sunday, July 7, 2019

9:30 a.m.: Welcome Café
10:00 a.m.: Worship with Communion
featuring the very first performance by FBC's newly formed Chapel Choir!
11:00 a.m.: Allagash Cleanup
11:15 a.m. Welcome Class
11:30 a.m.: Communal Life Committee meeting to plan for the picnic
1:00 p.m.: Men's Fellowship Barbecue
6:00 p.m.: Allagash Dinner

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Allagash Wilderness Sunday
9:30 a.m.: Welcome Café
10:00 a.m. Worship.
11:30 a.m.: All-Church Picnic!
We will all head over to Lynch Park right after worship. This is a great way to catch up with friends and meet new ones, while playing some games, relaxing, and enjoying a meal together. Free parking passes for non Beverly residents from office or after worship.

Summer Worship Series: "Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives"



Sunday July 7th :
Sabbath Rhythms: Can You Hear the Beat?
John DeNardo, Preaching
Psalm 119:103-105

Sunday July 14th
Allagash Wilderness Sunday
Rev. Julie Flowers and Allagash Youth, Preaching

Youth Fellowship Activities

Senior High Fellowship:

Sunday, July 7th at 11:00 am: Allagash Clean Up
Sunday, July 7th at 6:00 pm: Allagash Dinner

Sunday, July 14th at 10:00am Allagash Wilderness Sunday

So much fun on the Allagash!

Sabbath Summer Worship Series

Summertime at First Baptist Beverly brings a new sermon and worship series for the coming months. As we enter into this summer season, we will be embarking on a worship series entitled "Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives." This is a series that is inspired by the book by the same title by Wayne Muller, and the church family is invited to purchase a book (for a reduced price of $10) in the narthex any Sunday or from the church office at any time to follow along with the preachers. This is also a great series to hear preached and to ponder, even if you would prefer not to read the book as we go, though – so whether you want to read along with us or just follow along with the sermons, please join us this summer as we explore this theme!

This series is for you if you have ever felt like your life is caught up in a relentless emphasis on success and productivity and that you've lost the necessary rhythm of life? Or if you've ever felt that you've lost the balance between work and rest? Or if you've ever felt you've lost the balance you long for between busyness and simply being? This series is for you if you ever feel overwhelmed, overly-committed, or just long for new ways of pausing and restoring rest and balance in your life. This is a series for all of us!

In his book, Muller shows how Sabbath time can be more than one day per week, rather, a way of living and being in the world. Drawing upon various faith traditions, through stories and daily practices, the author teaches us how to use our time for sacred rest, to refresh our bodies, and minds and restore our creativity and perspective. Together, we will explore the themes within the book and explore some of these varied Sabbath practices, too.

If you are in town on summer Sundays, First Baptist Church is the place to be! Come and join us for this exploration of Sabbath!

Copies of the book are still available for purchase in the narthex (lobby) any Sunday or from the church office at any time!

Chapel Choir to Perform this Sunday!

July 7th Worship will feature the very first performance by FBC's newly formed Chapel Choir!

Lectio Divina at the Beach All Summer

Lectio Divina is an ancient ritual of meditation on Scripture and sharing of Communion. Starting on July 3rd, we meet each Wednesday throughout the summer at 4:30 p.m. at Independence Park (Lothrop Street in Beverly). Bring a favorite beach chair and sun glasses. This is a perfect way to unwind from a busy day. (In the event of inclement weather, the group will meet in Kent's office at FBC). New participants are always welcome!

Men's Fellowship BBQ - July 7

Sunday, July 7th at 1:00 p.m.
Save the date for this great event at the home of **Buck Shupp** (17 Lindall Street, Danvers). Bring an appetizer or side dish to share. The afternoon features 'Buck's Legendary Texas BBQ', Championship Ring Toss and Lawn Bowling. It's a great event for all men who call First Baptist home. Bring a friend!

(Photo: Nate Griffin (right) Bob Stoneham (middle) and Brian Gregory are in the zone for Championship Bocce and Ring Toss from last year's BBQ. Join us and make new memories!

July 14th Worship: Allagash Wilderness Sunday

10 a.m. in the FBC Sanctuary
Hear the wisdom and inspiring stories from our FBC paddlers (youth and adult advisors) .Through music, video, photos and stories the Allagash comes alive. Generations of FBCers have participated in this annual pilgrimage. A life changing experience.

Pictured: Our intrepid paddlers about to begom their journey in Maine on June 26th. Scheduled to return to Beverly on July 6th

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All-Church Picnic July 14th

Come to the church picnic held at Lynch Park on Sunday afternoon July 14th! Everyone will head to the park right after the worship service. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks are provided. Sign up in the narthex (foyer) to bring something to share and where non-Beverly residents can pick up a free parking pass. This is a great way to catch up with friends and meet new ones, while playing some games, relaxing, and enjoying a meal together. If you would like to volunteer to either set up or clean up talk to Lucy Keller or email her at VTLadyMuse@hotmail.com

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Annual Baseball Outing July 21st - Ticket on Sale Now

Join members and friends of First Baptist Church for the annual summer baseball outing!
When: Sunday night July 21 for a 5:05 p.m. game
What: Lowell Spinners (Red Sox farm team) vs. Hudson Valley Renegades (Tampa Bay farm team)
Sponsored by Men's Fellowship, but open to everyone! Tickets on sale after worship or at FBC office.

RSVP to ride in Church Van (leaves FBC at 3:45 p.m.)

Summerfest on the Commons
Fridays Starting July 26th, 7:00 p.m.

This summer FBC is hosting a Summerfest for all ages for four Friday evenings at the Beverly Commons by the gazebo. We will play self-guided lawn games, organize a group game or two, have live acoustic music playing, and even a visit from an ice cream truck with the first ice cream free! So come and play or just hang out on a blanket and enjoy the warm summer breeze with new and old friends. The rain location for these events will be the First Baptist Church gym.
Summerfest dates: July 26, and August 2, 9, 16

Book Group Chooses Summer Reading

The Book Group has recessed for the summer but before it did, the members selected the following books for their summer reading:

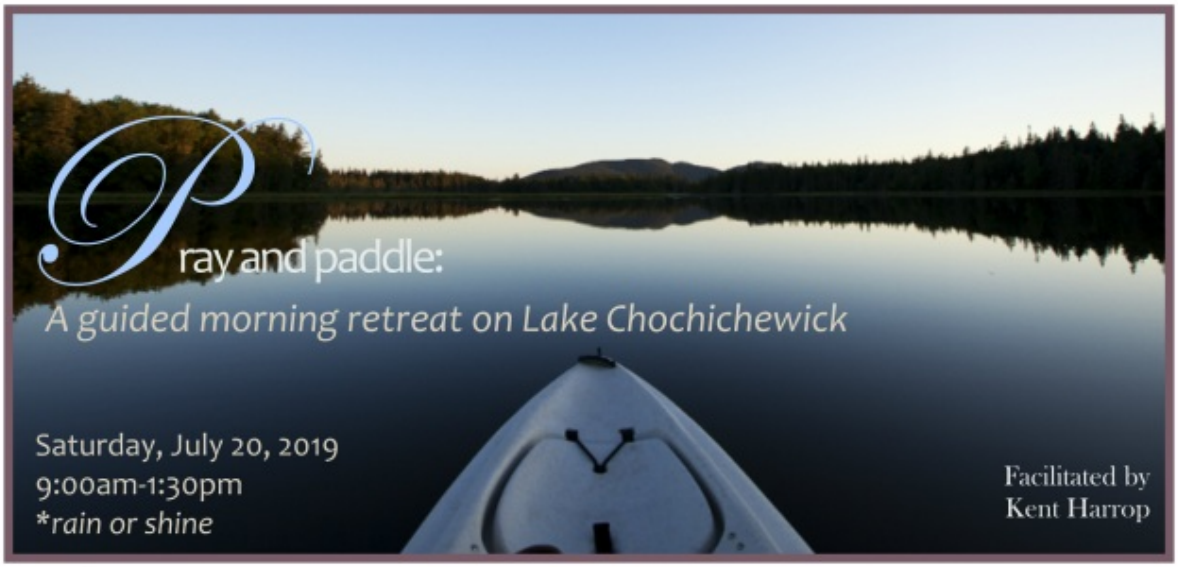
- "Becoming", the bestselling memoir of former First Lady Michelle Obama,
- "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson, a non-fiction book studying issues of fairness in the American judicial system, and
- "The Clockmaker" by Thomas Chandler Haliburton, a novel about a clockmaker in historic New England.

This is a diverse assortment of reading material, and hopefully everyone can find a topic of interest. The group will resume meeting on Friday, September 13, at their usual time of 2 o'clock in the church lounge. New members are always welcome so if any one is interested in reading all the books, only one, or none at all, please feel welcome to attend the fall meeting and see what the future plans of the group will be.

Summer Music Group

We launched the summer acoustic worship ensemble on Sunday and many expressed how meaningful it was to them. We are still open to other experienced instrumentalists to join us though, so talk to John DeNardo or email him at jdenardo@fbcbeverly.org if you are interested. Our plan is to play in a variety of settings as well as a song or two for some summer Sunday mornings. This can be a great way to form friendships and learn together how music can be a spiritual experience.

Pray and Paddle on Lake Cochichewick



Join us for a morning of contemplative paddling on beautiful Lake Cochichewick. Facilitated by Kent Harrop, contemplative paddling by kayak or canoe immerses you in the splendor of nature as you become more aware of all that is around you and connect more deeply with God and creation. By paddling and drifting in silence you open yourself to the infinite ways that the Creator speaks.

Rolling Ridge
Retreat and Conference Center

660 Great Pond Road
North Andover, MA 01845
978-682-8815

Register on line at:
www.rollingridge.org
Registration: $39 (includes lunch)

NOTE: This is a bring your own kayak or canoe event. In the event you do not own a kayak, kayaks may be reserved on a first come basis by calling 978-254-1027 and speaking with Danny Smith.

ADD ON! Create a personal retreat. Come on Friday, July 19 and stay overnight with dinner and breakfast for only $109 private/$89 shared additional. **Stay for the Ninth annual Peace Conference: "Peace, Love, Laugh: Discovering joy amid troubled times"** beginning at 1pm on July 20 and going until 4pm on Sunday, July 21. Additional rates apply. Register on line at www.rollingridge.org. NOTE: Only in the unlikely event of dangerous winds or storms will this event be canceled. Please dress accordingly.

Kent Harrop is an avid outdoorsman and ordained American Baptist minister. He was introduced to contemplative paddling on a Zen meditation kayak trip to the Tongass Wilderness in Alaska in 2002. Since that time Kent has enjoyed introducing both novice and experienced kayakers and canoeists to the joy of 'listening on the water'. A favorite verse is "Listen and your soul will live". – Isaiah 55:3 Kent is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School and from the Shalem Institute in Contemplative Leadership. He leads paddling retreats for a variety of groups: Recovery, environmental, interfaith. For 20 years he pastored a church in Oregon where he kayaked both flat and white water. He now serves on the staff of First Baptist Church in Beverly, with a focus on nurturing the contemplative life of the congregation. He enjoys exploring the ocean, rivers and lakes of Massachusetts and New England.

We suggest an arrival time of 8:45 am. Please let us know upon registration if you have dietary restrictions.

Labor Day Weekend Family Camp

What could be a better way to wrap up the summer than a weekend at beautiful Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnipesaukee, NH? August 30 - Sept. 2nd. The weekend is for all ages, singles, families, extended family, friends and newcomers to FBC. Come and join the nearly 40 people from FBC who have already signed up! A time to rest and relax. Go at your own pace and choose from a variety of fun and inspiring programs. Check out our website at: **ldwfc.org**. Financial incentives are in place for first time campers. To register contact Cindy Shupp: cjshupp@verizon.net

Exploring a Summer Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church!

We are exploring the idea of running a progressive VBS (Vacation Bible School) type program this summer for kids in rising K to 5th grade. We are looking at the last week in August (8/26 to 8/29) for this four day summer camp held at the church which would be from 9:00 AM to noon. To pull this off we need your help! If you're a middle-schooler, high-schooler, or especially an adult there are various ways you can be part of this fun week for kids in the church and in the community. **In order to make this program a success we would need approximately 30 volunteers. (**Adult volunteers would also need to be CORI checked if you have not already been CORIed by the church.) If this new initiative and opportunity to support children and families in our wider community is exciting to you, and you think you *may* be interested in helping in some way, please talk to John DeNardo or email him at jdenardo@fbcbeverly.org.

Meet Our New Members:

Dylan

Dylan is 14 and the second oldest of 4 siblings. Dylan loves the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. One of Dylan's passions is music, listening to, learning about and playing. He also loves to learn about travel and science. He plays lacrosse and enjoys skateboarding and biking. Dylan has a great sense of humor and keeps his family laughing. He's excited to now be a member of FBC and explore what his faith means to him.

Isabel

Isabel Winn is graduating from 8th grade at Beverly Middle School & was accepted into Essex Technical High School. She enjoys singing, babysitting, golfing, playing piano, softball & basketball and hanging out with her friends. She chose to join FBC because she has gone to this church since she was born & always feels welcome there. She is excited to become an official member of the church!
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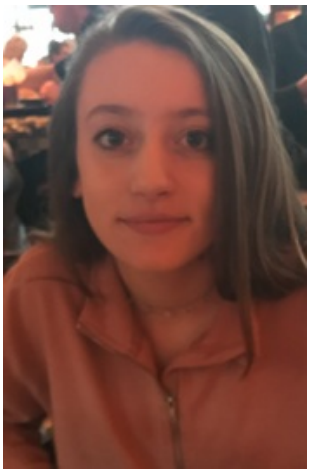
Gabby



Gabby Bisegna is 14 years old and will be attending 9th grade at Beverly High in the fall. She loves to ice skate and is part of the North Shore Skating Club. She also enjoys art and reading. Gabby is happy to be an official part of the church community.

Gifts for Family Promise

I want to thank the children, Cindy Shupp and parents at FBC for making blankets and pillows for the Family Promise Program. They will be given as gifts when they find their own housing. Blessings to you all!
- Roberta Grant

Staff Summer Schedule Updates:

Rev. Julie Flowers will be away on the Senior High Fellowship Allagash canoe trip from June 25th to July 6th.

Summer Bulletin Schedule:

Bulletins will be published during the first and third weeks of July and August.

Coming Up at FBC

Wednesday, July 3
4:30 pm: Lectio Divina returns from hiatus and meets in Independence Park

Thursday, July 4
Independence Day - Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5
Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 6
11:30 am: Chapel Choir
12:30 pm: Lunch Program
Allagash Returns

Sunday, July 7
9:45am-11:30am: Welcome Café
10:00am: Worship
11:00am: Allagash Clean-up
11:15 a.m. Welcome Class
11:30 a.m.: Communal Life Committee meeting to plan for the picnic
1:00pm: Men's Fellowship Barbecue
6:00 pm: Allagash Dinner

Monday, July 8
1:00pm -3:00pm: Minister Meeting
6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper

Tuesday, July 9
9:00 am: Staff Planning Retreat Meeting

Wednesday, July 10
4:30pm: Lectio Divina

Saturday, July 13
11:30am: Chapel Choir
12:30 pm: Lunch Program

Sunday, July 14
Allagash Wilderness Sunday
9:30: Welcome Cafe
10:00am: Worship
11:300am: Church Picnic

Monday, July 15
6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper
(*Julie leaves for vacation until August 5*)

Tuesday, July 16
9:30 am: Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 17
4:30 pm: Lectio Divina

Check out all of FBC Beverly's sermons at fbcbeverly.org/sermons

June 23rd:

Rest: Too Busy to Breathe

Rev. John DeNardo, Preaching

June 30th:

Rhythm

Rev. Kent Harrop, Preaching

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