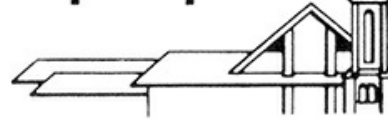


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us on RALLY DAY SUNDAY at First Baptist Church in Beverly

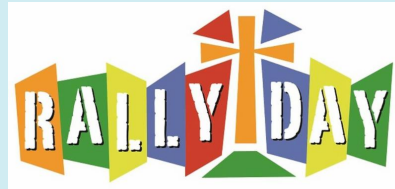
Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:30 a.m. Family-Style Breakfast served by Youth Fellowships

Pull up a chair and have a pancake or three!
Breakfast is free, but donations for the youth ministries of the *very* welcome! Fun and games for all ages will also take place, as well as an opportunity to learn about and register for all of our education programs.

Middle School Fellowship: please arrive by 7:30 a.m. to cook

Senior High Fellowship: please arrive by 8:15 a.m. to serve and clean up



10:00 a.m.: Worship in our Sanctuary

We will introduce and begin to explore our 2019-2020 Annual Theme, "Yes, and..."
Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to join in the celebration and fun!

Childcare provided throughout worship for our youngest children.
Children in Kindergarten and up are encouraged to begin worship in our sanctuary and are invited to make use of our flexible Playground space at the front of the room.
Parents/caregivers and other adults are all welcome to join our youngest churchgoers up front, as well!

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Middle School Fellowship

6:00 p.m.: Senior High Fellowship

Let's get the 2019-2020 program year started off strong!
RALLY WITH US!

"Yes, and..."

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: Romans 12:2-8



Announcing Our New Church Year and New Annual Theme

Every program year (September through June), at the First Baptist Church in Beverly we choose an annual theme to give shape to our worship life, and to our educational and fellowship programs. This theme is prayerfully and carefully developed as the Ministerial Team and Music Director consider what is happening in the world, in our church and in the lives of individuals in our community and congregation. The theme selected for the 2019-2020 church year is *Yes, and...* which was inspired both by the book *God, Improv, and the Art of Living* by Maryann McKibben Dana, and by the practice of improv comedy itself.

One of the first rules of improv work is that in order for things to flow, one needs to master a “*yes, and...*” mentality. That means breaking our ingrained habit to respond to one another as frequently with “no” or “yes, but...” responses. Instead, with *Yes and...* thinking, we can pause in order to truly hear the other person, to view what they say as a gift they are offering, and then consider how to accept that gift, respond to that gift, modify that gift, or add to that gift.

In church life and in our broader lives and lives of faith, we are engaged in improv work all the time, as well—whether we are comedians or not! We are constantly responding to the movement of God’s Spirit and to one another; we are making decisions, changing course, and striving to do our best to discern the spaces and places and work to which God is calling us and the best decisions to make for ourselves, our families, our children, our friends, our church, our community, and our world, in light of all these factors.

Yes, and... thinking helps to open us up to the movement of God’s Spirit. *Yes, and...* thinking helps to open us up to new and creative ways of being the church, both within the walls of our building and out in God’s wide world. *Yes, and...* thinking helps to open us up to all that is yet to be, for ourselves and for our world.

Come and join us, as we explore all that is yet to be for our church, our church family, and our world!

Youth Fellowship Activities for Sunday, September 22

Middle School Fellowship Activities:

7:30 a.m.: Meet at the church to cook breakfast for Rally Day

The Senior High will take over for us on cleaning duty after we are done serving! There will be lots of fun and games and celebration throughout the morning, too, and then stay for worship at 10:00 a.m. if you want! This whole day is a great way to kick off our Fellowship year!

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Gather in the Youth Lounge to have some Middle School only time – getting our year going with our covenant and with fun games!

Senior High Fellowship:

8:15 a.m.: Meet at the church to to serve and clean up breakfast

We need as many hands helping as possible to support this great event AND it’s more fun with more people! **Please plan to stay until 11:00 a.m.** or so to ensure we have enough people to really get the job done!

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Meet again at the church for an evening of fun together – friends are welcome! We will have dinner together! If you can bring \$3-\$5 to donate toward our weekly dinner cost each week, that’s great – but don’t stress if not!



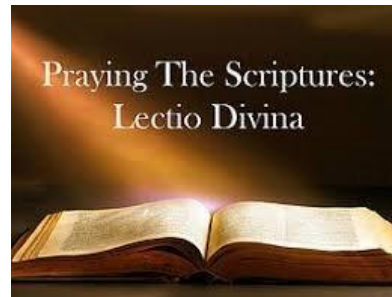
Middle School and Senior High youth gathered on Sunday, September 15th, for an amazing Kick-Off event at Chebacco Lake!



Over 30 youth gathered at the home of Bob and Deb Blanchard, along with their adult advisors, for games, great food cooked by Brad Barbin, boating, singing, and more!

Lectio Divina Returns

Lectio Divina is Latin for an ancient practice of "meditating on the Word." Each Wednesday we meet in church Lounge, 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. . We meditate on the upcoming Scripture passage to be used in Sunday worship. Three times we read the passage, each time with a different question to focus the reading and hearing: What word or phrase intrigues you; what do you think the passage is saying; what wisdom will you take with you? We sit with each question in silence for approximately 5 minutes. The second question is also followed by group discussion. With each reading, we are able to hear the wisdom in new ways and view the Bible passage from different angles. We conclude with a simple Communion ritual and the sharing of the Lord's Prayer. This is a meaningful and renewing way to conclude your day and to move into evening. New participants are always welcome. Come try out *Lectio Divina* and see if it is a helpful practice for your spiritual life. This group is hosted by Kent Harrop.



Contemplative Paddle Around Misery Island

Mark September 28th on your calendar, 9 a.m. – noon, on your calendar for a guided kayak trip around beautiful Misery Island. Kent Harrop will provide the program, while the guiding and rentals will be provided by the staff of Coast to Coast Paddle. We will meet at the West Beach Parking lot (in Beverly Farms). Misery Island (45 acre island owned by the Trustees for Reservations) is a half mile off shore. Under the professional guidance of Coast to Coast we will navigate the circumference of the island. We will stop half way (on the far side of the island) for a meditative walk on a wide, wild and breathtaking beach. This is a wonderful opportunity to paddle and explore an island that few get to see. Please go the link below to make your reservation with Coast to Coast. The prices quoted are discounted by First Baptist. These slots are limited to the first ten people who sign up. (You can rent a kayak, single or tandem or, bring your own.) Feel free to invite a friend. Participants should have a moderate amount of experience in a kayak. The trip will be held on a weather-permitting basis. Please speak with Kent Harrop if you have any questions: khharrop@fbcbeverly.org



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Mission Works!

We have another exciting annual **Mission Works** event coming this **October 4-5, 2019** at the Doubletree in Leominster, MA to support the mission and outreach opportunities for our American Baptist churches in Massachusetts. From Friday afternoon – Saturday afternoon, be inspired by wonderful keynote speakers and workshops (including one by Kent and Tricia Harrop on FBC's ministry in Nicaragua). Practical and inspiring ideas for sharing God's love locally and globally.

The information for registration is found at <https://tabcom.org/missionworks/>

John DeNardo's Ordination Service

On Sunday afternoon on October 6 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm First Baptist in Beverly will be having an ordination service to ordain John DeNardo as a Minister. Ordaining a Minister is a function of the local church. That means that we all as a community have a part in this as we come together in celebration. There will be light refreshments following the service. Please come and celebrate this important event in the life of our church.

Saying Yes to Learning and Growth through Christian Education

At First Baptist Church in Beverly, we believe that faith is a journey, not a destination. We believe in life-long learning and offer Christian Education classes and experiences for children as young as preschool age and for adults at every stage of life and learning. We believe you are never too young to begin learning about the wonders of our loving God and never too old to continue! New members are always welcome.

Fostering Faith: Opportunities for Children and Youth

Childcare/Nursery Care: We offer childcare for children of all ages during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:20 adult education time so that parents who wish to attend an adult class may do so. We also offer Nursery Care for our youngest children (infants up to preschool age) throughout the 10 a.m. worship time. Both of these opportunities are provided by highly skilled caregivers, with extensive childcare experience. Where to find it: Look for childcare opportunities in the Nursery Care Room on the main level of the church.

Children's Class: A creative one-room schoolhouse structured classroom with a curriculum designed for various ages and learning styles. Children from preschool age to Grade 5 will meet weekly together with adult teachers, teaching in teams. This class will meet during the 10:00 a.m. worship hour and will begin after the Stepsitters children's message. The class incorporates music, singing, movement, story-telling, and hands-on projects, all guided by the excellent curriculum, Seasons ENCORE (Seasons of the Spirit). Where to find it: Look for our multiage class in upstairs Nursery I, on the main level of the church.

Middle School/Senior High: A new opportunity is in the works! Stay tuned!

All Adult Volunteers working with our children and youth have been CORI-checked.

Life-long Learning: Sunday Opportunities for Adults

Starting October 6th, each Sunday morning at First Baptist, we offer a variety of times and studies. These classes provide lively opportunities for experienced and novice students of the Bible to grow in faith. New participants welcome!

9 a.m. Spiritual Seekers Class: Unpacking Jesus, hosted by Kent Harrop. Great class for adults newer to FBC or who are exploring their faith. Each week we dialogue with a 10-12 minute video by theologian and filmmaker Rob Bell and use his provocative work as a takeoff point for Bible study and discussion. New videos and topics for the Fall! ~ Staff Conference Room, main floor.

9 a.m. Mindful Movements: Yoga and Meditation: This class offers 45 minutes of gentle Yoga while weaving in themes that speak to the connectedness of spirit in each of us. Please bring water and a mat. This monthly class is led by Lisa LaPlante and meets in the Chapel (lower level)

11:20 a.m. Faith Journey Class: Gospel of John, 'When Love Comes to Town'. A fun, interactive class hosted by Kent Harrop and Gloria Stoneham. In this study we explore the question of what happens when God, who is love, comes to town and takes up residence among us. For some this new neighbor love is welcome; for others, unusual; for still others, suspect--even dangerous.

We learn from John's Gospel what it means to be called friends and lovers of God, what it means to put love to death and what it means for love to rise again in our midst and in our lives. ~ Staff Conference Room, main floor.

11:20 a.m. Bible Study: This class, facilitated this year by John DeNardo, meets in the Mary Kuell Room on the lower level and enjoys lively discussions while studying a variety of texts, both biblical and academic. If you are looking for interesting study and discussion that can lead to new insights to apply to our lives, this is the class for you. Our first session will be to explore together what we would like to study.

Intro to the Bible: This fall, Julie Flowers will be offering a four-week class that will truly be a very beginning introduction to the Bible for those who are longing to begin Bible exploration in that way. We will explore its history, how it came together, why it contains the books it does - and more! ALL questions are welcome, as we really dig into a really fun, really interactive, really free-wheeling introduction to the Bible...it's everything you ever wanted to ask! This class will meet once a week for four weeks, one a weekday afternoon/evening that is mutually agreeable to those interested in the class. Please speak to or [email Julie](mailto:Julie) to let her know if you are interested, and she will take it from there!

Mae Patten Class: This class meets in the Lounge behind the sanctuary to study Scripture and ways in which it can be applied to life.

Stay Tuned for an In-depth Study: In January, FBC will begin an eight-week in-depth study entitled "Listening to Scripture: Strategies for Interpreting the Bible." This study (from

Kerygma publishing) is for those who want to grow their skill set in terms of how to interpret and understand the ancient wisdom of both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. By the end of 8 weeks you'll come away with a heightened comfort level in navigating Scripture (cultural, theological, political context in which the Bible arose) and what that context says about how we understand and open ourselves to God's leading. Meeting dates and time based upon the availability of participants. See [Kent Harrop](mailto:kharrowp@fbcbeverly.org) if interested kharrowp@fbcbeverly.org

Fellowship and Learning all Week: Other Opportunities for Adults Throughout the Week

Book Group: This class meets one Friday a month at 11:45 a.m. to discuss books participants have selected.

Lectio Divina: The name of this class means to "meditate on the word." Participants share scripture, times of silence and communion. The group meets each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in FBC Lounge.

Theology on Tap: This group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Chianti on Cabot Street in Beverly to discuss theology and questions of faith. The group meets in the glass atrium in the rear of the restaurant. This is open to everyone in the church and wider community and drop-in participants are always welcome.

Walk to End Homelessness

Join us on Saturday, October 12th, as we walk from Lynch Park, in support of Family Promise and the mission to end homelessness, so children and their parents can have a better future. If you'd like to walk register online: www.familypromisensb.org And, before and after worship on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6th you can make a donation to support the FBC Walking Team. Together we are making a difference!

The 6th Annual Walk to End Homelessness has expanded! This year you can choose between a morning or an afternoon walk, and join us for the Family Promise Fall Festival from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. There will be lunch, games and prizes for families and friends of all ages, including: •Candy corn ring toss •Pumpkin decorating •Corn hole •Football toss •Pumpkin bowling •Giant tic-tac-toe, and more! Please join us and show your support by inviting your friends to attend and donate! Register or donate online, and find out more at www.familypromisensb.org. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 9:30 AM – Morning Registration/T-shirt Pickup – coffee and pastries included 10:00 AM – Morning Kick-off 10:15 AM – Morning Walk – 3-mile stroll around Beverly 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM – Family Promise Fall Festival – lunch included 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM – Afternoon Registration/T-shirt Pickup 1:15 PM – Afternoon Kick-off 1:30 PM – Afternoon Walk – 3-mile stroll around Beverly

Harborlight Community Partners Annual Event



Harborlight Community Partners Annual Event "Re-imagining Community: Rooted in Kindness and Courage"

Thursday, October 17, 2019
6:00 to 8:30 pm

Willowdale Estate, Bradley Palmer State Park, Topsfield

RE-IMAGINING
COMMUNITY



An Evening
with
Friends



Join us at the Harborlight Community Partners Gala on October 17 to celebrate the work of our FBC satellite ministry that promotes social justice through affordable housing. Former Gov. Michael Dukakis will be on hand to introduce our honoree, Paul Lanzikos, a tireless champion of housing for those on the margins. Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased through the HCP website or by check (mail to P.O. Box 507, Beverly MA 01915). For more info, see <https://harborlightcp.org> or call Bethany Blake at the HCP office at 978-473-7153

In the Family

We join with Steve and Heidi Bissel in their celebrating of the arrival of their newest granddaughter, born to their daughter, Bre and her husband, Corey. We share their joy at welcoming the newest member of the family, **Alanna Maeve McGrath**, born on August 24, weighing in at 7 lbs 11 oz and 21.5 inches long. Alanna joins big sister Katie at home. Every one is healthy and doing well!

The Jewelry Table Returns to the Fair!

Jan and Tracey Armstrong are bringing back the highly acclaimed used jewelry table for the Holiday Fair (Nov. 23rd) this year! They are looking for donations of gently used jewelry, which they will display beautifully. Because they spend time organizing, pricing and creating their displays, it would be great if people could bring in their donations now through October to early November. This is a very successful table that sells jewelry at all price points. You can drop off the jewelry in the church office or give it to Tracey or Jan on Sundays.

Back Door Guests Are Always Best (at Least Right Now They Are)!

The City of Beverly's Cabot Street Project is continuing to unfold - as you can easily see if you are outside of the church! The project has moved to the sidewalks in front of and beside the church building (along Hale St.), and those sidewalks are currently NOT useable or accessible for pedestrian use. As a result, during this time, our FRONT CABOT STREET DOORS will NOT BE ACCESSIBLE. Our PARKING LOT SIDE HALE STREET DOOR WILL BE accessible, and, for ease and for safety of everyone, we are urging everyone to plan to enter through that door when you are coming to church. As you may already know, that door is a fully accessible door, with an automatic opening mechanism, just as we have in the front, so we are pleased that we should still be able to maintain easy and safe access for all who would like to come by and visit the church or attend worship. Please do let [Julie Flowers](#) know if you have any questions about this temporary closure of our front doors while the sidewalk is under construction.

Family Promise

I would like to thank you once again for your dedication and time to the Family Promise Program this past week. We couldn't do this without your valuable help. I'd also like to give a special shoutout to Mark Holland from First Parish, Bill Schneider, Jerry Karaganis for much of the heavy lifting, setup and breakdown. Also to Jeremy Weir for all his guidance with storage.

Blessings and Gratitude!
Bobbie Grant

Our final week for Family Promise this year will be October 6-13, 2019. If you haven't had a chance to signup, please go to the link below. Thank you for any help you can give in this valuable program.

<http://signup.com/go/KgfbXTa>

Fresh Expressions

On September 7th several from FBC (Pam Constantine, Lauren Costa, Lisa LaPlante, Kent Harrop) participated in a workshop entitled 'Fresh Expressions' at Grotonwood Conference Center. Fresh Expressions grew out of the United Methodist Church in England, where only 5% participate in a faith community. Realizing that fewer people were taking the initiative to come to an established church, churches began experimenting with fresh ways of sharing the Good News. Fresh Expressions is being the church in nontraditional settings, wherever most people spend their extra time (apart from family and work). Fresh Expression ministry (in the United States) is taking place in bars, gyms, parks.... wherever people gather.

Those who attended the workshop were energized with the endless possibilities. We believe too, that FBC Beverly is already experimenting with new ways of sharing the Good News (i.e. Parents Night Out, Summer Fest, Contemplative Paddle, Theology on Tap, Shelter Fest). Stay tuned for new ways FBC can offer Fresh Expressions!

Coming Up at FBC



Saturday, September 21

9:00am: Rally Day Set-Up
12:30 pm: Lunch Program

Sunday, September 22

Rally Day!

7:30 a.m: Middle School Fellowship arrives
8:15 a.m: Senior High Fellowship arrives
8:30am: Breakfast
10:00am: Worship
4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship
6:00pm: Senior High Fellowship

Monday, September 23

6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper

Tuesday, September 24

9:30am: Staff Meeting
6:30pm: Church Council/Deacons Book and Annual Theme Exploration

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

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

Monday, September 30

6:00pm: Staff Administration Meeting at Pam Constantine's

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

Sabbath: Breaking the Trance

John DeNardo, preaching

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-10



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