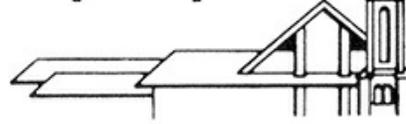


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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## Sunday, October 6, 2019

*Communion Sunday*

**8:45am: Welcome Café**

**9:00am: Seeker Class**

**10:00am: Worship**

**11:00am Family Promise Setup**

**11:20am: Adult Education**

**11:20am: Children's Choir**

**3:00pm John DeNardo's Ordination**

**4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship**

**6:00pm: Senior High Fellowship**

*Family Promise Week Begins*

*Yes, We Are Born into a  
Challenging World, and Our  
Lives Tell a Story of Hope*

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-10

**Yes, and...**

## Come and Take Part in a Service of Ordination to the Christian Ministry for John DeNardo

On Sunday afternoon of October 6 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., First Baptist in Beverly will hold a Service of Ordination to ordain John DeNardo to the Christian Ministry. For American Baptists (and other denominations that uphold the importance of congregational polity and local church autonomy), ordaining a minister is a function of the local church. That fact means that we as a community have a part in this moment, as we come together in celebration. Ordination is done differently in different denominations, but for Baptists, ordaining someone to the work of the Christian ministry is something that we the people do.



We'll begin singing a few worship songs led by The Worship Ensemble and throughout the hour our Music Director Dr. Esther Chang will lead us in some hymns. The service culminates with the *laying on of hands*. This is where all who wish gather around John and stretch out their hands in prayer and blessing to ordain him to Christian Ministry. If you've never been to this type of service, you won't want to miss it. Immediately following the service there will be some time for fellowship and celebration as we share light refreshments in the lobby.

Please come and celebrate this important event in the life of our church. Childcare will be provided. FBC is inviting financial donations for a gift in recognition of John's ordination. Checks can be made out to First Baptist Church, with a notation for Ordination Gift.

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## Youth Fellowship Activities for Sunday, October 6

### Middle School Fellowship:

#### *Swamp Walk and Ice Cream*

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. to head out for a fun and lovely walk in the woods! Make sure to wear comfortable clothes and come dressed for the weather! Bring bug spray! On the way home, the group will stop for ice cream - our treat!

### Senior High Fellowship:

#### *Tuftonboro Pump Up*

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

This is our opportunity to get ready and excited for our upcoming FALL RETREAT WEEKEND at Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire! Come and learn more, help plan, play some games, and share a meal! This program is for ALL senior high youth - even if you cannot attend the retreat the following weekend (October 11-14)!



*Here are a few of the moments from Sunday's Youth Group adventure to Connors' Farm in Danvers! 43 of us - from middle schoolers to high schoolers to adult advisors - spent time enjoying the farm, thanks to the generosity of Bob Connors!*

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Senior High Retreat is coming up:  
October 11-14!!

[Read all about it here:](#)

<http://www.fbcbeverly.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Tboro-19-flyer.pdf>



The crew from last year's super-fun trip to Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro, NH!

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### Family Promise

Our final week for Family Promise (providing lodging in churches, for homeless families) 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>

Blessings and Gratitude!

Bobbie Grant

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### Parents Night Out is THIS FRIDAY!! 6:00pm - 8:30pm

This month's Parents' Night Out will take place THIS Friday (not the second Friday of the month as it is normally scheduled).

Drop the kids with us! Julie Flowers and an amazing team of volunteers lead a fun and interactive evening of songs, art projects, and faith stories, all from a progressive Christian perspective—plus we provide dinner!

Everybody has a blast. You deserve time to yourself!



## October 6th Bible Discussion: Abraham and Sarah and the Abuse of Power

On September 29<sup>th</sup> in Worship, the reader for that Sunday's scripture (Genesis 12: 1 – 8) inadvertently missed the stopping point, and strayed into a second story (Genesis 12: 10 – 20). *The first reading* which Kent preached on, is the inspiring story of Abram and Sarai stepping out in faith, leaving the safety of what they knew, graced with God's promise that they would be blessed. *The second story* in Genesis 10 – 20 is unsettling and problematic. It offers a window into the human frailty of Abram (now known as Abraham) who when confronted with the threat of Pharaoh, turns over his wife Sarai (now known as Sarah) for the pleasure of the Pharaoh, to save himself. This offers a window into the character of Abraham and the vulnerability of Sarah who has no power.

Such a story is unfortunately relevant to today's world, where human trafficking, particularly of women, as sexual slaves is widespread. This **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the 9 a.m. Seeker Class** (this week **hosted by Kent Harrop and Karen Ansara**), will explore this difficult passage and seek to understand the culture of that time and the implications for today. Together we will ask: "Where was God in the midst of this story?" We hope you can join us.

Note: October 13<sup>th</sup> the Seeker Class will begin a series based on theologian Rob Bell's video series: 'Unpacking Jesus'.

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## Rev. Richard (Rick) Harris Begins His Consultant Work with First Baptist Church!

Rev. Rick Harris spent this past week at First Baptist Church and spoke at an all church forum following worship on Sunday, September 29, on his role as a consultant to our church. Rick, who served as an interim at FBC eight years ago, spent the week sitting in on as many church events/groups as possible: Church Council, Deacons, handbell and vocal choirs, Lectio Divina, Contemplative Paddle, Saturday Neighborhood Luncheon, Worship, Prayer Shawl Team, and meeting with the staff. Rick will be with us one week per month, during which time he will be helping to lead the church family in the process of determining what staffing model best meets our needs for the coming years and for the vision and hopes and goals we hold and share. His next scheduled weeks for being with us in ministry and worship are October 22 – 27<sup>th</sup> and November 12 – 17<sup>th</sup>. Rick's goal is to listen closely to the hopes and dreams of the congregation. With our Staff Administration Committee and church staff he will develop a process to build upon our church goals (approved in May 2018) and to consider our church system and the best long term staffing model, to help us accomplish our goals and live into our core values. Rick will be onsite with First Baptist one week per month for 4 - 6 months.

Rick lives with his wife Anne near Philadelphia. They have an adult daughter, Ericka. He is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School and is active with the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. For over 25 years Rick was the Pastor of North Oxford Baptist Church in Massachusetts. Later he served as the director of Personnel Services for the American Baptist Churches/USA. Rick is retired and, on occasion, serves as an interim/consultant for churches that intrigue him. Welcome back, Rick!

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## Living the Sabbath: An invitation

This Summer we at FBC explored the theme Sabbath. This series was based on the book by Wayne Muller entitled *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in Our Busy Lives*. Muller points out that the Sabbath begins on Saturday evening with sundown and concludes on Sunday with sundown. A suggestion he offers in the book is to begin your Sabbath at home with family/friends to share a Saturday evening dinner. You might start with lighting a candle and a prayer asking God to prepare our hearts and minds to receive the blessings of the Sabbath. He suggests that we seriously consider refraining from social media for 24 hours and that we instead enjoy the meal (pizza, potluck, gourmet...whatever minimizes stress and is fun), play board games, take a walk, or enjoy a favorite film...the idea is to slow down and enjoy being with people you care about. If you live alone, invite friends over to your home or gather in a neutral place, like a restaurant, to enjoy each other's company. Go to bed at an early enough hour to be refreshed for Sunday morning.

## Living the Sabbath: An invitation (continued from previous page)

On Sunday morning, gather with your community for worship (to remember we belong to God and to each other). In the afternoon, to the extent possible, slow down and savor time to relax and reflect. At sundown, light a candle and offer a prayer or words of gratitude for the Sabbath. Celebrate what you noticed and the blessings you received. Offer a word of thanks to God, then extinguish your candle. The hope is that by practicing the Sabbath, we enter into the new week renewed and refreshed, to be a blessing for others. Note: Each person/household is free to create their own rituals for honoring the Sabbath - whatever our created rituals, the purpose of the Sabbath remains the same: to remember we belong to God and to one another. This is Good News! Watch the FBC Facebook page, where we will be inviting the FBC family to post ways you honor the spirit of the Sabbath. Let's share our creative ideas for celebrating the Sabbath, and in the words of Scripture, "to honor the Sabbath and make it holy."

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## Final Contemplative Paddle of the Season

On September 28, First Baptist in Beverly wrapped up another exciting and meaningful Contemplative Paddle season with a paddle to Misery Island. This name is a misnomer as the island is so incredibly beautiful! Since May, First Baptist has hosted six paddle events with a total of 56 different people involved (some were involved in multiple paddles). There are more contemplative paddles to come in 2020. We hope to see you on the water! Please connect with Kent Harrop about ways to participate.



From left to right: Nancy, Vanessa, Alex, Paula, Amy, Aaron, Bryan, Doris Ann, Kent, Brenda, Diana, Marty

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# 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) **The first class will be on October 13th.**

**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 this fall.

**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 weekday afternoon/evening that is mutually agreeable to those interested in the class. Please speak to or [email Julie](#) to let her know if you are interested, and she will take it from there!

## Saying Yes to Learning and Growth through Christian Education (continued)

**Mae Patten Class:** This class of varying abilities 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:kharrop@fbcbeverly.org) if interested [kharrop@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharrop@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.

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## Jewelry Donations Needed!

Tracey and Jan Armstrong are bringing back the Jewelry Table for the Holiday Fair this year! It has been a few years since the last jewelry table, but you may recall that it was highly successful, not to mention beautifully displayed, with jewelry at all price points. If you have gently used jewelry that you just don't wear anymore, please bring it to the church office or drop it off on Sunday with Jan or Tracey Armstrong. Just a reminder: the Holiday Fair is November 23rd—it is never too soon to start thinking about how you can contribute to this fun but important all-church fundraiser.



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## Walk to End Homelessness

First Baptist Church in Beverly is fielding a team to Walk to End Homelessness on October 12<sup>th</sup>. If you (and your family and friends) would like to walk, add your name to the registration link below. Also, after worship on September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>, before and after worship you can make a donation to support those from FBC walking (to raise funds for Family Promise). Current FBC walkers: Bill Schneider, Nancy Winter.



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](http://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](http://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

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## 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](tel:978-473-7153).

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## Join us for Breakfast for Lunch

Sunday, October 20th at 11:15am!

The Mission Group is inviting everyone to stay for a Breakfast for Lunch fundraiser meal immediately following worship on the 20<sup>th</sup> – all proceeds will go to support the Summer 2020 Mission Trip. Adult Education Classes will meet DURING the meal – so anyone interested in checking out a new class or two can pull up a chair at their table! Or, those not in a formal class can just enjoy a time of fellowship and a good meal together! Mission Group folks who are interested in helping out with the meal/donating food for the meal should contact Doris-Ann Vosseler, who is helping to coordinate the event! (Her email is [vosselerd@mersd.org](mailto:vosselerd@mersd.org))



## Sharing in the Joy of Gifting Flowers for our Worship Services

Recently, many folks have been asking how the flowers that are on the chancel during our Sunday morning worship service are given – and how one might be able to give flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or a celebratory family moment or moment in life's journey. Marty Lincoln is our amazing Flowers and Decorations coordinator, and if you are interested in giving flowers for a Sunday service of worship, she can assist you with just that! Please contact Marty at 978-578-5052

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## 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](mailto:jflowers@fcbeverly.org) (jflowers@fcbeverly.org) know if you have any questions about this temporary closure of our front doors while the sidewalk is under construction.

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## Why was last week's Bulletin so short?

We are implementing a bi-weekly highlight bulletin this year. Expect Full issues on the first and third Sundays and Highlights in the second and fourth Sundays. Please Note: Only Full issues will be mailed. Hard copies can be found at the Info Kiosk in narthex/lobby.

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## Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, October 2  
4:30pm: Lectio Divina  
6:15pm: Joy Ringers  
7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers

Thursday, October 3  
6:00pm: Celebration Ringers  
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

Friday, October 4  
6:00pm: Parents' Night Out

Saturday, October 5  
11:30am: Chapel Choir  
12:30pm: Lunch Program  
MissionWorks

Sunday, October 6  
*Communion Sunday*  
8:45am: Welcome Café  
9:00am: Seeker Class  
10:00am: Worship  
11:00am Family Promise Setup  
11:20am: Adult Education  
11:20 am: New Teacher Training Session for Children's Teachers  
11:20am: Children's Choir  
3:00pm John DeNardo's Ordination  
4:00pm: MS Fellowship  
6:00pm: SH Fellowship  
*Family Promise Week Begins*

Monday, October 7  
6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper

Tuesday, October 8  
9:30am: Staff Meeting  
6:00pm: Family Promise Dinner  
7:30 pm: HNS Board

Wednesday, October 9  
4:30pm: Lectio Divina 6:15pm: Joy Ringers  
7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers

Thursday, October 10  
6:00pm: Celebration Ringers  
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

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**Check out all of FBC Beverly's sermons at [fbcbeverly.org/sermons](http://fbcbeverly.org/sermons)**

***When 'Yes' Makes All The  
Difference***

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Sermon text: Genesis 12: 1 – 9



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**Check out our September Event Calendar here,  
or go to: [www.fbcbeverly.org/calendar/2019-10](http://www.fbcbeverly.org/calendar/2019-10)**

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