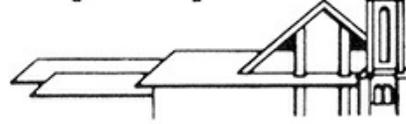


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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly
Sunday, March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

9:00am: Welcome Café

10:00am: Worship

11:20am: Adult Education

3:30 p.m. Welcome Class

2:00pm: MS Fellowship - Leap Day at Skyzone!

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***Falling Upward: Letting the
Light in***

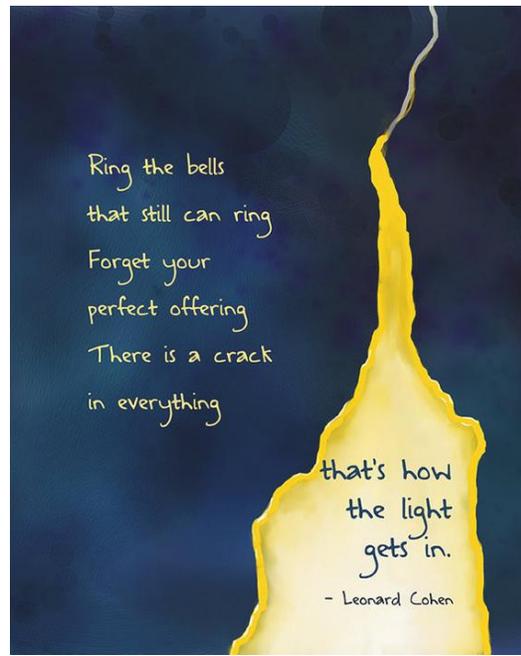
Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Text: Acts 9: 1 – 19

Ring the bells
that still can ring
Forget your
perfect offering
There is a crack
in everything

that's how
the light
gets in.

- Leonard Cohen



Youth Fellowship is Taking the Leap for March 1st!

Middle School Fellowship: Leap Day at Skyzone!

NOTE SPECIAL TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church at 2 p.m. and get ready to spend our Day-After-Leap-Day LEAPING around at Skyzone! Make sure to complete the online waiver for Skyzone Danvers before we go, as well! Our group will have access to our very own Dodgeball pit, as well as designated jump areas! The cost per attendee is \$15, although (as with all programs!) scholarships and assistance are available (just speak with Julie about it)! We never want any youth to miss a program due to cost! We will return to the church at 5 p.m. for pick-up. Come and leap with us!

Senior High Fellowship: Leap Day at SKYZONE!

NOTE SPECIAL TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

It's the day after the Leap Day, so we will be LEAPING in celebration! We will meet at the church at 2:00 to head to Skyzone in Danvers, where we will have our own private dodgeball court and jump area reserved! We will be jumping and playing and then will return to the church for pick-up at 5 p.m.! The cost is \$15/person, but, as always, we have assistance available as needed to make sure that everyone can participate! ALSO – if you would like snacks at Skyzone, please just bring extra money for those, as you would like!

BOTH GROUPS: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO HAVE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN FILL OUT [THE ONLINE WAIVER AT THE SKYZONE DANVERS WEBSITE!](#) EVERYONE MUST HAVE A CURRENT WAIVER TO JUMP!

Lenten Season and Holy Week 2020

Lent is a six- week season of reflection. A time to reflect on attitudes and behaviors that separate us from God and to try on new and life giving ways of growing spiritually. Lent leads us to the promise of Easter.

Our Lenten Theme: "There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in." -Leonard Cohen, poet and musician.

Our Theme, Described: To be human is to be wounded, broken, or "cracked" in some way. Such moments can create space for the presence of God, the light of the Spirit, and the voice of Jesus to enter into our lives and to offer healing and hope, challenge and change.

Lenten Highlights: Each Sunday in Lent, Biblical texts that have been selected for worship will reflect a variety of human stories and journeys that will help us to reflect on the ways and spaces in which "the light gets in." There will be special Lenten art project for all ages on Sundays, before and after worship, which will tie into the theme and help to create space for reflection. Special activities such as a Delightful Dinner (RSVP for free catered meal for all ages on March 10th 6 – 7:30 p.m.) will celebrate the gift of community. A Lenten Devotional entitled "Peace be with you: Finding the peace of God in the natural world" will be available for those who would like to make use of it. This devotional guide is written by FBC's own Ellen Powers and invites us to listen and look for the Sacred in nature. This devotional guide is for all ages and invites us to look at our backyard, beaches and local parks with fresh eyes and open heart and asks the question: "How does the Creator speak to you in nature?"

Ash Wednesday (February 26th): Saint Peters Episcopal invites FBC to begin Lent at their 12:10 p.m. service, 8 Ocean Street. Reflection by Kent Harrop.

Worship:

First Sunday of Lent (March 1st): Text: Acts 9: 1 – 19 (this text focuses on the story of the conversion of Paul, on finding new identities and new calls). Additionally, each Sunday in Lent there will be an anointing station in the Sanctuary to offer confidential one-on-one prayer and the ancient ritual of anointing, a sign of God's Grace. This prayer and anointing station will be available for 15 minutes before and after worship for all who would like to access it.

Our Lent 2020 planning was done by the Spiritual Life Team (Bryan Vosseler, Karen Wood, Lisa LaPlante, Marty Lincoln, Barbara Brann-Weir, Cassie Bartolo, Shaina Stevens, and Kent Harrop).

Reiki as a Lenten Practice

During this season of Lent, the practice of Reiki will be introduced for those who are interested. Reiki is an ancient healing practice intended to bring balance and calm. It is a healing practice that has been adapted for use by Christian traditions, among others. What follows below is an overview of this healing practice and of this Lenten opportunity.

What is Reiki?

The word *Reiki* is made of 2 Japanese words: *Rei*, which refers to "God's or the Higher Power's wisdom," and *Ki*, which refers to the "life force energy" that flows through all of us.

This energy flow can become slowed or stuck; when that happens, Reiki can calm and relax the body and mind to restore healthy energy flow, which encourages self-healing. Reiki has no religious affiliation, but religious practitioners often feel called to learn it and consider it a very spiritual experience.

What should I expect when receiving Reiki?

Very much like the ancient practice of laying on of hands, Reiki flows through the practitioner as they gently place their hands on or over certain energy junctions. Some folks have reported feeling warmth, cooling, or slight tingling when this is happening, but even if the recipient doesn't feel any physical sensation, be assured that Reiki knows what to do and, at the very least, most people come away with a deep sense of well-being.

What should I do during my mini session?

We will do our best to make it a peaceful experience, so you can just sit and relax. It is ok to talk during a Reiki session, so if you have any questions please feel free to ask.

These Lenten Reiki sessions will be led by FBC's Gloria Stoneham and Sharon Hutchinson. Both are certified Reiki Masters.

Gloria and Sharon will be offering Reiki in the FBC Lounge from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (in 10 minute sessions) on 4 Sundays throughout the season of Lent, beginning on March 8th, and then on March 15th, March 22nd and March 29th. A sign-up sheet to reserve your slot will be in the FBC Lobby/Narthex before and after worship.



Women's Retreat Details: Finding Peace in the Neighborhood

It's not too late to sign up for the Women's Fellowship Retreat at Grotonwood, coming up March 6-8! (Although the official retreat program will ONLY run Friday and Saturday of the weekend; those who would like to stay Saturday night into Sunday are welcome to do so, to enjoy a fun free time of fellowship, games, reading, relaxing, connection – whatever you wish!)

The theme of the retreat will be "Finding Peace in the Neighborhood," and it will be co-led by Rev. Julie Flowers and Lisa LaPlante.

There will be some time to get to know one another, as well as a movie to help us launch into our theme on Friday evening. On Saturday, there will be opportunities for programming that will include writing, reflecting, artistic expression, breathing and stretching, meditation, journaling (journals will be provided for each participant), and more! All meals will be included, and they will be provided by the Grotonwood dining hall staff. (Women are encouraged to bring snacks and drinks to share in the group meeting areas, however, if they wish!)

Women who would like to attend should please plan to bring a pillow, sheets and blanket or a sleeping bag, toiletries, clothes for the weekend that will allow you to be dressed for the weather/to be outside at times, and a favorite board game to share. Feel free to also bring along any additional items that you may want for your weekend!



We will meet at First Baptist Church on Friday late afternoon to head to Grotonwood ALTHOUGH those who need to meet there can also do so – Grotonwood is an easy drive! It would be helpful to have a sense of who might be willing to drive and drive other women/who can caravan together (the church van MAY be able to go, but will be dependent on drivers, as Julie will need to be among the group leaving on Saturday to return home for worship and church leadership responsibilities on Sunday the 8th). If you have already signed up but CAN bring your car/CAN drive and WOULD BE willing to drive other women, please alert Julie to add that note to your RSVP! If you haven't yet signed up, it's not too late to do so!

Email Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org and ask her to get you signed up!

Shelter Fest is THIS SATURDAY!

The third annual North Shore Shelter Fest to benefit affordable housing will be held at FBC from 3:00pm to 10:00pm on Saturday, February 29, featuring nine performances - and culminating with the Grammy nominated music of the Jon Butcher Axis band!

Just Released Opportunity:

THE JON BUTCHER AXIS Shelter Fest VIP Meet and Greet 7:30 - 8:00 PM at North Shore Shelter Fest on February 29th at First Baptist Church in Beverly!

MEET JOHN BUTCHER

- Autographed concert poster
- VIP Lanyard Pass
- Light refreshments
- VIP seating at concert

VIP ACCESS COST: \$50 per guest

General Admission will be \$20 at the door on the event date, however you can also buy your tickets **online at**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/fbcbeverly/333925>

The concert is an all volunteer endeavor and we need all the help we can get! Interested in donating some time to help? - contact Brian Gregory at bgreg@comcast.net or leave your name with the church office. Your ticket (wrist band) will allow you to come and go as your schedule allows. Shelter Fest '20! - what a way to celebrate leap year on the 29th!!

[BUY SHELTER FEST TICKETS](#)

NORTH SHORE SHELTER FEST '20
to benefit affordable housing

**JON BUTCHER
AXIS**

CHIN FRICTION / STUCK STARS
Sweet Escape / Bob Kramer Band / The Neighbors
Andrew "Hacksaw" Harney Trio / Skylight Traveler

SAT. FEBRUARY 29
3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
First Baptist Church, 221 Cabot St., Beverly
Admission: \$20 at door (\$15 ONLINE BEFORE 2/15)

Supports Affordable Housing

The Next Family Promise is March 1st through the 8th

Family Promise is an ecumenical ministry that provides safe and caring housing for families that are experiencing homelessness. First Baptist will be partnering with First Parish UU (the host site), three times in 2020. If you'd like to volunteer, please click on the link below to sign-up.

Please note: working directly with guests (i.e. overnight hosting) requires specialized training. If you have any questions, please contact Bobbie Grant at roberta.grant614@gmail.com

THANK YOU in advance for signing up. Together we are ending homelessness, one family at a time.

March 1-8, 202:

<https://signup.com/go/hmgSbxv>

Church Family News

Our love and prayers surround Karen Keating Ansara and her family, upon the passing of her father, Jack Keating on February 23rd, 2020. A graveside service is scheduled for February 29th in Barrington, Illinois. Jack dealt with a series of health issues in recent years. He loved his family and was well loved.

Welcome Café Help Needed!

Hello everyone! Communal Life hopes you've been enjoying the Welcome Café and that it has encouraged you to visit with each other before and after church. To keep the Welcome Café the welcoming place it is, we need YOUR help! Currently we have just a few people keeping it going, but we need others who enjoy providing hospitality to help us and to ensure we can continue this budding ministry!

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to work shifts for the Welcome Café. The early shift starts between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. for set-up to be ready to go at 8:45 and then keeps it going until just after (about 10 minutes) church starts. The second shift starts about 5 minutes before church ends and lasts until after the Adult Sunday School Classes finish, when we get it all cleaned up and everything put away. This shift usually wraps up at about 1 p.m. or earlier.

If you are interested, we will show you the ropes; we have written guidance also. We need shift leads as well as team members. You can work with us a few times until you are comfortable and ready to do it with others.

If you are interested in joining our Welcome Café team, please come to our meeting on March 15th at 11:30 to discuss the Welcome Café and to plan our schedule for the next few months. Please join us at the meeting if you are available, we'd love to have you!

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in helping, please let Lucy Keller (vtladymuse@hotmail.com), Andrea Stackpole (astack101142@hotmail.com) or John DeNardo (idenardo@fbcbeverly.org) know!

Cinco de Marzo Fundraiser at Acapulco's: RAFFLE BASKET ALERT!!

The Cinco de Marzo Fundraiser at Acapulco's is right around the corner. Dine in or order takeout all day on Thursday March 5th from Acapulco's Mexican Restaurant located at 900 Cummings Center in Beverly, and the restaurant will donate 10% of all purchases to support First Baptist Church in Beverly's mission trips -- which include housing renovation projects all over the U.S. and health service work in Nicaragua.

Did we mention the raffle??

Buy your raffle tickets at the church on Sunday, March 1st, at Shelter Fest on February 29th, and the day of the event on Thursday, March 5th at Acapulco's.



Raffle Tickets Pricing: \$5 for two tickets, \$10 for five tickets and \$20 for twelve tickets.

We all know how this works, folks. The more tickets you buy, the more likely your chances are of winning one of the following AMAZING GIFT BASKETS!!!

See next page:



#1 Young & Fun Family Fun
 \$25 Gift Card: Learning Express
 \$25 Gift Card: Depot Diner
 Ring Toss
 Play Doh
 Legos
 Marble Run
 Jenga
 2 Puzzles
 Jump Ropes



#2 All Around Family Fun
 \$25 Gift Card: Nicks Roast Beef
 \$25 Gift Card: Rev's
 Uno
 Jenga
 Tie-Dye
 Lego
 Animal Adventure Block Kit
 Basket Ball



#3 Kids At Heart Family Fun
 \$90 Gift Card: Beverly Bikes
 Taboo
 Labo Crystal Growing Kit
 Cat Stax
 Imagine: Guessing Game
 Tapple



#4 Wine & Charcuterie
 Homemade Table Runner
 \$25 Gift Card: Depot Liquors
 \$20 Gift Card: Total Wine
 Wines: Bogle Pinot-Noir, Dialed in Red Blend,
 Carson Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon
 Bamboo Cutting Board & Cutlery Set
 Espresso Dark Chocolate Beans
 Boysenberry Jam
 Pistachios
 Carr's Crackers



#5 Movie Night: In & Out

\$75 Gift Card: Super Sub

\$25 Gift Card: Cabot Theater

DVD's: Land Before Time, Shark Tale, Shrek 2,
Journey 2 to the Mysterious Island

Movie Candy

Popcorn/Snacks

Cozy Socks



#6 \$100 Around Town

\$25 Gift Card: Whole Foods

\$25 Gift Card: Sobo

\$25 Gift Card: Gourmet Garden

\$25 Gift Card: Nails & Co.

For further information on Cinco de Marzo, contact Cindy Shupp, Chair of our Missions Committee, at cjshupp@verizon.net

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, February 26

12:10 p.m. Ash Wednesday at Saint Peters Episcopal

4:30pm: Lectio Divina

6:15pm: Joy Ringers

7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers

7:30pm Trustees of Endowment Meeting

Thursday, February 27

6:00pm: Celebration Ringers

7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, February 29

11:30 a.m. Chapel choir

12:30pm: Lunch Program

3:00pm - 10:00pm NORTH SHORE SHELTER FEST

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Monday, March 2

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper

6:30 pm: Missions Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

9:30am: Staff Meeting
7:00pm: Staff Administration Meeting
8:00pm: Theology on Tap

Wednesday, March 4

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

Thursday, March 5

All Day: Cinco de Marzo Fundraiser at Acapulco's
6:00pm: Celebration Ringers
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

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

***Yes, We Are Many,
And, We Are One***

Rev. John DeNardo , preaching
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



View the March Calendar here or go to at fbcbeverly.org/calendar

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