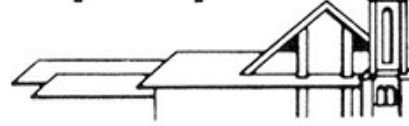


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Sunday, April 19, 2020

REMINDER: Our Sunday worship services have been moved to an online format.

Please join us via our First Baptist Church Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>) page on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and watch for a live pastoral reflection and gift of music. We will also post an edited and more polished version of this same video for the weekly Bulletin and webpage. For more information on this topic and to stay informed about all COVID-19 related changes and announcements, please go to <http://www.fbcbeverly.org/covid-19-and-temporary-closure-at-first-baptist-in-beverly/>

10:00am: Join us LIVE on our Facebook page for reflections from our ministerial team and for a worship experience!

(This video will ALSO then be available to watch at any time following on our Facebook page and website.)

6:00pm: Sunday evening High Fellowship Zoom session (login info below)

***Yes, We Are After,
and We Are in the Midst***

Rev. Julie Flowers

Scripture: John 20:19-28

A blue-bordered box containing the text "Yes, and..." in a colorful, playful font. The word "Yes" is red, "and" is blue, and the ellipsis is purple and red.

Opportunities to Connect Virtually Via Zoom

We may not be able to have a coffee time all together in person, but we can still drop-in and see one another in this way! You can join in a Zoom gathering EVEN WITHOUT a Zoom account. You will do so by clicking the link for the given event you wish to join, and then allowing it to run on your computer or smartphone/device. You will then need to click to allow use of your audio and again to allow use of your video. You may be prompted to enter a Password, which is included with the posted event information, as needed. You can also use the phone numbers include below to CALL IN, even without access to internet or a computer/smartphone. We hope that you will join us!

NOTE: Zoom has made some changes to enhance and improve security of gatherings and meetings. For all Zoom sessions, participants will now need to enter the meeting id and/or password provided. This information is included with the meeting invitation link and info. ALSO Waiting Rooms are being used on Zoom sessions in many cases now - please make sure your device name EITHER clearly shows who you are OR watch for us to send a message in the Chat feature to the Waiting Room just asking for your name - you can just send us your answer back in the same chat box! This helps keep Zoom gatherings safe and welcoming for all!

Wednesday Evening Virtual Drop-In Coffee Time with Kent:

Coffee (decaf) is brewing. Join your church family to check in and find encouragement for the journey. Hope to see you for a relaxed and renewing time.

Kent Harrop is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. From your PC simply click on the 'Join ZOOM Meeting link, below. Or, call in on your phone, number below.

Topic: Wednesday Evening Coffee Time
Time: Apr 15, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97593528861?pwd=eXJoTmRxeFJ4VFJiQ1hwNXYraHRrUTo9>

Meeting ID: 975 9352 8861
Password: 728722

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Thursday Morning Virtual Coffee Break:

Grab your morning coffee or tea and pop in to Julie's virtual Zoom Coffee Break from 10-10:30 a.m. on Thursday! All are welcome, and you should be able to join from a smartphone or computer, just by clicking on the meeting link below!

Open to any FBC friends who would like to drop by!

Topic: FBC Zoom Coffee Break
Time: Apr 16, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99610365395?pwd=L2JvalMrRkw1KoJFNmZIZ2htNVpLZzo9>

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Sunday evening at 6 p.m. Senior High Fellowship Zoom session

6:00-7:30pm on Sunday, April 19th, current Senior High youth and advisors are invited to join us for conversation, connections, games, and, of course, Concerns and Celebrations!

Topic: Current Senior High Fellowship/Advisor Zoom
Time: Apr 19, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99611856811?pwd=MW5kLy9za2tFVTJxQlNURHlEeGNWUTo9>

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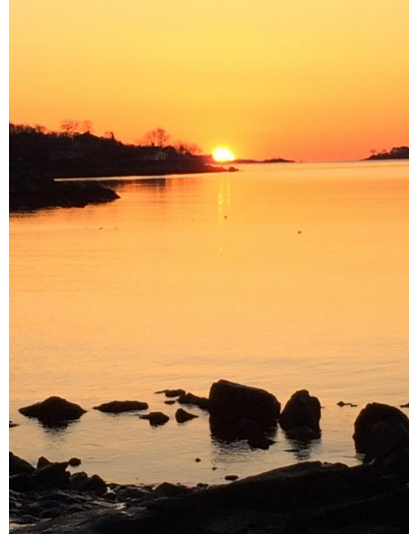
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Facebook Live with Esther Chang

Friday at 1 p.m. go the FBC Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>) for a Facebook Live posting by Esther. Esther from her piano will share an uplifting piece of music and reflect on how music lifts our spirits and speaks to our soul. This Live offering will also be posted for viewing at your convenience.

Easter Sunrise Worship

This year there was no scheduled Easter Sunrise Worship. Yet, at 6:06 a.m. several from FBC along with neighbors, gathered at Lynch Park to bear witness to the rising sun and the risen Christ. As the sun rose, the call went out: 'He is risen!' The people standing apart, called out in one voice: 'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'



Giving to FBC during the shutdown

The next several weeks appear to be crucial in controlling the spread of the Coronavirus outbreak, and our most important priority is to maintain social distancing and stay as safe as we can. Since the church building has been closed and worship services have been moved online, some people have asked how they may continue to make donations to the church. We realize that many people are out of work, retired folks have seen their income dwindle, and others are facing financial concerns, but for those who would like to make a pledge payment, a special offering or a general donation during these difficult times, here are some suggestions:

- 1) You can mail your check to First Baptist Church , 221 Cabot Street, Beverly MA 01915. Please note on the memo line whether your check is a pledge or donation. Enclosing a single “pledge envelope”, if you have one, would be helpful but not necessary.
- 2) Another way to make a donation but without going outside is to contact your bank about setting up an online bank payment. These can be regular (monthly, for instance) or one-time, and this is usually a free service where the bank sends a physical check directly to the church on your behalf. People who have already taken advantage of this arrangement have found it very easy and convenient.
- 3) In mid-March the church mailed out a letter with an envelope titled “I’ve seen the Lord” for our traditional Easter offering. This is not part of the pledge but is an additional offering collected on Easter Sunday in the past. If you wish to make this offering, please note on your check that it’s an Easter offering.
- 4) The church also has a “Donate” button on its website at www.fbcbeverly.org/donate

This way of donating is a little more difficult to record (please be sure to indicate what the donation is for) and there is a modest processing charge deducted. However, during this time, it may be the easiest way for folks to give - and we welcome, with gratitude, your generous gifts!

The church appreciates those who are able to contribute at this time but certainly understands that many people in the congregation are facing difficult times financially and on many other levels. We’re grateful to our staff who have continued to provide so many creative ways for us to worship and remain in contact with each other. We pray that all will be safe in the days ahead and look forward with great anticipation to welcoming everyone back into our beloved sanctuary to worship together once again.

Summer 2020 Mission Trip POSTPONED to Summer 2021 Due to COVID-19

The following email was sent to those who have been part of the Summer 2020 Mission Work Group. We share it here in the Bulletin to ensure strong communication with the church family and to help let the congregation know what changes and developments are taking place within the church's operations as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The text of the email follows.

Hello to our wonderful and very dedicated Mission Work Group Team,

I hope that this email finds you all doing ok in the midst of these uncertain – and even scary – times. I also hope that you will remember that your church family is still here and all around us all – we remain a family and a community, even when we cannot be together in one place. We remain here if you need to reach out or talk or have a listening ear. We ALSO, I want to just remind folks, are assembling a team of volunteers willing to drive/deliver needed groceries and items to those who cannot get out – so if you want to be on that driver list, you can let me know, BUT ALSO if you have needs and cannot get out, please ALSO let us know, so we can help match you up with a delivery volunteer.

All of that said, I write to you with sad news – but, I hope, also hopeful – news from our Mission Committee meeting the other night.

In light of the uncertainty of this coronavirus pandemic and the projections that it may yet persist in our nation for some time, we are making the difficult decision to postpone our mission work trip to Plymouth, NC by ONE YEAR – we will be working with Jay Clark to hold dates for the summer of 2021 so that you can put those on your calendar right away, and we hope you – and many new folks, too! – will be able to be with us then.

This decision is being made by your Missions Committee for a number of reasons:

1. All of the projections that we are reading and seeing from scientists (as well as watching the lived out example in Hong Kong where a return to work and life too soon has led to a second spike in the virus that is, by some accounts, more dangerous than the first, as doctors are sharing that reinfection with the virus IS possible and appears more dangerous than a first infection) are suggesting that life will not return to “normal” here for some time – perhaps not even until late spring or summer. We felt we needed to take that seriously.
2. We also recognize that EVEN WHEN things return to “normal,” it will actually take quite a while for us all to be back on an even keel. We recognize that we will all be reeling from and struggling with the wide ripple effect of this on our economy – and our personal finances and livelihood – for some time. To that end, we realized that even those of us who planned to go this summer may, even if back to work, now will not be able to have the time off we thought (if businesses are just getting back up and trying to function) and/or may not have the financial security we thought we had to be able to go on a trip this summer. In the hope of creating some space from this crisis so that people really can all fully engage and participate, the decision to move to 2021 seemed most hopeful and most prudent. ***The realization of the impact on people's lives, work life, and finances – even AFTER this immediate crisis passes – was the MOST central deciding factor in our decision to shift by one year. We believe it is not yet possible to foresee all the impacts that this will have on the kind of summer and work lives and time off we all THOUGHT we would have, and we want to try to give space so that our group can go together, strong and full.***
3. We want to be respectful of Jay and his team and not pull out at the last moment – I will be in contact with him to talk this through and work out new dates. We are also hopeful that if things are “more normal” by July and local groups, at least, can be on the ground there working, knowing that he has our week now open could allow a local group to come in at that time. We wanted to give him more notice and time to plan, as well. The Mission Committee WILL BE sending a donation from our Program and Project Development line item from our budget to Coastal Carolina Rebuilding Ministry this year – effective as soon as John Thomson is home from his trip and can process the check for us – to help minimize the financial impact on this important ministry.
4. We ALSO want to ensure that NO ONE who has already booked a flight loses money. IF the airline with which you booked WILL NOT refund your money, the Mission Committee WILL. We have had such success fundraising (especially with the raffle baskets) that we are in excellent shape already for this trip – and now with a year to continue to raise funds, we believe we can easily make up any difference. We DO NOT want ANYONE to be out pocket due to this change, and if the airlines will not make things right for you, the church (via the Mission Committee) WILL. PLEASE talk with Cindy Shupp or with me ASAP if this impacts you.
5. We will announce summer of 2021 dates as soon as I can confirm them with Jay and his amazing team at CCRM.

We are very sorry to have to announce this change in schedule, and either Cindy or I remain open to talking it all through with anyone who may be feeling grief (we all are struggling with the losses of SO MUCH right now, grief is a strong and real emotion in these times) around this or who has questions. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

You can trust that this was not a decision that your Mission Committee took or made lightly. We carry our desire to lead and have a safe and strong and successful trip – with all who wanted to go – and our love and care and concern for you all AS WELL AS for our friends in Plymouth, NC, at the heart of this process. It was painful to make this decision, but, at this time, we believe it is the most prudent step forward, for us all.

With love and with great hope for shalom,
Julie (on behalf of your Mission Committee)

COVID-19 and Temporary Closure at First Baptist in Beverly

Due to public health concern, the First Baptist office will be closed for the until further notice. The pastoral staff: Julie Flowers, Kent Harrop will be working remotely. Any pastoral concerns, contact either Julie or Kent directly.

Julie: jflowers@fbcbeverly.org or cell: 617-692-0477

Kent: kharrop@fbcbeverly.org or 971-237-0583

Youth Fellowship, Choirs, Small Groups and Committees

All church gatherings in our church building will be cancelled until further notice. This includes small groups, choirs, youth groups, committees. Some groups/committees may choose to stay connected via email, conference calls or ZOOM. For more information please visit :

<http://www.fbcbeverly.org/covid-19-and-temporary-closure-at-first-baptist-in-beverly/>

A Weekly Blog of Hope

Kent Harrop invites you to check out his weekly blog 'Green Preacher'. In recent weeks, Kent's been writing on how faith can speak into the dislocation many of us feel during this public health crisis. To read, go to: <https://greenpreacherblog.com/>

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, April 15

7:00-7:45pm: Virtual Drop-In Coffee Time for Church Family via Zoom

Thursday, April 16

10:00-11:00am: Virtual Drop-In Coffee Time for Church Family via Zoom

Friday, April 17

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Music with Esther Chang

Saturday, April 18

12:30pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, April 19

10:00am: Virtual Worship Service Live on Facebook
6:00pm: Sunday evening High Fellowship Zoom session

Monday, April 20

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Tuesday, April 21

9:30am: Virtual Staff Meeting
1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

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

Virtual Easter Worship Service
Being Easter People

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Rev. Julie Flowers, Dr. Esther Chang, Jenn
Bobzin participating

Scripture: John 20: 1 - 18

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