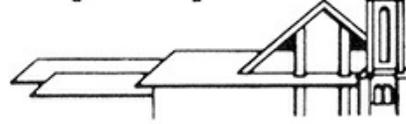


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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Sunday, June 14, 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. for a Facebook Premier Worship Service - this will be a FULL worship service experience, with participation from both ministers, as well as music from Esther Chang. This video will also then be published on our website at www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons, as well as on our [YouTube channel](#), and can also be found on our Facebook page at any time after it is initially posted. Our thanks go to the Constantine family for helping to create this full worship experience in our on-going efforts to best reach our church family in a variety of ways.

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 on our [Facebook page](#) for a Facebook Premier Worship Service!

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

4:00pm: Sunday evening Middle School Fellowship Zoom session (login info below)

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

**Yes, Some Seek to Divide Us and,
Our Path to Freedom is Found in
Serving Others.**

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: John 13: 1 – 17

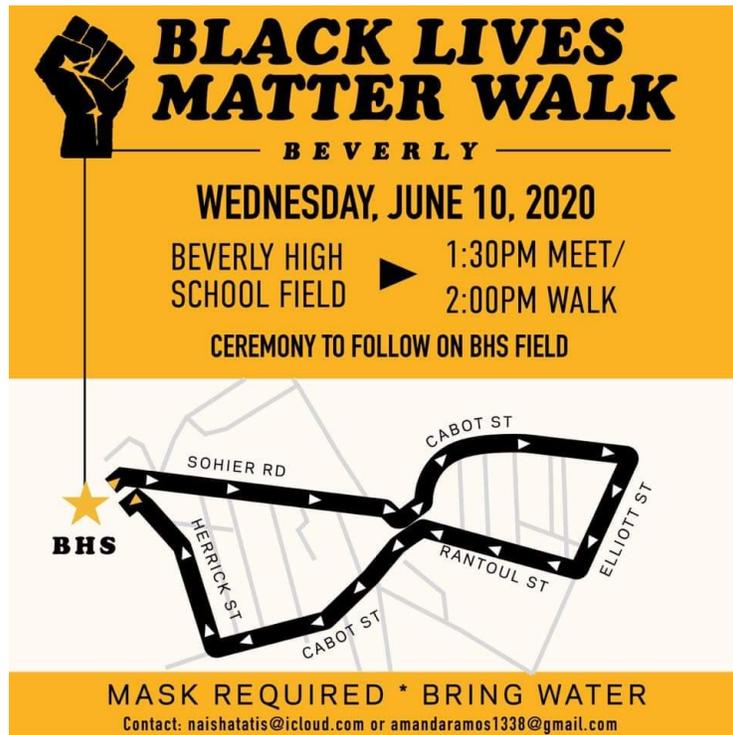
Yes, and...

Black Lives Matter Walk at 2:00pm TODAY!!

This event is being organized and rolled out by Beverly youth---with support from the Mayor's Office and the City of Beverly, the Beverly Police Department, Beverly Public Schools, and Human Rights Committee and other community members.

If you take part, please to remember to wear a mask and observe good distancing from others AND to bring a water bottle, as there won't be shared water stations.

Please join us!



BLACK LIVES MATTER WALK
BEVERLY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

BEVERLY HIGH SCHOOL FIELD ▶ 1:30PM MEET/
2:00PM WALK

CEREMONY TO FOLLOW ON BHS FIELD



BHS

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HERICK ST
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RANTOUL ST
ELLIOTT ST
CABOT ST

MASK REQUIRED * BRING WATER
Contact: naishatatis@icloud.com or amandaramos1338@gmail.com

Update on Moving Forward with Our Reopening Task Force at FBC Beverly

As our State continues to move slowly through the phases of reopening, we at First Baptist Church are beginning our own steps, as we had shared them initially, of examining what it might look like to move slowly and thoughtfully forward toward new models and reopening, safely, thoughtfully, and prayerfully.

To that end, we wanted to share with you the next steps in our process. The Reopening Task Force will begin meeting in the coming weeks to consider the structure and flow of movement forward for our church family WHILE AT THE SAME TIME keeping a careful eye on data coming from the Massachusetts COVID dashboard online and being guided by science, data, and leading of our Mayor and Governor – with a good dose of our own holy listening, as well!

Our Reopening Task Force is comprised of staff members, our Moderator, a representative from our Board of Deacons, and some members of our wider congregation, as well.

In addition, that Task Force will be creating and sending to the church family a survey, to help us collect your voices and input – what you hope for, what worries you have, and what you need to feel safe.

We will also be working with this group NOT ONLY on the needed phases and steps for us to move slowly and safely towards new ways of engaging in person, with sound physical distancing practices in place, BUT ALSO to talk about and plan about ways that we will continue some of the virtual modes and methods of connecting that we have been practicing and improving since March, and ways to carry some of what we have learned forward, even into the post-COVID world, whenever that comes.

We will continue to keep you updated and informed as we move through this process, and we hope that you will participate in taking the survey when it is sent out to help us gauge where you are, too.

Thank you, FBC Family, for your thoughtfulness, your creativity, and your engagement as we continue to walk this journey together!

Coming Soon: Virtual Workshop on Systemic Racism and White Privilege

Hosted by First Baptist in Beverly and Essex County Community Organization (ECCO, this workshop offers an overview of 400 years of racism in our nation and how racist policies and preferences have been built into many of our historic institutions. Many of us who are white take the status quo for granted and honestly, don't fully understand how it works. Our neighbors of color have always understood that our society operates with an inherent bias against people of color. This workshop designed by ECCO is intended for white audiences, to educate and awaken us to systemic racism. The workshop will highlight how systemic racism diminishes all people, white and people of color, from living into our full potential as children of God. This workshop is being offered during a historic moment in the life of our nation. Thousands of protests are taking place each week around the country in response to the murder of George Floyd. People are calling for justice and systemic change.

Before we can change, before we can help bring about justice, we as white people, we must understand how we got to this point and what we can do, to change it. Bringing about true justice will only come when white people stand in solidarity with our neighbors of color. Will you make time in your schedule to be part of this guided conversation? Dates are being finalized. We will meet for three mid-week 60 minute sessions hosted on ZOOM. FBC led by the Social Concerns Committee, will also be opening this workshop to the wider community. Watch for sign-ups. Limited to first 100 participants.

Resources on Racism

Additionally, as we consider - particularly those of us with white skin - what it means to learn more and to do better and to really work to be anti-racist (as Angela Davis said, "In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist; we must work to be anti-racist."), we know many of you may be searching for resources and books to learn, yourselves, and to assist you in talking with your children and working to raise anti-racist kids.

The links below contain resources and suggestions for people of all ages, including for families wanting to do the work of addressing racism and having these conversations with your children. We share them not as an exhaustive library of resources, but as some excellent starting points. We invite and encourage you to share excellent resources that you may find with us/with one another, too.

We will continue to educate ourselves, as a church family, and to commit, over and again, to doing the work of being an actively anti-racist congregation and to hold one another accountable along the way. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kent and Julie for conversation or with your ideas about how to engage one another in this critical justice work, as well!

Some beginning links and resources for anti-racism work and education:

<https://www.embracerace.org/resources/where-to-find-diverse-childrens-books?fbclid=IwARobZLIWZzgjxmZ6I45h8JVnxpJF8mWcd91UeiNmQsI3d9Q2sI6KOGu-qng>

<https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/resources-for-talking-about-race-racism-and-racialized-violence-with-kids/?fbclid=IwARoByVhBtauXFORYpHwL2pzR-OeghGVtoWwm2qkah3Hu8AlKgk6V3DqiWpw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnaltG5N8nE&fbclid=IwAR1OCzVYeaGaTh1FfWbigXGvz87NkGoPFmjrv8oXPuJJYg8Znf4_DABMfvw

FBC Beverly's New Compassion Fund

Dear Friends,

We are all painfully aware of the severe financial strains being placed on individuals and families by the coronavirus pandemic and resulting shutdowns, lay-offs and the like. Bearing in mind a basic tenet of our faith from Matthew 25:40 in which Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me", the Church Council has established a response to the economic insecurity in which many find themselves today.

The Compassion Fund

In an effort to begin some small measure of relief, First Baptist Church in Beverly has established a \$25,000 fund to provide emergency financial assistance to those in our church community who may be especially affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We are calling this our Compassion Fund. Below are its keys elements:

· Potential recipients include not just church members, but all those (and their immediate families) who have a connection to our church, whether by attending church worship services, by participating in church sponsored programs of any kind, or as employees or volunteers at the church or its outreach ministries. Recipients do not need to live in Beverly.

· So that the fund can be used to help as many as possible, typical awards are expected to be \$500 or less per family or individual, but awards up to \$1,000 may be made in exceptional circumstances. All will be in the form of grants, not loans.

· In order to facilitate the review process, we are partnering with Beverly Bootstraps, which itself grew from an outreach by our church many years ago, and is highly experienced in reviewing, prioritizing and recommending funding, as well as bringing to bear other funds and resources. To apply, please go the following link and complete the form: <https://form.jotform.com/200727212739958> or call **978-927-1561**. For electronic submissions, please include reference to the First Baptist Church in Beverly and the Compassion Fund.

· While Beverly Bootstraps will make recommendations, the final decision on the awarding of funds will be made solely by our ministers, Julie and Kent, and all payment of awards will be made by the church from its Compassion Fund directly to the recipients.

· All applications and information relating to this program will be kept strictly confidential except as necessary to review and process the awards, and in order to issue checks and payments by the church.

What you can do

· If you have a financial need arising out of the pandemic and wish to be considered for assistance, please complete and send in the application form as indicated above.

· If you know of someone in our broader church family who has such a need and might not otherwise be aware of our Compassion Fund, please encourage them to apply.

· Since we believe the need to be great and will only continue to grow as the pandemic continues, it is our strong desire to add to the size of the Compassion Fund. We are asking those who may be more fortunate to consider making a donation to the Compassion Fund. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could double the size of the fund to \$50,000!

· The church also has had for many years a Deacons Fellowship Fund which allows the church to help people in emergency situations; it is administered by our ministers and the Deacons, and is funded by contributions, primarily through the Fellowship Offering taken on Communion Sundays. It is a small fund and provides stop gap help. This separate fund has shrunk to \$1600 currently, especially as we worship in our homes with no Fellowship Offerings being taken.

· Anyone wishing to support either or both of these funds is encouraged to send a check made out to the church and addressed to the church office, 221 Cabot Street Beverly, MA 01915. The check should state on the memo line whether it is intended for the Compassion Fund or the Fellowship Fund or both. If the check is for both, and no allocation is stated, we will make the allocation as needed. Alternatively donations can be made through the "donation" button on the church website - again please indicate the intended fund and allocation.

We know these are strange and difficult times, and we ask God's blessing on each of you, since everyone is suffering in one way or another from the effects of this dreaded disease.

We offer each of you our best wishes, as well as our sincere thanks for your many generous and various contributions to our church family.

Pam Constantine, Moderator
Rev. Julie Flowers
Rev. Kent Harrop

Opportunities to Connect Virtually Via Zoom

We may not be able to have a coffee time or a fellowship gathering 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 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!

NEW! Virtual Drop-in for Wednesday Evening Prayer

Note: This event is being held at 8:30 pm.

During this unsettled and challenging time, do you feel like you and our nation and global community could use some prayer support? Each Wednesday evening 8:30 p.m. we'll gather to lift up our prayer concerns and celebrations. If you can't make the meeting or prefer your prayer request read for you, simply email Kent kharrop@fbcbeverly.org Hosted by Kent and your Spiritual Life Team. Please know that even if you can't make the meeting, members of your church will be lifting up prayers for healing and hope for our church, city, nation and world. Surely God works through humble prayers like ours.



Kent Harrop is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Virtual Evening Prayer Gathering
Time: Jun 10, 2020 08:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823702767?pwd=VC9EN2t5VlhEVVY1bEdLVzN5VzdhQT09>

Meeting ID: 838 2370 2767

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdKpNDIXfD>

Thursday Coffee Time:

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!

Zoom Coffee Break for Thursday:

Topic: Thursday Zoom Coffee Break

Time: Jun 11, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89531964729>

Meeting ID: 895 3196 4729

Password: 109292

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Zoom Spiritually Based Yoga: Saturday Morning

Join certified instructor; Lisa LaPlante for an hour of spiritually inspired connectedness paired with gentle yoga movements and breathwork. Find that pause in your week to nurture your heart, body and spirit along with members of the Church community. Class will include poetry, affirmations, and breathing cues to help restore the healthy connections with yourself and your relationship to the Spirit. Yoga movements and poses will be geared toward a beginner level, and people are encouraged to participate at their own pace, and within safe limits. While there will be guidance for physical movement, the focus of the time together will be for connectedness, peace and spiritual nourishment.

In order to attend; all participants are required to fill out a basic waiver online. ALL participants in the Yoga activities should be able to get on and off the floor safely without assistance. The following link will deliver you to the short waiver form that can be submitted electronically: [YOGA WAIVER](#)



Below is a suggested list of items to have with you if possible, otherwise, modifications will be offered.

1. Water to sip
2. Blanket or beach towel
3. Some sort of strap/bathrobe tie, belt or scarf
4. A chair or step stool
5. 2-4 blocks or books

Lisa LaPlante is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Zoom Spiritually Based Yoga
Time: Jun 13, 2020 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84245017533?pwd=dU1XSfDwSoFIaml3aS9WT1F5NXVPUTo9>

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Meeting ID: 842 4501 7533

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcVbeW5LQu>

Middle School Fellowship Zoom June 14 at 4:00 pm

We hope ALL our Middle School youth can join us to check-in as we wrap up the 2019-2020 program year (albeit NOT in the way we hoped or thought we would be!) with our FINAL Middle School Zoom Fellowship on Sunday, June 14th, from 4-5 p.m. This will be our chance to chat, connect, and to wish our outgoing 8th graders well before they head on the Senior High Fellowship next year! We hope to see all our Middle School Friends there!

Topic: LAST Middle School Fellowship Zoom
Time: Jun 14, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88287670987>

Meeting ID: 882 8767 0987

Password: 086117

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Senior High Fellowship June 14 at 6:00 pm

This Sunday we will be drawing the 2019-2020 Senior High Fellowship Program Year to a close with our final Zoom session of the program year, from 6-7:30 p.m. We hope that all Senior High youth can join us, as we say goodbye to this year AND to our graduating seniors! It is not the way we might have hoped to end our year together, but we do want to pause and mark this milestone – see you on the zoom!

Topic: FINAL Senior High Fellowship Zoom of 2019-2020 Year
Time: Jun 14, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82109365179>

Meeting ID: 821 0936 5179

Password: 202553

Contemplative Practice - 1:00pm on Facebook Live - Hosted by Kent

An inspiring program (stories, reflections, music) to grow our spiritual tool box. Live on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly

FBC Kids and Kids-at-Heart Tuesdays at 1:00pm on Facebook Live

Join minister Julie Flowers or our Childcare Coordinator Abby Johnstone LIVE on our Facebook page at 1:00pm every Tuesdays for a kids' connection time just for you! (You can bring your grownups, too!)

We hope that this time for Kids and Kids-at-Heart will help to continue to foster not only faith development, assurance, care, and love BUT ALSO to help our youngest church friends to maintain their own connections with and to their church family, as well.

Live at 1:00pm or watch anytime when the video is saved on our Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>

Thank you!

Although we did not have the opportunity during an in-person Children and Youth Sunday to honor and thank the many volunteers who make our children and youth ministries so joyful and successful, we wanted to still pause and honor you all! THANK YOU to all the many volunteers who gave their time and their energy and their hearts this program year to support the young people in our church family! THANK YOU for all you do!

Thank you, also, to Kara Constantine for creating this thank you video for us!



Not Messing our Nest: Keeping our Water Clean

Representing your Social Concerns Committee, Ron and Leslie Brennan are registered for the Ipswich River Watershed Association Paddle-a-thon 2020 fundraiser. This is their largest fundraiser of the year. The Ipswich River supplies drinking water to Beverly and North Shore towns. The Ipswich River Watershed Association volunteers work tirelessly to monitor the health of the river by purchasing equipment and testing the water for bacterial pathogens, one of the main sources of water pollution which can impact water supply, the health of the river and aquatic life. Mass DEP are responsible for managing water resources but have limited capacity to perform routine monitoring, This association plays a vital role in providing high quality data through volunteer monitoring (citizen science) programs. Leslie and Ron are participating in a virtual creative Paddle-a-thon, since the group Paddle-a-thon cannot occur this year. We will be canoeing the river during the month of June, with trash bags to clean the access points to the river and any trash along the river banks. If you see yourself moved to contribute to this cause, you may click on the link to the Ipswich River Watershed Association and find the FBC team or Leslie Brennan's name to make a contribution. Thank you for your support to this cause. [Share the donation link and start raising funds today!](#)

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, June 10

8:30 p.m. Virtual Drop in for Evening Prayers via Zoom

Thursday, June 11

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

Friday, June 12

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Contemplative Event

Saturday, June 13

8:30 a.m. ZOOM Yoga

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

Sunday, June 14

10:00am: Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere

11:00 a.m. and following: Worship video may be viewed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website

4:00pm Middle School Fellowship Zoom Gathering

6:00pm: Sunday evening High Fellowship Zoom Gathering

Monday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 16

9:30am: Virtual Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

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

This week we offer a shared sermon from our Class of 2020 Seniors:

Love for the Journey

Youth Fellowship Class of 2020, preaching

Scriptures: Micah 6:8
and 1 John 4:7-11, excerpted

The Lord's Supper will be shared during this service - all are invited and encouraged to bring what you have for the Bread and the Cup, that we might share in this meaningful meal, together during our time of worship.



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