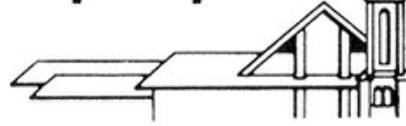


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Sunday, June 7, 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 interactive worship experience. We will then ALSO post at 11 a.m. an additional worship experience - containing BOTH the segments you saw live AND leadership from the other minister, as well as from our Music Director, Esther Chang, and some of our soloists in our choir. This video will 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. 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 LIVE worship experience!

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

***For this Sunday: BYOC - Bring Your Own Communion!**

Bring whatever element you have for the Bread and the Cup, and we will have the opportunity to share in the Lord's Supper together*

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

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.

Yes, and...

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 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!

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.



Topic: Wednesday Evening Prayer Gathering
Time: Jun 3, 2020 08:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88341585480?pwd=QzVxdENPanc5ajBMM1d1VCszSGpxUT09>

Meeting ID: 883 4158 5480

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

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!



Topic: Thursday Zoom Coffee Time
Time: Jun 4, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86260432103>

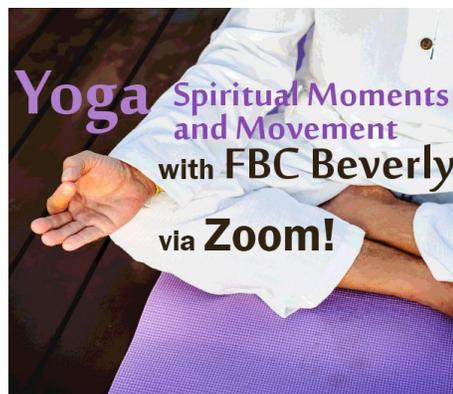
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Zoom Spiritually Based Yoga: Saturday Morning

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 6, 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
Password: 904952
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcVbeW5LQu>

Senior High Fellowship Zoom - 6pm Sunday

Topic: Senior High Fellowship Zoom

Time: Jun 7, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83702495635>

Meeting ID: 837 0249 5635

Password: 096867

NOTE: Middle School Fellowship will meet again via Zoom for our FINAL Zoom of this program year on June 14th from 4:00pm - 5:00 pm for check-ins and games! We hope to see all of our Middle School friends there as we close out (virtually) the 2019-2020 program year together!

Contemplative Music Session with Esther Chang on Friday at 1:00pm on Facebook Live

This week Dr. Esther Chang will lead the program with a musical march theme: *Raiders of the Lost Ark* from the movie *Indiana Jones* and *Military March* by F. Schubert played on one of the biggest organs on the North Shore! To quote Esther: 'This will knock your socks off!'

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>

Social Concerns Update: Virtual Workshop on Systemic Racism

Due to the COVID Pandemic our committee had placed activities on hold, however we feel strongly that we need to move forward at this time. In February we had been working with ECCO and the Beverly Multi-faith Coalition to host a workshop on white privilege and systemic racism this spring. Due to the recent events we believe this should not wait and we are exploring virtual ways to have this important conversation. Please stay tuned for updates regarding this virtual discussion as we feel as Christians, we need to join in solidarity to support our brothers and sisters of color in our nation. In the meantime click on this link to explore your own beliefs about the topic of systemic racism and what you as an individual can do to contribute toward change within your world.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=kyl4EJhq47A&feature=youtu.be>

Not Messing our Nest: Keeping our Water Clean

Secondly, 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!](#)

Church Friend Updates!

We are pleased and excited to say that MANY folks – of all ages, from our children on up! – have been signing up to take part in our Church Friend program during these COVID-19 days! It is our hope that this will be yet another way to help us all build connections between us, lift one another's spirits, show and receive love and care – and maybe build some new friendships and relationships in the church family, too!

Here is a quick update, both for those who have ALREADY signed up AND for those who DID NOT YET BUT STILL WANT TO DO SO!

1. If you did not yet get to sign up – YOU ARE NOT TOO LATE. You can still email Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org THROUGH THIS WEEK to have your name added to this list!
2. If you have ALREADY emailed Julie, you are on the list! More information will be forthcoming!
3. Julie is on vacation from her virtual office this week, THROUGH June 1st (which is why there is an extension on signups, too!). That means that AFTER she returns, which will be on June 2nd, one of the first things she will be doing is matching up Church Friend pairs from all those who sign up BY JUNE 1st and then sending the Church Friend assignments out to you! Along with your Friend's name, you will receive contact information for your friend and some suggestions and guidelines about what kinds of ideas might be great ways to start your Church Friend relationships out – HOWEVER you needn't be limited by our ideas! You can be creative in this process and think of what might brighten the day of your unique Church Friend!
4. Our hope is to officially run Church Friends through June – with the chance for you to reveal your identity to your Church Friend at the end of that month – BUT our hope is also that when the official Church Friend program time ends and pairings are revealed, that your church friendships that have been built won't and don't have to end! We hope that this will be a way to continue to build and strengthen the ties that bind us all together at heart (and we have been hearing some great stories about how Church Friend programs of the past helped to build some of the church family relationships people enjoy today! So we hope that even in these COVID days, we can do the same and build some wonderful, lasting connections!).

Thank you to all who have signed up! And still, there is room for more.

Community Servings Virtual 5K Fundraiser

Please join FBC Beverly member Moriah Brennan in supporting the Community Servings Virtual 5K Fundraiser hosted by Alpha Gamma Delta Greater Boston Alumni Chapter: All proceeds benefit Community Servings of Greater Boston. This program has been providing meals and support for chronically and critically ill patients and their families.

[Follow this link for more information and to purchase tickets.](#)

A Weekly Blog of Hope

Kent Harrop invites you to check out his weekly blog entitled "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/> Kent's most recent articles, "COVID-19 a Thin Place" and "Normal Never Was", "Traumatized by Poetry" attracted over 10,000 readers. If you have not yet had the chance, you can click on the link in this article to read the blog and see what the buzz is about!

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, June 3

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

Thursday, June 4

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

Friday, June 5

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

Saturday, June 6

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

Sunday, June 7

10:00am: Virtual Worship Service Live on Facebook

11:00am: Pre-recorded Virtual Worship Service posted to website a and YouTube channel

6:00pm: Sunday evening High Fellowship Zoom Gathering

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

9:30am: Virtual Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

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

***Pentecost Sunday: Yes,
we're waiting and even now, the
Spirit is at work***

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: Acts 2: 1 - 13



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