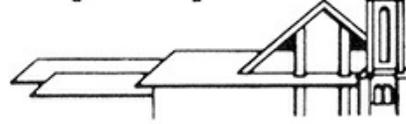


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Sunday, July 12, 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.)

***Yes, There is Brokenness,
and Still, There is Beauty***

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: Psalm 104:1-24

A logo consisting of the words "Yes, and..." in a playful, multi-colored font. The word "Yes" is in red, "and" is in blue, and the ellipsis is in purple. The logo is enclosed in a blue rectangular border.

Resources on Racism

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:

[Looking for Excellent "Diverse" Books for Children? Start Here!](#)

[Resources for Talking about Race, Racism and Racialized Violence with Kids](#)

[A Kids Book About Racism by Jelani Memory](#)

Reopening Task Force

Your Reopening Task Force continues to meet on a regular basis. We are exploring how and when to reopen the in-person life of the church. Our goal is to ensure the safety of the all in the congregation and our community guests. We see this being a phased in approach drawing upon data from the Governor's office and public health experts. Currently the Governor's guidelines allow for gatherings in person of up to ten persons, with social distancing and wearing masks. We discussed ways to leverage the summer months as an opportunity to meet in small group settings in the outdoors. Public Health experts recommend the outdoors as a safer option for gatherings. We will discuss appropriate programming and safety guidelines for outdoor gatherings at our July 10th meeting. We will also finalize questions for an all church survey to gauge comfort with using our building in the Fall. The survey will also ask for input related to our virtual programming, with an eye on how to improve and expand. For the foreseeable future worship and programing will continue virtually.

If you have any questions about the work and timetable of the Reopening Task Force, feel free to speak with any member of the committee: Julie Flowers and Kent Harrop co-chairs, Gloria Stoneham, Lisa La Plante, Pam Constantine, Esther Chang, Karen Popadic, Joe Bertolino, Doris Ann Vosseler. Jenny Baez HNS director and Jeremy Weir, Building Supt. are ex officio.

The Next Contemplative Paddle will be July 18th

Friends, as Massachusetts slowly opens up, Kent Harrop will be leading several Contemplative Paddle sessions over the course of the Summer. The prophet Isaiah said "Listen and your soul will live" (Isaiah 55:3). We paddle at a relaxed pace and sometimes drift as we listen for the ways in which the Creator renews us.

To ensure safety we will have steps in place to ensure social distancing as we launch and as we return to the shore (i.e. launching one at a time, wearing a mask getting into and out of boat). Read our [Contemplative Paddle Safety Protocol for Pandemic here](#).

While on the water, paddling lends itself to distancing and we can paddle without a mask in a safe and relaxed manner. This paddle is limited to 8 participants. We have 6 kayaks (and one canoe, for two persons in a shared household), life jackets and paddles available for loan (or bring your own equipment). No fee. Our launch site will be the Blanchard's' cabin right on the lake. [Reservations are required via \[Kharrop@fbcbeverly.org\]\(mailto:Kharrop@fbcbeverly.org\)](#)



Upcoming paddles: make your reservation for July 18th in the morning on Chebacco Lake from 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Tentative plans are for a mid-September contemplative paddle and program around and on Misery Island, off of West Beach. More details for this and other paddle events to come. For those who sign up, Kent will send guidelines to ensure all feel safe and have a great experience on the water. These are wonderful events for novice and experienced paddlers.

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!

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!

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 Break
Time: Jul 9, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88024465761>

Meeting ID: 880 2446 5761

Password: 514567

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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>

Staffing Update

Julie Flowers will be on vacation and out of her virtual office from July 13th – August 3rd. Kent Harrop will be available for pastoral needs and concerns during this time. Kent can be reached at Kharrop@fbcbeverly.org or (971) 237-0583

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, July 9

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

Friday, July 10

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Building your Spiritual Tool Box with Kent

Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

10:00am: Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere

(Worship video may be viewed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website at any time following the initial Facebook post)

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

9:30am: Virtual Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

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

***Yes my Country's Skies are
Bluer than the Ocean, and
Skies are Everywhere as
Blue as Mine***

Rev. Julie Flowers

Scripture: Jonah 4:1-11



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