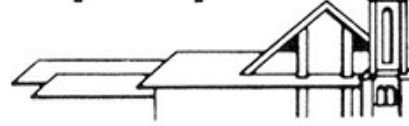


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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## *Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly* *Communion Sunday, July 5, 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](http://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.)*

**\*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\***

*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

**Yes, and...**

## 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 over 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!](#)

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

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## Reopening Task Force

Your Reopening Task Force had its second meeting this past Friday and will continue meeting 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.

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## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Family News

We surround the Blanchard family upon the passing of Barbara Blanchard at age 91. Barbara passed peacefully into God's love at the home she raised her children, surrounded by her family. Please keep her children Bob, Bill, Nancy and their families in your prayers. 'For a life well lived, we give thanks to the Lord. Amen.'

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## Bringing Hope and Health to Haiti

This pandemic has challenged and stretched the health care capacity of our nation, particularly in places deemed to be hot spots for the virus. Imagine the impact on developing countries with few resources. In the June 29<sup>th</sup> issue of the Boston Globe, there is a story of hope in the midst of crisis, featuring a friend of First Baptist. The article is entitled 'From Boston to Haiti, a lifeline for virus patients'. It features Jim Ansara (husband of FBC's Karen Ansara) and the Beverly based organization he and Dr. David Watson co-founded Build Health International. This organization was instrumental in building a 300 bed hospital in Haiti after the earthquake in 2010. Jim is quoted related to the pandemic: "There's almost no testing to speak of in the country, and there are very few critical care beds. We've been raising the alarm for three months. We have no idea how many people are COVID-positive. We've been airlifting supplies to Haiti for weeks, but it's not nearly enough." Jim and his partners are working tirelessly to add capacity to respond to the COVID crisis that has already overwhelmed the fragile health system of this poor and beautiful country. Please keep in prayer Jim Ansara, Dr. David Watson and their partners, as they work to offer hope and health to our sisters and brothers in Haiti.

To learn more, or to make a donation go to: <https://www.buildhealthinternational.org/get-involved/>

Check out the article in Sunday's Globe here: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/06/28/metro/hard-hit-boston-beleaguered-haiti-lifeline-covid-patients/>

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## 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 2, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83416998912>

Meeting ID: 834 1699 8912  
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Dial by your location

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Meeting ID: 834 1699 8912

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbI9TnxTCp>



## Theology on Tap: July 7th

Join us Tuesday, July 7th at 8:00pm for Theology on Tap!

We hope you can join us for a time of connection and conversation! We'll talk about life and faith and where they intersect - and have time for sharing our questions and our laughter, too.

The meeting is open to all, so feel free to spread the word and invite friends!

Topic: July Theology on Tap

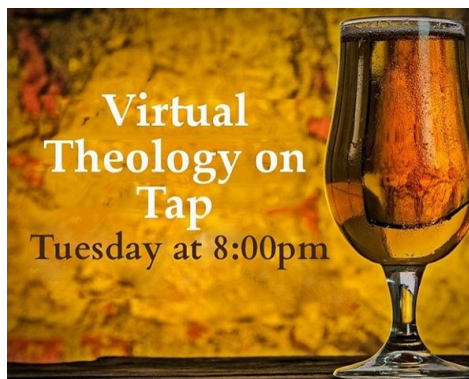
Time: Jul 7, 2020 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81840912120>

Meeting ID: 818 4091 2120

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## Music with Dr. Esther Chang - Friday at 1:00pm on Facebook Live

Join FBC's Director of Music Dr. Esther Chang for some fun patriotic music in to get you in the spirit of Independence Day. Live on our Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly)



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## 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>

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## Coming Up at FBC



### Thursday, July 2

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

### Friday, July 3

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Patriotic Music in the spirit of Independence Day with Esther

### Saturday, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5

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 6

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

Tuesday, July 7

9:30am: Virtual Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

8:00pm: Virtual Theology on Tap

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

***Yes, We are on a Journey,  
and the Journey is our  
Home***

Rev. Kent Harrop

Scripture: Ruth 1: 15 - 18



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