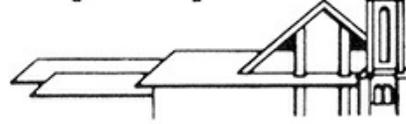


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly *Sunday, August 23, 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.)

Songbird

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: Psalm 149:1-5 and Isaiah 40:28-

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Troubleshooting and Tips for Entering Into Virtual Worship

In the recent congregational survey that was sent out, some questions were asked to help the ministers and staff gauge people's comfort with virtual worship and to help identify what kinds of help or support people might need to be able to access and share in virtual worship services more fully and comfortably. From that survey, we were able to identify several aspects of virtual worship with which we would like to offer some tips and troubleshooting advice, in an effort to make it more comfortable for everyone seeking to engage with us in this way!

Below (thanks to Pam Constantine!) you will find some helpful tips and tricks to help with some of the most commonly raised trouble spots with virtual worship at this time. As a staff, we have been so grateful to the entire church family for *your* flexibility and creativity and dexterity during this time, as you have been so willing to enter into this new space and way of doing things with us, and we are grateful for the ways in which we can help one another to continue to be most comfortable in the virtual space.

I have trouble finding the services:

The worship services are available in two places: on Facebook and on You Tube, which are linked to the church website. To find the service on Facebook, either live at 10:00 on Sunday morning or afterwards recorded but still posted on Facebook, search for the First Baptist Church in Beverly facebook page (by clicking on the little icon of a magnifying glass on the top right of your Facebook page, and then type in the church's name.) Once you are on the church's Facebook page, scroll down to find the service you are looking for. The farther down you scroll, the more previous services you will find, as well as other recorded Facebook Live programs by Julie, Kent, Esther and Abby Johnstone. If you watch on Facebook Live at 10:00 am on Sunday, you can read and make comments to have more of an interactive experience.

To find the services on You Tube, go to the page on the church website where the sermons are posted (www.fbcBeverly.org/Sermons.) As you scroll down, you will see all of the services that have been recorded in reverse chronological order. You can watch any of these worship services at any time. Here's a tip--want to watch the church service before 10:00 on Sunday morning? It is posted here by Saturday afternoon the day before. It is easier to find past services here than on Facebook.

I have trouble hearing and I need captions on the videos:

Only the services that are posted on the church website (www.fbcBeverly.org/Sermons) have captions. To enable the captions, do the following: on a computer, hover over the bottom of the screen and the control panel will appear. The closed captioning icon is just to the right of center. On a tablet, you hover over the upper right hand side of the screen, and you get a little gear icon. If you click on that, you get the chance to turn on closed captioning.

I find the comments and little floating hearts on Facebook distracting:

We all worship in our own ways, and that is fine. If you don't like to see the comments on the 10:00 am Live service on Facebook, watch the service on You Tube through the church website (www.fbcBeverly.org/Sermons). The services are available starting in the afternoon (typically) of the day before the service is broadcast and they are saved, so you can rewatch them any time. Or, on the Facebook Live service, you can simply turn your phone or your tablet sideways, and the comments and bubbling icons go away. If you are on a computer, there is a little icon on the bottom of the screen that looks like a comment box. You can toggle the comments on and off.

As always, *thank you* for all of *your* work, together as a church family, to be creative collaborators, together with one another and with God, as we move through these uncertain and ever-changing days!

Ways YOU Can Build Community During COVID!

During these COVID times, we have all been learning and growing and changing, all the time – and practicing exercising our *Yes, and...* improv muscle and the work of being creative collaborators with God more than we ever could have guessed we would be called to do! As this time continues on, your ministerial team and church staff are (and will continue to be!) engaged in this work of creative collaboration with God, with one another, and with you, as well, striving to continue to find new and ever-changing ways to BE the church in the world and to BUILD community and MAINTAIN connections. We also would like to start sharing *your* ideas and ways that you can engage in this creative work, too, with and for one another – it may be that someone else's idea appeals to you, too, or you may have an idea that you would like to try and would love to have shared here in our Bulletin for others to read!

This week we are sharing an idea that comes to us from Brenda and Scott, members of our church family. They decided to try hosting a small (remembering that the Governor's COVID orders now ONLY allow for private gatherings to have a maximum of 10 people if everyone is not related/living in the same space) and masks must be worn!) gathering in their yard to watch Sunday morning's virtual worship service on the "big screen" (or, on a sheet hung on their fence!). Check out the pictures below to get a peek at how it played out!

We share their idea here as one way that, within our church family, *you* might be able to help create some intentional new and creative moments of community, as well – with a small outdoor gathering like this to watch worship together or perhaps to discuss the sermon after worship, or even just to go for a mindful and distanced walk together! These ideas may be as varied as members of our church family - and there are no right or wrong ones - we encourage those who are interested in trying something new to also think about ways to extend an invitation to a church friend whom you may not know as well (feel free to contact the ministers if you need contact information for any church friends!) in an effort to grow and build community!

Please remember that IF you would like to try hosting a small group event like this, you should first check the MA COVID regulations and make sure to follow the orders for the State and for your particular city or town carefully and precisely – being creative *and* safe in our approaches to community-building in these days is the best way for us to get through this time together!

Please feel free to share ideas that you might have for intentional and creative community-building with us at bulletin@fbcbeverly.org – or please feel free to reach out to Julie and Kent if there are ways in which the church could help support an idea that you might have!



Mission Spotlight: Celebrating the Work of Feeding Folks During a Pandemic

During this time of a global pandemic, much has changed in the world and for our church family – one thing that has *not* changed, however, is the reality of food insecurity in our community, and the need to ensure that people in Beverly have meals available to them, should they need them, every day.

Our Meals Program Coordinators, John and Eileen Hadley, have been equal to this task throughout this time, despite the need for many changes to the *way* in which our meals program could be done at this time, the need to reduce the numbers of volunteers in the kitchen at these times, and the need to truly dig deep and be creative in and with this work.

Throughout these months as we have been living with COVID, John, Eileen, and their team (particularly Gail Anderson, John Mullady, Cindy Shupp, and Jeremy Weir) have diligently worked to shift the meal model to a to-go model as opposed to a sit down meal – while ensuring that the to go meal being offered remains a full and nutritious hot meal, with multiple side options, as well as some extras in each bag for people to use as they need and as they wish. They have shifted the gym around so that guests can enter, pick up their to go meal, and then exit the gym in a smooth and safe fashion for everyone, spacing guests out to ensure their comfort and safety.

In addition, thanks to John and Eileen's hard work, another milestone has been achieved for our program during this time – they worked to ensure our kitchen received official Board of Health certification, which now means that our meals program (and other community meals prepared in our space) are eligible to receive food from the Greater Boston Food Bank! This is a huge accomplishment and important step in supporting our on-going mission to help feed our community – and it is the result of much hard work and dedication! Congratulations and thanks go to John, Eileen, and to their team, for this diligent work!

If you would like to follow the work of our Meals Program, you can check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MealProgramBeverly>!

Stay tuned for more spotlights on on-going work and mission happening during these COVID days, as well!

Paddle to Misery Island: September 12th 9 a.m. - Noon

In September, FBC Beverly will be hosting its second annual kayak trip from West Beach in Beverly to and around Misery Island (September 12th, 9 a.m. - Noon). Our guides and equipment will be provided by Coast to Coast Paddle. **To register [click here](#).**

The cost listed is a discounted cost. Please note that you can rent a single or tandem kayak or bring your own kayak. This event is limited to 10 participants. Aaron Mearns, the owner of Coast to Coast Paddle, will guide our trip and ensure we feel safe and have a great experience. Misery Island and Little Misery Island comprise 96 acres of beautiful conservation land with breathtaking scenery. We paddle over, land on South Beach, and then enjoy a mindful walk hosted by Kent Harrop. Due to the nature of ocean kayaking, for this paddle participants should have moderate experience kayaking.



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 this 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 Info:

Topic: Thursday Zoom Coffee Break

Time: Aug 20, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933634712>

Meeting ID: 859 3363 4712

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Meeting ID: 859 3363 4712

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933634712>



Contemplative Living on Facebook Live, 1 p.m. hosted by Bryan Vosseler.

Join Bryan Vosseler for Contemplative Practice on Friday, August 21st. The topic this week will be "Whole-hearted living". We will be looking at a Rilke poem and singing a chant.

Live on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly Friday at 1pm

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>

Staff Vacation Schedule

Rev. Kent Harrop will be on vacation from August 10th to August 31st. Rev. Julie Flowers will be available for pastoral needs and concerns during this time. Julie can be reached at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org or by phone at 617-692-0477.

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Contemplative Practice with Bryan Vosseler

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

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, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

9:30am: Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

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

***On Pivoting....
and Why I Still Have Great Hope for
the Church***

Rev. Christine Keddy, preaching

Scripture: Matthew 16:5-20



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