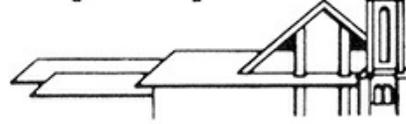


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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## ***Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly Sunday, September 20, 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.)*

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## ***Walking with us through the fire***

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-2, 18-21



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## Drive-By Rally Day Celebration on September 27th!

We may be living in strange and uncertain times that are causing us to think creatively at every turn and to reimagine what life in and as the Church looks like, but COVID-19 cannot stop the coming of a new church program year, nor the joy of Rally Day!

Please join your First Baptist Church ministers and staff for a **DRIVE-BY RALLY DAY CELEBRATION** from **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – which will begin immediately following the premiere of our virtual Rally Day worship service at 10:00 a.m. We will be out along the **HALE STREET SIDE** of the church building (with our masks on) with fun and festive items to make the day special – but we need your help, too!

YOU are invited to come at any time during that hour and drive by, wave, celebrate, and to pull over for a quick gift stop/photo op (if you are willing to let us take a selfie with you in your car! Please wear your masks, too!). Signs and decorations on cars are not required, of course, but they ARE encouraged, as we CELEBRATE being the church together, even in these strange times!

We are excited to be able to roll out our new Annual Theme (The Journey is Our Home) to you during worship on the 27<sup>th</sup>, as well, and to begin thinking, together, about what life looks like when the journey is not the in-between time but is, instead, the place we call home; the place where we live, comfortably, with God; a place of evolution, change, hope, and expectation.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** and join us in viewing our **RALLY DAY WORSHIP** premiere (in the same formats you have been) at 10:00 a.m. on September 27<sup>th</sup>, and then in our **DRIVE-BY RALLY DAY CELEBRATION** that same day, immediately following worship's premiere! We can't wait to rally with you, First Baptist Church!



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## JOB OPENING: Video/Tech Production Associate

We are seeking a Video/Tech Production Associate. Feel free to share this position with anyone you think may have the skill set and encourage that person to apply:

First Baptist Church in Beverly is a growing, theologically progressive congregation in the city of Beverly, Massachusetts (30 miles north of Boston on the North Shore). Beverly is a diverse, dynamic small city with two college campuses and a growing arts scene. We are seeking a creative and experienced Video/Tech Production Associate to work alongside our staff and team of volunteers to help promote our message within the church and to the wider community. During this pandemic our staff have grown in their ability to provide weekly virtual worship and programming. We are looking for an experienced Video/Tech Producer to help take us to the next level in quality, creativity and outreach. We see ourselves as one congregation, with many ways of gathering. Some of us gather in our building 221 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA while multiple groups gather in virtual formats locally, nationally, globally. To learn more about us go to: [www.fbcbeverly.org](http://www.fbcbeverly.org)

### Responsibilities:

- The Video/Tech Production Associate will ensure quality and consistency for both the Live Streaming of Sunday morning worship and to ensure the quality of the experience for those who have gathered in the Sanctuary (work with volunteer team to ensure the quality of audio/video and PowerPoint components). Note: Currently we are not meeting in building due to the pandemic but will return when circumstances allow. The Virtual programming will continue.
- Experience with Virtual programming on multiple virtual/social media platforms. Currently we are uploading weekly Sunday worship via pre-recorded components for Facebook Prime and YouTube. Our programming is interactive and inclusive of the voices from the congregation.
- Produce and edit pre-recorded components to be included in the Virtual Worship.
- Provide production support as needed for midweek Facebook Live programs. i.e. Children's program, spiritual life program and music programs.

### **Experience:**

- Experienced with live video production, real-time streaming, and understanding of how to leverage CDN (Content Delivery Networks) to reach an Internet-connected audience.
- Proficient with PowerPoint. Able to troubleshoot, diagnose, and solve technical problems related to video production and PowerPoint presentations.
- Familiar with and able to operate video and audio equipment, and also act as a producer/director, working together with staff and volunteers.”

### **Position Specifics:**

10 - 15 hours per week, compensation based on experience. Well organized. Creative and collaborative. Must be able to work on Sunday mornings, otherwise schedule is flexible and can be done remotely. Must have own laptop and cell phone with appropriate software and access to social media. Time away negotiated. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, references and examples of work to: [office@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:office@fbcbeverly.org)

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## **Yes, You Can Still Donate!**

Although the church building is closed and the collection plate is no longer being passed on Sunday mornings, please don't forget that you can still donate to the church. Church activities have continued during the lockdown and summer months. In fact, some people have remarked that in some ways the church seems busier than ever. Your continuing financial support is still vitally important to support the church. Here are suggested ways to pay a pledge or to make a donation.

- Mail a check to the First Baptist Church at 221 Cabot Street, Beverly 01915 with a notation that the check is for a pledge payment, a donation or other purpose.
- Contact your bank about online bill payment. Many people have found this a very convenient way to pay their pledge. This is usually a free service, resulting in your bank sending a physical check to the church on your behalf either for a one-time payment or at regular intervals of your choice (monthly, for example). There's no fee to the church.
- Use the "Donate" button on the church website: [www.fbcbeverly.org](http://www.fbcbeverly.org). Please be sure to indicate if the donation is for a pledge, donation or some other purpose. A small fee will be deducted from your donation by the processing site.

Even during the pandemic, the work and service of FBC continues. Our ministers, staff and lay persons have been incredibly clever in transforming traditional in-person worship and activities into online format. Virtual worship services are creative and attendance is growing even beyond our state; Christian education programs for children are presented weekly by Abby Johnstone's Kids-at-Heart program; Thursday coffee hour gives opportunity for church fellowship; and music continues through Esther Chang's Friday afternoon concerts. Eileen and John Hadley have faithfully continued to provide nutritious take-out meals to the Beverly community every Saturday. Stephanie Dillon, our in-church horticultural expert, has prepared the enriched soil foundation for our future sidewalk garden of native New England plants, even though the city expanded the garden area to twice its original planned size. Jeremy Weir, our property manager, oversaw the summer-long painting of our steeple, a project over a year in the planning. Now our steeple has been restored to a shining white beacon with no peeling paint. A church Re-Opening Committee is hard at work conscientiously planning what steps will be needed to safely re-open the building when the time is right. And a new theme for the 2020-21 church year has already been selected, which means that Rally Sunday is right around the corner.

Your donations make possible the wonderful work of the church during these most challenging times and are greatly appreciated.

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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:

Topic: Virtual Coffee Time  
Time: Sep 17, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83025140103>  
Meeting ID: 830 2514 0103  
One tap mobile  
+13017158592,,83025140103# US (Germantown)  
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Dial by your location  
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+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)  
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)  
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)  
Meeting ID: 830 2514 0103  
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kWbufXVHf>



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## Contemplative Practice with Kent: 'We are river water, all shaken up' - Friday at 1:00pm on Facebook Live

An inspiring program of stories and practical steps to grow your spiritual tool box. Kent will reflect on how to find calm in the midst of the turbulence of life. Live at 1:00pm on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly)

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## Changes Coming to Our FBC Live Kids' Time(s) AND for our Children and Youth Programming!

As schools are beginning again and schedules are sorting themselves out, we are making some exciting shifts and changes to our children's and youth programming - including shifts to our Live Kids' Time programming.

Our final Live Kids' Time at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays took place this Tuesday (September 15th) and can still be viewed on our First Baptist Church [Facebook page](#) - check it out for a special back-to-school and pre-Rally Day message from Julie and Kent!

NEW Kids' Time programming that works better within a more settled school schedule will be coming, AS WELL AS weekly opportunities for children to connect virtually with their Sunday School classes beginning in October (including receiving special supply crates each month for have on hand for the lessons!). In the coming week, you will be able to register your child for these classes/crate deliveries using our website - we will share that link here in the Bulletin, as well.

In addition, our Youth Fellowship advisors for our Middle School and Senior High groups are hard at work getting plans together for the upcoming program year - stay tuned for information and announcements about those, as well.

Watch this space - more exciting children and youth programming is coming your way for the 2020-2021 church program year!

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## Contemplative Paddle on the Ocean

Last Saturday several from FBC paddled off of Salem. Lauren Costa in the yellow kayak and Marty Lincoln in the blue were part of this intrepid crew. Marty at age 81 paddles strong and is an inspiration!



# Coming Up at FBC



## Thursday, September 17

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

## Friday, September 18

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Contemplative Practice with Kent

## Saturday, September 19

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

## Sunday, September 20

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, September 21

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

## Tuesday, September 22

9:30am: Staff Meeting

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

## ***You Got Me***

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13



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