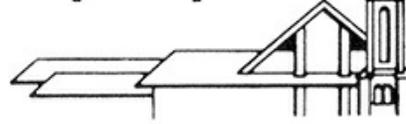


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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***Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly***

***November 15, 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.*

*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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***More Than Enough***

Scriptures: Exodus 16:14-18 and  
Deuteronomy 8:1-6

Preacher: Rev. Jaimie D. Crumley



## Virtual Sunday School Rolls Along!

Our virtual Sunday School classes for our children are rolling along, thanks to all our families being so willing to be flexible and creative and dexterous with us - and thanks, especially, to our children for being so flexible and creative! Our Sunday School teacher teams have been enjoying connecting with the children and families of the church, even during these uncertain times of a global pandemic!

If you have NOT YET had the opportunity to sign your family up for Virtual Sunday School (which would bring with it being added to the email list to get news and updates about children's church programming, as well!), please click the box below to register.

For all those already registered, we look forward to seeing you this coming Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in our Zoom Classroom!

[Sign Up For Sunday School](#)

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## Youth Fellowship Activities

*Both groups were rained out this past Sunday, and so we will be attempting the same programs that got rained out.*

\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE FOR BOTH GROUPS – We will be using an app called MyMedBot going forward to help check youth and advisors in for each week's program. This app is FREE for users, but you will need to set up an account after receiving an invitation email from the church/from Julie. PLEASE make sure that Julie has your best email contact for this week so she can get your set up! Email her at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) to make sure she has this information!\*\*\*

## Middle School Fellowship, Sunday, November 15

### Scavenger Hunt Slide Show and Games

**Time 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. \*Note this earlier time to ensure we do not lose the daylight!\***

Group photographers from last week's Nature Scavenger Hunt are reminded to email Julie your group's pictures ([jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org)) so that she can use them to create a slideshow for us all to view this coming Sunday, as we eagerly anticipate the results from the judges on our creativity and skill at finding all our nature items!

We will gather AT THE CHURCH PARKING LOT this Sunday so that we can make use of our projector and movie screen - and then we will be able to use the space for some group games, as well!

As always, please remember to bring a chair, hand sanitizer, and a mask (the style that loops around the ears; no gaiters, please) and please make sure to fill out the MyMedBot health check forms before you arrive (and show the green cleared-to-attend screen to an advisor when you check in!).

See you then!

## Senior High Fellowship, Sunday, November 15

**Time and Activity: TBA**

Our Senior High Advisor team is hard at work looking at the forecast and planning another great and creative program for this Sunday - stay tuned for Julie's emails and Facebook updates for all the most up-to-date information!



On Sunday, Middle School had a nature scavenger hunt program (shown here on the left is just one team in search of the items on their list in this sneak peek of the afternoon's program!). Then Senior High had an outdoor movie night in the church parking lot!

## The Blessing of the Animals Friday, November 13, 2020, at 6:30 pm

Join the First Baptist Church in Beverly on Friday, November 13, from 6:30-7:00 pm for the Blessing of the Animals (a virtual worship service)! We always enjoy our pets' companionship, and this year, our time with our beloved pets has been especially sacred. Join us as we thank our animal friends for all they do for us and as we celebrate our loving God, who has created all living things. If you do not have a pet, please bring a photograph of an animal you have loved. You may also bring a beloved stuffed animal (or two).



### the blessing of the animals

Friday, November 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
A Virtual Worship Service to  
Celebrate God's Creation

hosted by First Baptist in Beverly

The Zoom link is below! For more information about our virtual Blessing of the Animals service, please contact Rev. Jaimie Crumley at [jcrumley@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jcrumley@fbcbeverly.org). Jaimie will also love to receive a photograph of your animal friends. If you have a story to tell about your pet and your relationship with them, she will enjoy reading it.

"You save humans and animals alike, O Lord."  
Psalm 36:6b



See you and your friends on Friday, November 13, on Zoom!

Link: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98483265334?pwd=amtsNoVDNUtTSHROUXVqdXMvUDdJZz09>  
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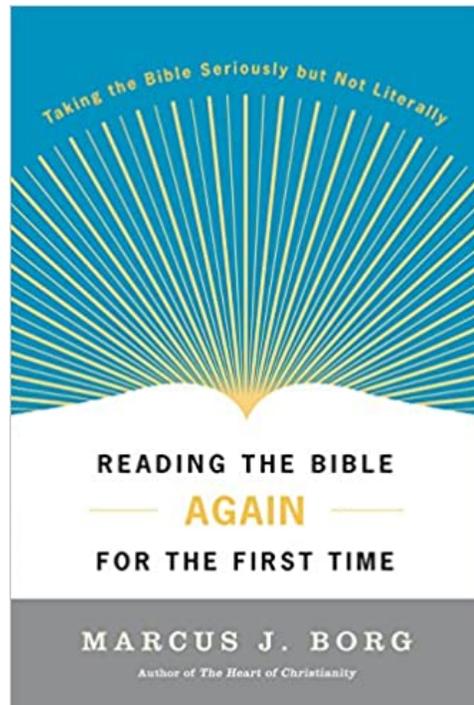
## New (Virtual) Adult Class to be Held Thursdays at 7 p.m.!

One of the aspects of our faith life and development that can be post challenging – but also most rewarding and intriguing! – is reading and rereading the Bible and doing so faithfully while also honoring its history and context and development.

In his (now classic) book *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally*, author and theologian Marcus Borg explores anew the ways we can freshly appreciate the essential elements of both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament in ways that help both our faith – and the history of the texts themselves – come alive.

Rev. Julie Flowers will be offering a 4-5 week virtual class **BEGINNING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 7 P.M.** for those interested in reading and exploring Borg's work – as well as the Bible itself – together.

If you are interested, please email Julie at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) to sign up as soon as possible! Those who have ALREADY signed up can begin reading the book (please let Julie know if you need a copy!) at your leisure so that we can dig into our conversation beginning on Thursday, December 3rd. Stay tuned for the zoom link as we get closer!



Dig in and see what it feels like to encounter the Bible again, as if for the first time.

## 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, 10 a.m.

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time

Time: Nov 12, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82836976201>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k9R8BpHVD>



### What a Zoom Fellowship!

Each Sunday, many of you join us **LIVE** on Facebook for our virtual worship service. We love spending that sacred time together, but we are also missing the joy of fellowshiping together after the worship service. After the worship service each Sunday, join your FBC Beverly friends for a time of fellowship. We will put the link in the Facebook comments, but it is below for your convenience.

Our fellowship time might be virtual, but it will be so wonderful to spend some time together.

Join Zoom Meeting

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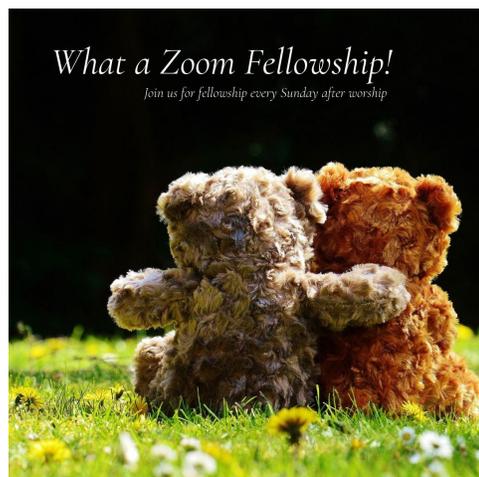
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Meeting ID: 979 7306 8006

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## Contemplative Practice with Kent - Friday at 1:00pm on Facebook

What do you do and where do you go, to restore your soul? 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. At 1:00pm on our Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly)

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## Guest Speaker to Speak about Estate Planning and Donor-Advised Funds

Over the years, staff at FBC have been asked by members of the congregation questions concerning estate planning and legacy gift options for FBC. More recently, FBC has been asked if we would accept donations of stocks or mutual funds and also questions concerning donor-advised funds (i.e. what are they, are there any tax advantages for using them, etc.).

FBC is happy to announce that on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM**, Peter E. Bernardin, an experienced attorney and CPA, has generously offered his time and expertise to present on these topics. Mr. Bernardin is the principal with The Bernardin Law Firm P.C., located here in Beverly, Massachusetts. His practice includes estate planning, estate and trust administration, elder law, business planning, and real estate, and regularly lectures to professional organizations on various estate, tax and business planning issues. He has also published articles on various estate planning and income tax issues, and is a co-author of a book entitled, "Choosing Your Path: How Massachusetts Residents Can Take Control of their Medical Care, Estate Plans and Funeral Arrangements". This presentation is open to all FBC members, guests, and visitors. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Bernardin will be available to answer any of your questions concerning the topics discussed, and in his areas of expertise.

To reserve a spot or if you had any questions about this event, please send an email to [FBC\\_RSVP@outlook.com](mailto:FBC_RSVP@outlook.com).

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## Pledge Sunday: Thanks-Giving Drive-by

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. FBC will be hosting a 'Thanks-Giving Drive-by'. The idea is to drive-by (or stroll or bicycle-by) First Baptist with your pledge card (with your financial commitment to the ministry of FBC for 2021). From your car, you can place your pledge card (in a privacy envelope) in an offering basket held by your pastoral staff of Julie and Kent. Those submitting a pledge card will receive a 'thank you gift' from your Stewardship Committee. We will celebrate the gift of being in community and working together to share God's love! In addition, whether you are prepared to submit a pledge card or not, the Advent Planning Team will present each household with an 'Advent-in-a-Box', an imaginative collection of readings and activities to make this upcoming Advent Season meaningful and inspiring. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29<sup>th</sup>! Note: This Drive-by event will be held rain or shine (in case of unusually stormy weather, the event will be moved to the following Sunday. Watch the church website or FBC Facebook page for any update).

**Thanks-Giving  
Drive-by  
November 22nd!**

**And pick up your Advent-in-a-Box!**



## Hands-on Mission, Right Here in Beverly: Meals Program Volunteer Slots Open!

As you know, the arrival of COVID-19 on the scene in early March of this year changed *everything* for us all – and, in our church family, it changed the ways in which much of our programming could or would happen. One of our mission-driven programs that has *never* halted – but did have to adjust creatively and constantly – was our Meals Program, which shifted from a sit-down meal model to a to-go meal model under the care and with the hard work of John and Eileen Hadley. These shifts also reduced the numbers of volunteers in the kitchen (although a HUGE thanks goes to those volunteers who have been working diligently alongside the Hadleys to make things continue to run, including Gail Anderson, Jeremy Weir, Cindy Shupp, Liz Crean, and John Mullady!).

At this time, almost 9-months into the pandemic, the Missions Committee would like to put in a place a more settled system with some additional volunteer power behind it to ensure that our meals program can continue *without* burning out the small crew working so hard on it.

We have established a rotating system of Team Leaders – four in total, one for each Saturday of the month. We would like to see each Team Leader have a crew of 3 additional volunteers alongside them, ideally the same volunteers each month, to keep our groups small and set for COVID-safety reasons. If you would be willing to commit to serving one Saturday per month, on a set rotating schedule, with a Team Leader coordinating meal planning and logistics, please email Missions Committee Chair Cindy Shupp ([cjshupp@verizon.net](mailto:cjshupp@verizon.net)) to let her know! If you have a preference as to which week of the month (1, 2, 3, or 4) you could serve, please also let her know that information.

THANK YOU in advance for being willing to join one of our great meals teams to ensure that there is always a meal for those in our community who may need one!

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### In the Family

We hold Meena Tejwani in our hearts and prayers as she is recovering from a recent surgery. Meena will be continuing her recovery and healing at the Care One rehab in Peabody. Meena would welcome cards or notes or phone calls to brighten up her days while she is there and before she comes back home. Her contact information there is Care One Rehab, 199 Andover St. Peabody, MA 01960. Meena's phone number is 978-531-0772.

We also hold Jess Dusak and her family (Silas and Nola Barton) in our hearts and prayers as Jess has been experiencing some medical issues and has been in and out of the hospital as doctors strive to determine what is going on for her and what is causing her some pain and loss of use of one side of her body (they have, thankfully, ruled out COVID and stroke). We are striving to support Jess and her family during this time not only with our prayers (although of course, those!), but also with meals for the family, as we can. Here is the link to the Meal Train that has been set up for them, for those who might be able to assist in this way (please note that Jess cannot eat gluten and Nola cannot eat strawberries!):  
<https://mealtrain.com/nn3mn7>

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### One-Bedroom Affordable (Dog-Friendly) Apartment Needed!

We have a member of our church family who is diligently searching for an affordable one-bedroom apartment or living space – that must be dog-friendly! Should you have any leads about possible options that could be passed along, please email Julie Flowers at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) to let her know!

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## Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, November 12

10:00-11:00am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time with Julie

Friday, November 13

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Contemplative Practice with Kent  
6:30pm: The Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, November 14

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

Sunday, November 15

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)

Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Immediately following Virtual Worship

11:15am: Virtual Children's Classes Sunday School via Zoom

3:00pm: Middle School Fellowship

TBA: Senior High Fellowship

Monday, November 16

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals to-go meals will be provided from the gym)  
7 p.m. Social Concerns Comm. via ZOOM

Tuesday, November 17

9:30am: Staff Meeting

7:00pm: Estate Planning and Donor-Advised Funds with Peter E. Bernardin

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

## *Stewarding the Future*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 3:20-28

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers



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