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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

November 8, 2020

REMINDER: Our Sunday worship services have been moved to an online format. Please join us via our First Baptist Church Facebook (<u>https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly</u>) 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 <u>www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons</u>, as well as on our <u>YouTube channel</u>, 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 <u>http://www.fbcbeverly.org/covid-19-and-temporary-closure-at-first-baptist-in-beverly/</u>

10:00am: Join us on our <u>Facebook page</u> 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.)

Stewarding the Future

Scripture: Deuteronomy 3:20-28

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers



Second Sunday School Supply Crate Pick-Up a Success!

It's hard to believe that we are already into our second month of Virtual Sunday School – and yet, we are! Sunday morning found members of our teaching team ready and waiting at the church to welcome Sunday School families for their refill of lessons and supplies for November's virtual classes AND for some hands-on activities together. The group had the chance to work to create a gratitude chain – writing or drawing on strips of paper all the many things for which we are grateful, and then linking them all together in one long chain of gratitude, which is now adorning our narthex inside the church building. As we move through this month, our children – and adult members – are invited to try out our Month of Gratitude journal and reflection project, as well, spending a little time each day reflecting on those things for which we are grateful in our lives and finding God's peace and calm as we do so.

There was also an opportunity to decorate your own mask at the Sunday morning event – and our church school friends had great creative energy going and made all kinds of beautiful masks that they can wear to help keep their friends and community safe and well in this time. In addition, we had *lots* of fun just getting to see one another, even if from a distance and with our masks on!

Our virtual classes resume *this coming Sunday*, November 8th, at 11:15 a.m. If you are not yet registered or need the link to join the class, please click below to sign up.

Sign Up For Sunday School





Youth Fellowship Activities: Take Two

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 <u>iflowers@fbcbeverly.org</u> to make sure she has this information!

Photo: When your weather app lies to you and it just starts pouring on your Middle School Fellowship parade! Let's hope for drier skies for next Sunday!

Middle School Fellowship, Sunday, November 8 Nature Scavenger Hunt *Note Earlier Time 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.*



The Middle School Fellowship meet be meeting at a slightly earlier time this Sunday, November 8, to try to grab more daylight, now that it will be getting darker earlier. The group is invited to meet at the field next to the Hannah School (turn off of Brimbal Ave onto Wayland Rd and drive to the end to find the field), and then will be walking over to the Hannah Trails behind the school for a fun-filled Nature Scavenger Hunt! Participants are asked to dress for the weather, to wear warm/sturdy footwear for walking in the woods, and to wear a mask (the style that loops around the ears; no gaiters, please!). Although we typically ask participants to NOT be on their cell phones during Fellowship time (so as to better pay attention to one another in the group and build community), it will be helpful for anyone who does have access to a phone or

digital camera to bring those along, so as to gather pictures of their scavenger hunt items! Youth can be picked up from the field near the school at 4 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship, Sunday, November 8 Outdoor Movie Night *Note Later Time 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.*

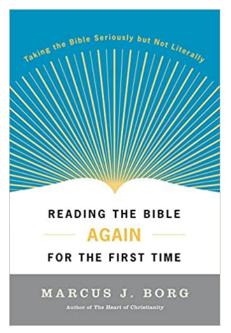
The Senior High Fellowship will be gathering outside in the church parking lot for an outdoor movie night! We know it may be a little chilly, but we are making that part of the fun! Youth are asked to bring a chair (we will be sitting with distanced seating in the parking lot!), as well as a sleeping bag in which to sit (or several warm blankets to bundle up) and are ENCOURAGED STRONGLY to wear layers, hats, mittens/gloves, etc. We know youth asked about warm winter pajamas, and that is fine – but we do encourage extra layers and a hat, for sure! As always, participants are asked to bring a small hand sanitizer and to wear a mask (the style that loops around the ears; no gaiters, please) for the program. Youth MAY BRING a drink or movie-watching snack for themselves, once they are seated. We will NOT be sharing snacks at this program, so please bring along a little something, should you want it! We will end the evening sharing Concerns and Celebrations before heading home!

New Adult Class Forming (Virtually!)

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 for those interested in reading and exploring Borg's work – as well as the Bible itself – together. The class will be scheduled at a time that works best for interested participants – but would most likely be on a weeknight for about an hour for 4 or 5 consecutive weeks. If you are interested, please email Julie at <u>iflowers@fbcbeverly.org</u> to sign up as soon as possible, so that the group can then get scheduled and get reading (and discussing!) together.

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



November

Spiritual Practice:

A Month of Gratitude

Spiritual Practice for November: A Month of Gratitude

In the month of November, our Children's Sunday School will be trying out a spiritual practice of keeping a Gratitude Journal each day through Thanksgiving. We are inviting our children to pause for a few moments each day and then to write or draw or share creatively in ways that work for them about a different prompt for each day – and then to close their time with a short prayer we have included, as well.

We wanted to invite others to join our children in this spiritual practice, if you would like – you don't need a fancy or special journal; just some paper to write, sketch, or draw, and some time to reflect a little each day!

You are invited to use this daily list to join our children in a month of gratitude, if you would like!



Follow this link to view a printable PDF of the list of Gratitude Journal Prompts.

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 dropin 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 5, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84984781794

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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 fellowshipping together after the worship service. <u>After the worship service each Sunday</u>, 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 <u>https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97973068006?</u> pwd=ajdFcy9pYmdBZmd1SUlJaUxSYlcvUT09

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

Join FBC's Director of Music, Dr. Esther Chang for music, brought to you directly from the FBC Sanctuary! On our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly this Friday, November 6th at 1pm.

This week, Esther and guest soprano, Mary-Alexandra Onstad performing Broadway tunes and arias! Endearingly entertaining tunes such as "Someone to Watch Over Me" from the musical "Oh, Kay!" and also "I Could Have Danced All Night" from "My Fair Lady" are some of the features to invite you to come join us on Friday!



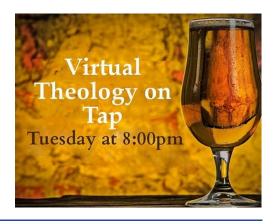
Festival of Treats Postponed

The Festival of Treats – which was snowed out this weekend – WILL NOW BE happening between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. this coming Saturday, November 7th! If anyone is interested in helping/volunteering at this event OR in attending, please email Lauren Costa at <u>lauren.marie.costa@gmail.com</u> or Julie Flowers at <u>jflowers@fbcbeverly.org.</u>



Theology on Tap for November Will Be Held NEXT Tuesday on November 10th.

Theology on Tap will meet on the SECOND Tuesday of November, the 10^{th} , from 8:00 pm.– 10:00pm. A zoom link will be sent closer to the event. Please save the date and plan to join us for fellowship, good conversation, and connection!

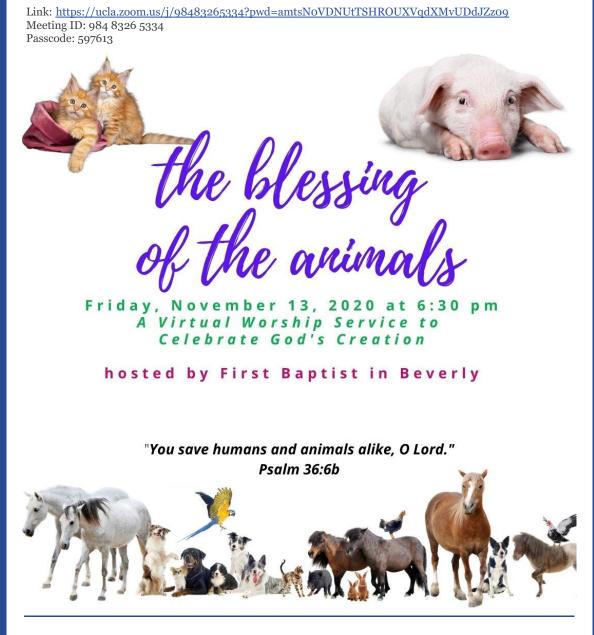


The Blessing of the Animals Friday, November 13, 2020, at 6:30 pm

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 Zoom link is below! For more information about our virtual Blessing of the Animals service, please contact Rev. Jaimie Crumley at <u>icrumley@fbcbeverly.org</u>. 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.

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



Welcome to our Video/Tech Production Associate

"My name is Andrew Bakhit, I grew up in Cairo, Egypt and studied Communication Arts at Gordon College. I am excited to be part of FBC and use my knowledge and experience with technology to edit components for our weekly virtual worship service. In addition, I will be working with volunteers to prepare to Live Stream our full worship service, when we are able to safely return to the Sanctuary. On a personal level, I like to play music, go on walks and enjoy God's nature."

Note: Andrew began his work at FBC on October 19th at 10 hours per week. When we are able to safely return to the sanctuary for live streaming of worship, we will add an additional 5 hours per week. Andrew will also provide tech support to new virtual programming as his time allows.



Welcome Andrew!

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.

Thank you to 2020 Pledgers and Donors!

Pat Haight, the church's Financial Secretary, reports that the response to the recent update she sent out to people who pledged for 2020 has had a very generous response with many people sending checks to help pay their pledges and other donations. The church is very grateful for whatever people are able to donate during this year of unexpected challenges. Although some of the church's traditional events haven't been able to be held (the wildly popular Easter egg hunt, the church picnic, worship in the sanctuary, sigh), the church staff and lay people have been remarkably resilient, and meaningful worship and activities have continued in new formats throughout the year.

Here are just a few of the major events that your 2020 donations will continue to make possible:

- The amazing transformation of church programs into online formats for Sunday worship, children's programs, spiritual and fellowship sessions, Friday afternoon concerts, etc.
- Our new virtual minister Rev. Jaimie Crumley, enthusiastically serving us from California.
- Our new Video Production Assistant Andrew Bakhit who manages the technology that makes the online programming happen.
- Outdoor programming including kayaking and hiking led by Rev. Kent Harrop and youth fellowship programs led by Rev. Julie Flowers.
- Weekly food distribution programs to those in need in the community organized by John and Eileen Hadley.
- Harborlight Nursery School open with three self-contained classrooms.
- The church steeple newly painted and renovated with a new finial, and the creation of the New England wildlife garden by Stephanie Dillon at the church entrance.
- The supplies needed to fulfill the plans of the Church Re-Opening Committee when it's once again safe for the church building to re-open, including high grade filters for the air circulations systems, gloves, masks, hand sanitizers, etc.

The church is very much alive during this year of challenge and continues to provide inspiration and support. Thank you, thank you to all who are able to give to make this all possible!

Note: November 22nd will be our Pledge Sunday, when the church family will have an opportunity to make your financial pledge towards the ministry budget of 2021. Now, more than ever, the creativity and witness of FBC in Beverly is making a difference!

The Off Pause Challenge - Fostering Community and Connection in Covid-19

Dear Church Family,

2020 - Will be defined as the year of the Covid-19 Pandemic. A year we have described all too often as unprecedented, unsettling, isolating, disconnected and constantly changing.

We have all had to adapt. Although nothing comes without blessings (even if we've had to look really hard at times) disconnection and technology have dominated our days and sometimes it has felt as if time stopped.

We have just begun our new Church year with our annual theme of *The Journey is our Home*. Conversations have been happening with our Committees regarding what I call *"The Off Pause Challenge - Fostering Community and Connection in Covid-19"*.

What this means is that there is a charge to creating opportunities to make connections, build and strengthen our relationships with each other and our community, and meet the needs we see and have, right now. We will use all the safe means available to us. Our feelings of disconnection and weariness may not go away but perhaps we can make them less dominant, especially as we are heading into a very different Holiday season.

You will be hearing about various opportunities to connect, gather and enjoy fellowship using technology and everything we have available to us. You can expect various communication about these opportunities in our weekly newsletter, on our website and via USPS mail. I won't rule out a safe, in person 'drop off' of somethings either.

If you have any ideas or would like to see something, I encourage you to reach out to any of the Committee Chairpersons and/or me. Stay tuned for more information.

Blessings, Gloria Stoneham, Moderator Email: <u>gloria.stoneham@gmail.com</u>

** Please note that our online Worship Service will continue and please join us for our Zoom fellowship hour right after the Service**

"The Off Pause Challenge - Fostering Community and Connection in Covid-19"

The first of these opportunities come from our Prayer Shawl committee with their invitation:

~ ZOOM-CRAFTERS ~

Come, all ye knitters, crocheters, and blest prayer shawl makers, ye sewers, ye quilters, and talented crafters!

Bring lunch, a project to work on, and get settled in front of your computer to join our first virtual ZOOM-CRAFTERS meeting after our virtual Church Worship Service on *Sunday, November 8th, from 12:30 to 2:30 P.M.*

It will be very nice to see your faces and hear your voices!

Zoom link (you can also call in with voices only):

FBC Beverly's Zoom-Crafters Meeting

When: Sun Nov 8, 2020 12:30pm - 3pm Eastern Time - New York

Where: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89991976687?pwd=YmFoVWJ5Ty9md3ZQMDZkb1FoQkFUQT09

Who: gloria.stoneham@gmail.com - organizer

FBC Beverly is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89991976687?pwd=YmFoVWJ5Ty9md3ZQMDZkb1FoQkFUQTo9

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Wait!! There's more!!

Saturday, November 14th will be our first DROP-N-PICK date.

Feel free to drop by FBC parking lot anytime between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. to drop off finished projects or to pick up any yarns, hooks, needles, patterns, etc. you may need.

All of this will be our new normal for the foreseeable future until we are able to meet SAFELY in person again.

Please contact Andrea Stackpole at email: <u>astack101142@hotmail.com</u> or Suzanne Harlow at email: <u>suzanneharlow99@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions.

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 the 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) 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!

Letter to FBC from Barbara Unsworth

Barbara is a beloved and long-time member of our church. She and her husband Dick relocated to NH a number of years ago, and Dick passed away a few months ago.

To my dear First Baptist Church (FBC) friends --

My grateful thanks and appreciation for your support, thoughtful messages, beautiful cards and telephone calls over the past few months. Dick celebrated his 88th birthday on March 8th, and he went to be with the Lord on May 13. While this all occurred very quickly, our family is so very thankful that he had wonderful care at the Golden View Health Care Center in Meredith, NH during the last few months of his life.

Please know that FBC was very near and dear to him as it continues to be for me even though I am a distance away. He would be thrilled if he knew how many of you reached out to me/us during this challenging time. Truthfully, I was overwhelmed, and feel so fortunate to have your kindness and thoughtfulness. Please let me know if you plan to be in the Greater Laconia, NH area; I would love to have you stop in for a visit.

Thank you, thank you. Blessings and our gratitude for your making the world a nicer place for all.

With love.

Barbara

Barbara Unsworth, and my sons, Scott and David, and their families

In the Family

We hold the family and friends of Chet Dlugokinski in our hearts and prayers, after receiving the news that Chet died at the age of 90 this past week. Chet and his wife Myrtle were extremely active and involved members of FBC Beverly for many years, and have been much-missed. Most recently, Chet had been living in Gainesville, Georgia. Our prayers and love are with Chet's family at this time.

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 <u>iflowers@fbcbeverly.org</u> to let her know!

Coming Up at FBC



<u>Thursday, November 5</u> 10:00-11:00am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time with Julie

> <u>Friday, November 6</u> 1:00pm: Facebook Live: Music with Esther

<u>Saturday, November 7</u> 12:30pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals to-go will be provided from the gym) 5:00pm: Festival of Treats

Sunday, November 8 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 5:00pm: Senior High Fellowship

<u>Monday, November 9</u> 6:00pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

> <u>Tuesday, November 10</u> 9:30am: Staff Meeting 7:00 pm: Staff Administration Committee Meeting 8:00pm Theology on Tap

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

The Holy Packing List

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Preacher: Rev. Jaimie D. Crumley



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