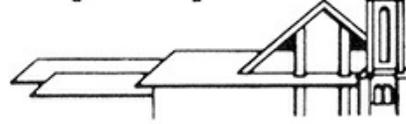


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



A progressive and welcoming Christian community!

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"Kent in the Wild"



Enjoying America's favorite pastime with friends



He's got the whole world in his hands!

Worship With Us!

*Sunday, August 1st at
First Baptist Church*

10:00 am: Join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a Facebook Premiere Worship

(This video will be available to watch at any time after the service premieres on our [Facebook page](#). You may also view the service on our website, www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons, and on our [YouTube channel](#).)

*This is also (Bring Your Own) **Communion Sunday**. We will share communion **both** during the virtual service and before Kent's retirement celebration. Please have a piece of bread and a beverage of choice ready as you watch OR we look forward to gathering together, weather permitting. If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet in Fellowship Hall where masks will be provided. (You can view everything we post on Facebook even if you do not have a Facebook account!)*

11:15 am: In place of our typical Zoom Fellowship, we will have Communion and share well wishes with Rev. Kent & Tricia at his Retirement Celebration!

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Together Again!



Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Time

Come and gather around the virtual table on Thursday at 10:00 am for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us! Thank you to Lisa LaPlante for hosting the coffee time this week!

Zoom Coffee Time

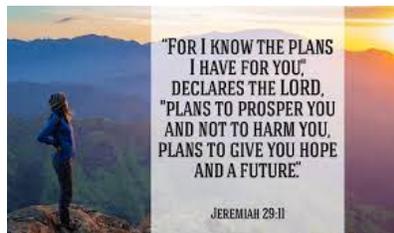
**Time: Jul 29, 2021, 10:00 AM Eastern Time
(US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89895191956>

Meeting ID: 898 9519 1956

Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox



Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox: Change as a Gift

Join Kent for his final Spiritual Toolbox, Friday 1 p.m. (or watch following at a time convenient on the [FBC Facebook Page](#)). With Kent's upcoming retirement, he and FBC in Beverly enter a season of change. Change brings a mix of emotions, including dislocation and uncertainty. Yet, God often uses such times of dislocation, to speak a *fresh word* that perhaps, we weren't able to hear before. To sense God's presence and leading in a new way is a gift that can come from such a season of change. Do you have a sense that God is stirring new possibilities in you and in the life of FBC in Beverly?

Our Friday videos by our music director, Dr. Esther Chang, and, Rev. Kent Harrop on the contemplative life, premiere on Fridays at 1:00 pm EST on Facebook Live. Please find them at www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly. You may access the videos on Facebook anytime, even if you do not have a Facebook account. You may also find the Friday videos on our [YouTube channel](#) (First Baptist Church Beverly Massachusetts). Our videos are available to you anytime as a spiritual resource. We hope they will be a blessing to you. Please feel free to share them as a resource for your loved ones.

Leaving Well



Friends, in a few days I'll be retiring after 40 years of pastoral ministry, with the last seven at FBC. Together with God's leading, we've accomplished much at FBC. I'm grateful for the wisdom and the creative and generous spirit of this congregation. Tricia and I give thanks for our time with you.

As you know, for the foreseeable future, Tricia and I will continue making our home in Beverly. The North Shore is a great place to live! I look forward to running into you at the beach, or around town and will follow the American Baptist Ministerial Code of Ethics.

The code has numerous points which focus on the importance of clergy conducting themselves with integrity and spiritual maturity. If you'd like to read the Code of Ethics it is posted on our church website. One point in the code is specifically related to retirement, it reads:

'I will, upon my resignation or retirement, sever my ministerial leadership relations with my former constituents, and will not make ministerial contacts in the field of another ministerial leader without his/her request and/or consent.'

This is all to say, that upon my retirement I will no longer serve in a pastoral/ministerial role related to FBC in Beverly. I am grateful to know that you will continue to be well served by the wise pastoral leadership of Rev. Julie Flowers and Rev. Jaimie Crumley.

God bless you all!

~ Kent Harrop

The Rev. Kent Memories Pour In...

Do you remember the old advertising line, "Reach out and touch someone"? Kent reaches out to connect with people all the time. His innate sociability, enlivened by good humor, is a great gift. He has touched me, and many others.

Kent's relaxed, friendly interactions were evident at his first FBC Christmas Fair. Kent came to help out in Grandpa's Attic, our holiday rummage sale. Kent quickly found his niche as he roved about the room chatting with shoppers and pointing out the fine qualities of various items in Grandpa's inventory. Some shoppers were delighted with the bargains Kent struck with them: "That man back there said I could have this for a dollar!" Other folks didn't find items to purchase that day, but their conversations with Kent left them with smiles and good cheer.

Throughout his time at FBC, Kent has engaged as easily with a homeless guest at a community lunch as with one of his peers on the Beverly Multifaith Coalition. Young children in the church know that he is interested in what they have to say, and older members banter easily with him. Kent has reached out to me too many times to count, and to my friend Luna Loops as well. Luna and I send our thanks, and our wishes that the next stage of Kent's journey is blessed with grace and joy.

Barbara Brann-Weir

Happy Retirement, Kent! I know you'll continue to get to know those around you and make new friends wherever you are, whatever you are doing.

Heidi Keating

When Kent first came to FBC, he visited my Grandmother at Ledgewood and prayed with her. I was there with one of my kids and she really appreciated his visit. Years later Kent visited my Mom during the last days of her life, and spent some quality time with my Dad. These were very meaningful moments and I will always be grateful to Kent for his caring for my family. Kent is a people person and always had a smile and was ready to chat and to listen. That means a lot.

Tracey Armstrong

We will miss you without a doubt Rev. Kent as you paddle off into the sunset (or rather sunrise in your case!)

Here's to a beautiful new season for you and your family...



Be sure to click [HERE](#) and view two special farewell videos to Kent

Celebrate Rev. Kent Harrop's Ministry!



Join the church family on **Sunday, August 1, 2021, at 11:15 am** as we offer words and gifts of appreciation and gratitude to Kent and wish him and Tricia well on this new chapter of their lives. ***We will meet behind the church at 221 Cabot Street.***

We will also enjoy delicious desserts and the joy of each other's company and **share communion.**

If it rains, we will meet in Fellowship Hall, where masks will be required and available for all.

Please plan to arrive a few minutes early to give yourself time to find parking and not miss anything!

If you have any questions about the celebration, please call Pat Haight (987-922-3295) or email her at PHaight@fbcbeverly.org. To donate toward a special gift for Kent, please click [HERE](#).

Bloomin' For Good Starts August 1st!

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of John and Eileen Hadley we are back **Bloomin' for Good** for the month of **August!**

We are thrilled to be selected by the Bloomin' 4 Good Program, an innovative program from Stop & Shop that works to fight hunger in our local communities. In this program, every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold sends a \$1 donation to a hunger organization local to the store in which it was purchased.

For the month of August 2021, First Baptist Church Lunch Program has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at the stores located at **37 Enon Street, Beverly MA** and **224 Elliott Street, Beverly MA**.

Look for the bouquets with the **red circle sticker** pictured here to make sure it is a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet that will fight local hunger right here in our community.



Great Plates: Win a \$25 Gift Card While Supporting Local Restaurants



Help support local restaurants and you could win a gift card through Great Plates Beverly!

- When you're dining out, please tell your server that you're there to support Great Plates Beverly
- Take a photo of your meal before you dig in and tag your on social media with **#greatplatesbev** AND **upload here** on our online form
- Every week, we'll pick a winner who will receive a \$25 gift card to one of our restaurants!
- More info at <https://www.bevmain.org/events/great-plates-beverly/>

The Ordinary and The Extraordinary: Summer 2021 Sermon Series at First Baptist in Beverly

Join us for a sermon series that explores some of the ordinary stories in Scripture. God comes into the mundane and painful moments of our everyday lives and transforms them into extraordinary moments.

Join us by clicking **HERE** and be transformed!

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, July 28th

8:00 am: Final Lectio Divina with Rev. Kent at Independence Park

Thursday, July 29th

10:00 am: Zoom Coffee Time

Friday, July 30th

1:00 pm: Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox

Saturday, July 31st

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

Sunday, August 1st

10:00 am: Sunday Virtual Worship Service

(View the worship video on Facebook, YouTube, and our website!)

11:15 am: Rev. Kent Harrop's Retirement Celebration & Communion

(Zoom Fellowship will resume next week)

Monday, August 2nd

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

Tuesday, August 3rd

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

7:00 pm: Deacons Meeting

Sunday July 25th, 2021

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