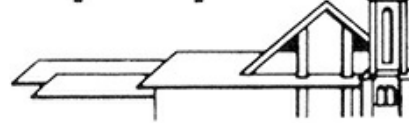


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us On Sunday at First Baptist Church in Beverly

**May 12, 2019**

## **Children and Youth Sunday Mothers Day**

*This Sunday we are pleased to honor and celebrate all our young people,  
as well as their Church School Teachers and Caregivers.*

**8:45am: Welcome Cafe Opens**

**9:00am: Seekers Adult Class**

**9:00am: ALL Children and Youth involved in the service arrive.**

Children's choir will also rehearse at 9:00; Joy Ringers at 9:15

**10:00 a.m.: Worship**

**11:20 a.m.: Adult Education**

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.: Allagash Work Time**

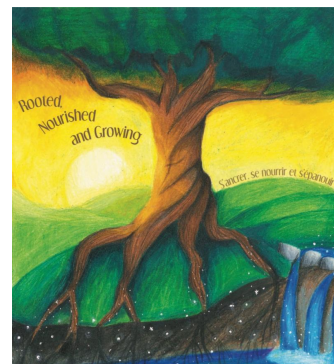
**4:00 p.m.: Middle School Fellowship**

**6:00 p.m.: Senior High Fellowship**

### ***Rooted and Nourished for the Journey of Faith***

Youth Preachers: Cassandra Bartolo, Caitlin  
Daly, Marley Norton, and Lucien Thomas-  
Vickory

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34



## Fellowship Activities for May 12th

### Middle School Fellowship: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Moms and Games

Youth are invited to bring a Mom or someone who is like a Mom in their life with them to Fellowship this Sunday, for an afternoon of fun and games! Youth should also feel more than free to come even if their mom-figure isn't able to join! We will have fun, games, laughter, and snacks!

### Senior High Fellowship: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Moms and Games

Youth are invited to bring a Mom or someone who is like a Mom in their life with them to Fellowship this Sunday, for an evening of fun and games. Youth should also feel more than free to come even if their mom-figure isn't able to join! We will have fun, games, laughter, and dinner!

**\*\*\*ALLAGASH WORK TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. THIS SUNDAY!** Those planning to come on the trip this year - or those who just want to help out and have fun - should come to the church for Allagash work and planning, led by Rachel Schneider!\*\*\*

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## Parent's Night Out is This Friday!

**Friday, May 10 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm**

This monthly childcare event is designed to give parents and caregivers some much-needed free time while ALSO providing outstanding care and fun and lively activities for children!

Contact Julie Flowers for more information or to sign up! (978) 922-3295 [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org)



## Kitchen Ministry Serves Up Love At FBC

On May 3rd, John and Eileen Hadley hosted twenty eighth grade students from Salem Academy Charter School, led by their teacher (and FBC member) Kayley Miskis. The class has a service component with a focus on homelessness and food insecurity. John and Eileen cooked a turkey and organized the students in prep work for the Saturday community luncheon and to freeze turkey pies and soup for future meals. Thanks to Kayley and all the students for their generous spirit. A big thank you, also, to Eileen and John for their leadership in coordinating this phase in the life of our kitchen ministry.



## Beautifying Our Grounds

Our Church Home Committee with the support of the Council, has approved a plan to beautify the grounds surrounding the church, primarily along Cabot, Abbott and Hale Streets. We've contracted with North Shore Natives to improve the grounds in two phases: Spring/Summer 2019, during which the team will work to improve the quality of the soil and remove aged shrubs for phase two, a full replanting for the 2020 growing season. Our grounds will be planted with native, perennial plants that will improve our curb appeal, and invite people walking by to pause and reflect, but which will also improve our ecological diversity with native plants that encourage pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Stephanie Dillon, a participant in the life of First Baptist and new choir member, is the owner of North Shore Natives. We thank Stephanie and her crew for the expertise they bring. By 2020 our curbside garden will reflect the environmental values we as a congregation hold dear. As the saying goes: "If you love the Creator, take care of creation." Please speak with Buck Shupp, Church Home chair, with any questions you may have.

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## Music Sunday is May 19th!

The upcoming Music Sunday on May 19th will feature music by renowned contemporary Gospel composer, André J. Thomas' piece entitled "Mass: A Celebration of Joy and Love." Dr. Thomas recently conducted at Carnegie Hall.

"A true testament to his strength and skill as a composer, Andre Thomas's Mass combines the power of love and joy with the beauty and sophistication of top-tier choral music." (<https://www.lorenz.com/choral/church/choral/church-choral/mass-a-celebration-of-love-and-joy>)

Join us to enjoy this beautiful performance - as well as wonderful performances by the Celebration Ringers and Harborlight Ringers - all directed by First Baptist's Music Director and Organist Esther Chang!



## Save the Date: Faith Forum on Opioid Epidemic

May 19th at 11:20 a.m. (in place of our regular adult education schedule) in the Chapel, on the lower level. All are welcome!

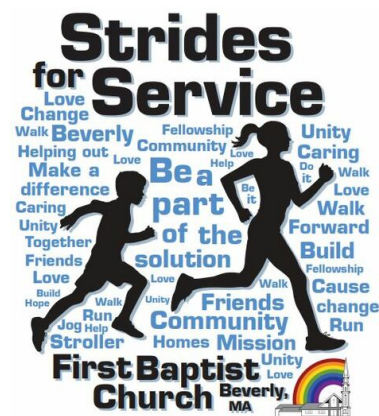
## Strides for Service is Looking for Volunteers!

Join us for a one hour family-friendly raffle run in downtown Beverly on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9am to 11am. Collect a ticket for each completed loop, then use your tickets to enter a raffle for a chance to win fun prizes!

[www.stridesforservice.com/register](http://www.stridesforservice.com/register)

This event is a fundraiser to support the continuous local, national and worldwide service outreach of First Baptist Church in Beverly. You can sign up/purchase tickets in the narthex of the church beginning this Sunday, April 14th!

We are seeking volunteers to help make the event a huge success and asking people who are interested in volunteering to please contact Liz Crean as soon as possible at [lizcrean@yahoo.com](mailto:lizcrean@yahoo.com) or 978-927-7022



## The Next Delightful Dinner is on May 21st

Enjoy a catered dinner from Henry's Catering from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. on May 21, with a fun and relaxed "get to know each other" conversation from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful way for newer and longtime participants at FBC to get acquainted. There is no fee for dinner, and childcare will be provided following the dinner. You'll be on your way home by 7:30 p.m. Sign up by emailing Kent Harrop at [kharrop@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharrop@fbcbeverly.org), or by adding your name to the list in the lobby, before or after worship. We look forward to seeing you around the table!



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## New Welcome Class to Start

Eight new participants in the life of the First Baptist church family will begin meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Additional participants are welcome to join in! The Welcome Class meets four times, for one hour each. This is a fun and informative opportunity to meet others new to FBC, to ask questions, and learn more about the values and mission that guides the life of this vibrant church. If you haven't already, let Kent know of your interest by emailing him at [kharrop@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharrop@fbcbeverly.org). Upon completion of the four sessions, we'll celebrate with our families and guests with a cookout at the home of Kent and Tricia Harrop.

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## Labor Day Weekend Family Camp Come and Join Us August 30-September 2, 2019

Now is the time to make plans for **Labor Day Weekend!** What are you doing this year?

What could be a better way to wrap up the summer than a weekend away, at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepesaukee? The weekend is for all ages, singles, families, extended family, friends, and newcomers. Come and join the nearly forty church folks who attended last year. It is a time of fun, exploration, community and recreation in a beautiful setting. Sit a while in a rocking chair overlooking the lake and mountains. This time together is sure to become a highlight of your year. If you are interested in finding out more about the weekend, please join us at the church on **May 20th at 7:00** for dessert and conversation. You may also go to our website, [ldwfc.org](http://ldwfc.org) for more information. Funds are available to make the weekend affordable for all those who would like to attend, please speak to Cindy Shupp or Kent Harrop.

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## Update from Staff Administration

In the months since we first learned about Beth Loughhead's departure, Staff Administration has been working behind the scenes to secure an Interim minister during this time of transition. The role of the Interim would be to help with the ministerial workload that Julie & Kent have been shouldering, and also to help facilitate the process of FBC discerning what the right structure and staffing is needed in the coming years. These two needs are both important and we have wanted to take the time to insure we achieve both in an Interim. As was shared with Church Council on April 30, we plan to fill the Interim need with not one but two people!

Starting this week we are engaging John DeNardo to work 24 hours a week to help with the workload. John is actively searching for full time pastoral employment with a church and we are pleased he is available to help us on a part-time basis in the meantime. John will be working primarily Sunday-Tuesday, and will be sharing the preaching duties and general ministerial responsibilities with Kent and Julie.

In September, we plan to bring in an Interim Minister who is especially gifted at the discernment process to work with us for 3-6 months on the path forward. We will be able to share more details on that person and the process soon.

Please know that getting to this point has taken longer than we anticipated, but we are pleased with where we are headed and look forward to working with every one on the path forward in the fall. Julie and Kent, along with Esther, John, Pat and the rest of our staff have carried on well since Beth's departure and we are grateful to them for their efforts! ~ Bob Stoneham on behalf of the Administration Committee

# Coming Up at FBC



## Thursday, May 9

6:00 pm: Celebration Ringers  
7:30 pm: Sanctuary Choir

## Friday, May 10

6:00 pm: Parents' Night Out

## Saturday, May 11

11:30 am Chapel Choir  
12:30 pm: Lunch Program

## Sunday, May 12

8:45 am: Welcome Café opens  
9:00 am: Seekers Adult Class  
9:00 a.m: Children and Youth Rehearsal for Children's Sunday Worship  
9:00 a.m: Children's Choir Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m: Joy Ringers Rehearsal  
10:00 am: Worship - Children and Youth Sunday  
11:20 am: Adult Education  
4:00 pm: Middle School Fellowship  
4:00 pm: Allagash Work Time  
6:00 p.m.: Senior High Fellowship

## Monday, May 13

6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper  
7:00 pm: Social Concerns

## Tuesday, May 14

9:30 am: Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm: Staff Administration Meeting  
7:30 pm: Harborlight Nursery School Board Meeting

## Wednesday, May 15

4:30 pm: Lectio Divina  
7:15 pm: Harborlight Ringers  
7:30 pm: Trustees of Endowment

## Thursday, May 16

6:00 pm: Celebration Ringers  
8:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir

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Check out All FBC's Sermons at [fbcbeverly.org/sermons](http://fbcbeverly.org/sermons)

*Communion Reflection:*  
*'Walk to Emmaus'*  
Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: Luke 24: 13 – 35



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