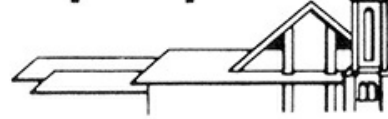


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

**Communion Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**9:30 a.m.: Welcome Café**

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

***Consecrating the Sabbath: To set apart time, for a holy purpose.***

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: Exodus 20:8

'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy'.



## Upcoming Events Related to Immigration

**SEPTEMBER 7, 8:30-11:30 AM at NH Democratic Convention:** Join us as we hold a funeral for children and others dying at the hands of our immigration system. Carry forth the message of our pilgrimage and demand that candidates commit to ending detentions and deportations of children! Sign up to join us [here](#).

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### Changing the Conversation on Immigration

When: Tuesday, September 17th: 6:30 PM

Where: Beverly Public Library

What: A presentation by Deniz Mohammed, Director of the Public Education Institute of the Immigrant Learning Center, will be followed by a panel discussion organized by the Beverly Human Rights Committee, and audience Q & A. ECCO's own Isabel Lopez will be speaking!

See Bill Schneider or Kent Harrop of the Social Concerns Committee for more information as to how you can get involved.

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## Update from Staff Administration and the Moderator

With great relief hearing such good medical news from our part-time interim and church member John DeNardo, and with the expectation that he will be back at work by mid-September, Staff Ad wants to be sure that the FBC family understands this next phase of the interim period and how we will move toward determining what our staffing model should look like going forward. As you may recall from our Annual Meeting in May, our former interim and good friend of the church Rev. Rick Harris will be serving in a consultant role to help us clarify what our goals are as a church and, so, what we need for professional staffing in order to accomplish our mission. He served in a similar capacity after the retirement of Rev. Craig Collemer, although this time around John DeNardo will do the day-to-day interim work while Rick focuses on the process to envision our future.

Rick will be physically present in Beverly one week per month, during which time we can expect a lot of meetings and conversations with him as he works to get feedback from as many different voices as possible--we want all segments of the church to be heard. His first week here will be Sept. 23rd to the 30th, and he will, of course, participate in worship that Sunday. There will be an 'All Church Forum' from 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. on September 29th for people to reacquaint themselves with Rick and, for those who weren't here 6 years ago, to meet him. At this forum, Rick will discuss his consultant role and answer any questions.

This is an exciting time for the church, but has also been a lot of extra work for both Julie Flowers and Kent Harrop. Hopefully, once John is back in the saddle and Rick is engaged in his work, that might be eased somewhat. Our future is bright! ~ Pam Constantine, Moderator

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## Lectio Divina Returns

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 - 5 p.m. in the church lounge, main floor. Lectio Divina is Latin for an ancient practice of 'meditating on the Word'. Each Wednesday we meditate on the upcoming Scripture passage for Sunday worship. Three times we read the passage, each time with a question: What word or phrase intrigues you; what do you think the passage is saying; what wisdom will you take with you? We sit with each question in silence for approximately 5 minutes. To the second question, we are invited to discuss. With each reading, we are able to hear the wisdom in new ways, view the Bible passage from different angles. We conclude with a simple communion ritual and the sharing of the Lord's Prayer. This is a meaningful and renewing way to conclude your day and move into evening. New participants always welcome. Come try out Lectio Divina and see if it is a helpful practice for your spiritual life. Hosted by Kent Harrop.

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## Sunday Adult Education Classes begin October 6<sup>th</sup>

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## Family Camp at Geneva Point

39 from FBC attended a Labor Day Weekend Family Camp on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Hope to see you at camp in 2020!





## The Cabot Street Project Comes to Our Sidewalks!

The City of Beverly's Cabot Street Project, which has (clearly, from the exposed pipes on the street!) been underway for some time is entering the sidewalk-phase of the work. During this time, our FRONT CABOT STREET DOORS will NOT BE ACCESSIBLE. Our PARKING LOT SIDE HALE STREET DOOR WILL BE accessible, and, for ease and for safety of everyone, we are urging everyone to plan to enter through that door when you are coming to church. As you may already know, that door is a fully accessible door, with an automatic opening mechanism, just as we have in the front, so we are pleased that we should still be able to maintain easy and safe access for all who would like to come by and visit the church or attend worship. Please do let [Julie Flowers](#) know if you have any questions about this temporary closure of our front doors while the sidewalk is under construction.

## Contemplative Paddle Around Misery Island

Mark September 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, 9 a.m. – Noon for a guided kayak trip around beautiful Misery Island. Kent Harrop will provide the program, while the guiding and rentals will be provided by the staff of Coast to Coast Paddle. We will meet at the West Beach Parking lot (in Beverly Farms). Misery Island (45 acre island owned by the Trustees for Reservations) is a half mile off shore. Under the professional guidance of Coast to Coast we will navigate the circumference of the island. We will stop half way (on the far side of the island) for a meditative walk on a wide, wild and breathtaking beach. This is a wonderful opportunity to paddle and explore an island that few get to see. Please go the link below to make your reservation with Coast to Coast. Prices quoted are discounted by First Baptist. Limited to the first ten people who sign up. (You can rent a kayak, single or tandem or, bring your own). Feel free to invite a friend. Participants should have a moderate amount of experience in a kayak. Trip will be 'weather permitting'. Speak with Kent Harrop if you have any questions: [kharropo@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharropo@fbcbeverly.org)

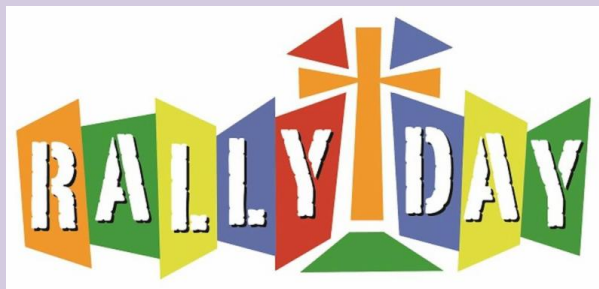


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## SAVE the DATE for Rally Day Kick-Off Sunday, September 22nd!

We'll begin the festivities with a delicious family-style breakfast at 8:30 a.m., served by our youth groups, with some time for fun and games for all ages, as well as an opportunity to learn about and register for all of our education programs. Following the morning celebrations, please join us at 10:00 a.m. for worship in our sanctuary, during which time we will introduce and begin to explore our 2019-2020 Annual Theme!

Invite friends, family, and neighbors to join in the celebration and fun! Let's get the 2019-2020 program year started off strong! SAVE THE DATE and make plans to RALLY WITH US!



## Save the Date for the Youth Fellowship Beach Party, Sunday, 9/15

We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to head out to the Blanchard family camp at Chebacco Lake in Essex for lunch, games, and getting-to-know-your programs to kick off the Fellowship year. We should be back at the church for pick-up at 5 p.m. This is for Middle School and Senior High Fellowships, combined, and is open to youth in 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Remember to bring your swimsuits! Contact Julie Flowers at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) with questions.



## Coming Up at FBC



Saturday, September 7  
12:30 pm: Lunch Program

Sunday, September 8  
*Communion Sunday*  
9:45: Welcome Cafe  
10:00am: Worship

Monday, September 9  
6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper

Tuesday, September 10  
9:30 am: Staff Meeting  
8:00 pm: Theology on Tap

Friday, September 13  
6:00 pm: Parents' Night Out

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

Sunday, September 1:  
***Don't Worry...This Story Has a  
Happy Ending***

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-25

Rev. Christine Schrade-Keddy, preaching



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