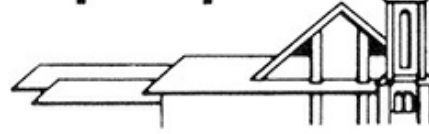


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:45am: Welcome Café

9:00am: Seekers' Class (Childcare Provided)

10:00am: Worship and Children's Classes

11:20am: Adult Education Classes

Gospel of John

1 Timothy

11:20am: Children's Choir

12:15pm: Prayer Shawl

4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship

6:00pm: Senior High Fellowship

Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday
Sermon: Yes, and...Seeing Defeat Differently

Rev. Kent Harrop

Scripture: Genesis 32: 22-31

Yes, and...

Youth Fellowship Activities for January 19th

Middle School Fellowship: Putnam Pantry and The Great Van Clean-Up!

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The warm weather this past weekend put us in mind of some early Spring Cleaning! Both groups will get to do their part to help show our love and care and thanks for the spaces and things that help support our youth ministry – the Senior High youth will be cleaning up the Youth Lounge on Sunday the 19th, and so MIDDLE SCHOOL will get the fun of cleaning up and cleaning out the van that we ride around in so often! We will ALSO get to have a little fun going IN said van to Putnam Pantry – please bring \$10 for a sundae or treat! – and THEN we will take a cruise through the car wash and then work together to clean out the inside of the van and get it fresh and ready for 2020!

Senior High Fellowship: Youth Lounge Makeover

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

It's been a long time coming... and we keep talking about it...but we're finally going to do it! New year, new youth lounge! We'll clean, organize, and rearrange to really make the space look great and look the way we want! We'll also have dinner! If you can bring a \$5 donation toward the cost of food, that's great!

Temple B'nai Abraham Invites First Baptist to Shabbat

Shabbat in Judaism marks the beginning of their Sabbath on Friday evening. Temple B'nai Abraham invites FBC and the wider community to join them for a 'Social Justice Shabbat' on January 17th at the Temple, 200 East Lothrop Street in Beverly. The Shabbat begins at 7 p.m. with a reception for the community at 6:30 p.m. The Temple will be honoring the Beverly Multifaith Coalition (of which FBC is a part), for our work on advocacy for immigrant and homeless neighbors. Rev. Kent Harrop will be participating. Hope you can be there!

2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast

Monday, January 20th 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. at Beverly Middle School, 502 Cabot Street

Enjoy sharing breakfast with an intergenerational mix of your neighbors. Inspiring music and speakers who lift up and honor the dream of Dr. King. The Dream lives on in us!

Hosted by the Human Rights Committee, Beverly Public Schools and Beverly Multifaith Coalition

Seeker Class Taking a Break

The Seeker Class which meets at 9 a.m. is facilitated by Kent Harrop and began meeting in September 2018. On January 19th, we will wrap up our study based on a compelling video series by theologian Rob Bell. We've enjoyed great conversation! We hope to reconvene with a new topic for Lent, starting on March 1st. New participants are always welcome.

New Welcome Class Forming

A new Welcome Class for adults is forming and is a fun and relaxed opportunity to learn more about the values that drive the mission and vision of FBC Beverly. It's also a great way to meet others new to the church and for those considering membership. We will set a meeting schedule that is convenient for all who are interested (we hope to begin meeting sometime in February). We will meet for 5 one hour sessions and child care is provided. The class is hosted by Kent Harrop. Please speak with Kent if you are interested kharrop@fbcbeverly.org

Intergenerational Fun Night at FBC Gym

January 24th 6:00 to 8:pm

Pizza served from 6:00 to 6:30pm, with fun mixer games for all ages to follow. Kin-ball Volley Ball and or, bring a favorite board game to share. Invite a friend to share the evening with you and meet some great people!



A Note from Karen Keating Ansara

To our church family,

My family is deeply grateful for the expressions of compassion and love which we received after the passing of my mother, CAROLYN KEATING, on December 28. Her transition was gentle and miraculous in many ways. Kent was there for us on his vacation to plan the service. We were honored that Kent and Julie participated in the memorial and that many church members attended. We were especially moved to receive a gorgeous red crocheted prayer shawl from the prayer shawl ministry and specifically from Doris Ann Vossler. I have attached a photo of it displayed on our entry room table, along with another shawl presented to us by the Kaplan house in Danvers. What beautiful symbols of our church's and God's loving embrace. We will never forget.



Karen Keating Ansara

Shelter Fest Coming, February 29th!

North Shore Shelter Fest is a much-celebrated annual live-music event held at FBC to support local affordable housing.

The event will feature The Jon Butcher Axis as the headliner--Grammy nominated Jon Butcher is one of a select handful of influential recording artists comprising the legendary Boston music scene--and other great local bands are stepping up to offer their time and talent for a good cause supporting Harborlight Community Partners.



Interested in Volunteering? Email Brian Gregory at bgreg@comcast.net

Update on the Community of Apantillo - Thanks to FBC Beverly!

First Baptist in Beverly has just concluded the second year of a four year commitment, to provide the funding for AMOS' ministry alongside the 1300 residents of Apantillo. Apantillo is a poor, isolated community in the mountains of Nicaragua, in the state of Matagalpa. First Baptist through the generous contributions of several key donors and from the church budget (missions and new initiative fund), provides up to \$9000 per year which provides basic health care for the 1300 villagers. Here's [the first of a two part report](#), on what our funding provided in 2019. Thank you FBC. To God be the glory!

THANK YOU, FBC BEVERLY!

How You Make Hope Happen in Apantillo, Nicaragua

FBC Beverly's support made the following possible in 2019:

Access to health care:

You helped 1,314 people have access to basic, but life-saving care in their own community. Thanks to you, Ada Luz was able to offer over 1,200 free clinic visits and do more than 1,000 home visits to follow up on the most vulnerable patients.

Access to medicines

Your generosity helped Ada Luz give out more than 3,000 prescriptions to treat diseases such as diarrhea, pneumonia, and fever, and to care for wounds and other health emergencies.

Sharing hope

Thanks to your support, there were no maternal or infant deaths (babies under 1 year old) in Apantillo in 2019. Because of you, our community health workers can save lives and have hope for the future!

Trained to Improve Health



Ada Luz shares about the challenges in community health work at our annual Health Promoter Training.

We are so grateful for another year of partnership between First Baptist Church in Beverly and AMOS Health and Hope.

FBC Beverly's generous support is helping families in the rural community of Apantillo, in the region of Matagalpa, have access to health care, medicines, and health education.

This year, Ada Luz Montenegro, Health Promoter of Apantillo, participated in an on-site training in Matagalpa as well as the annual training for Health Promoters at the AMOS campus.

In these one-week trainings, Ada Luz reviewed health protocols and learned important leadership skills! She continued learning about children's care - how to identify, prevent, and treat child malnutrition, and how to recognize the main signs of danger in children under two years old. She practiced taking vital signs, suturing, and using other wound care techniques, and she reviewed the importance of mothers and families properly using prenatal multivitamins, deworming, and family planning methods.

"I am motivated to serve as a Health Promoter out of love for the most vulnerable people. I care about the health of my community."

~Ada Luz Montenegro,
Health Promoter in Apantillo!

Lay Visitation Team is Clowning Around

Lay Visitation Team is a ministry of accompaniment to members and friends of FBC who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing and rehabilitation facilities. Each month we offer confidential listening and the gift of friendship. In January we enjoyed an in-service with team member, Barbara Brann Weir, also known as 'Luna Loops', who is trained in 'Compassionate Clown Ministry'. Luna Loops visits people in nursing homes and in homes, to bring a playful, compassionate presence. Luna brought props for us to wear! If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit from a team member, let Pastors Kent, Julie, John, or any member of our team know. If you are interested in being trained as a Lay Visitation Team member, speak with Kent.



Thank You for a Very Generous Christmas Season at FBC

Epiphany Sunday has passed, the poinsettias are fading and Christmas decorations have been packed safely away until next year but the church remains full of gratitude for the very generous outpouring of donations it received during the Christmas season. The offerings for the five Sunday services in December and the two services held on Christmas Eve totaled \$28,143. The special Christmas offering was especially generous this year, totaling \$6,490. The loose offerings in the collection plate were three times higher than last year's. And Treasurer John Thomson wishes to thank all those who made a special effort to bring their 2019 pledges up-to-date before year-end. Thanks very much to all who shared the Christmas spirit of giving by making financial gifts to the church.

Coming Up at FBC



Friday, January 17

7 p.m. Social Justice Shabbat Honoring Beverly Multifaith Coalition at Temple B'nai
(reception at 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

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Monday, January 20

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Church Office Closed*

8:30am: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast at Beverly Middle School

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper

6:30pm: Church Home

7:00pm: Social Concerns

Tuesday, January 21

9:30am: Staff Meeting

7:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

4:30pm: Lectio Divina

6:15pm: Joy Ringers

7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers

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

***Yes, We Are God's Beloved Children,
and There is Room for More***

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17 and 4:18-25



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