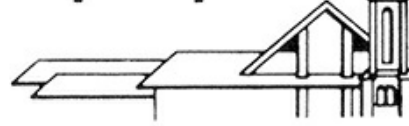


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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***Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly***

***Memorial Day Sunday, May 24, 2020***

***REMINDER:*** Our Sunday worship services have been moved to an online format. Please join us via our First Baptist Church Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>) page on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and watch for a live pastoral reflection and worship experience. We will then ALSO post an additional worship experience - containing BOTH the segments you saw live AND leadership from the other minister, as well as from our Music Director, Esther Chang, and some of our soloists in our choir. This video will be published on our website at [www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons](http://www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons), as well as on our YouTube channel, and can also be found on our Facebook page. Our thanks go to the Constantine family for helping to create this full worship experience in our on-going efforts to best reach our church family in a variety of ways.

For more information on this topic and to stay informed about all COVID-19 related changes and announcements, please go to <http://www.fbcbeverly.org/covid-19-and-temporary-closure-at-first-baptist-in-beverly/>

**10:00am: Join us on our Facebook page for a LIVE worship experience!**

*(This video will ALSO then be available to watch at any time following on our Facebook page and website.)*

**6:00pm: Sunday evening High Fellowship Zoom session (login info below)**

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***Yes, We Get Lost, and  
We Find Our Way Home***

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1 – 2; 11-16 and 12:1 – 3

A logo consisting of the words "Yes, and..." in a playful, multi-colored font. The word "Yes" is in red, "and" is in green, and the ellipsis is in blue. The logo is enclosed in a blue rectangular border.

## **First Baptist's Approach to Phase 1: Slow and Steady; No Immediate Changes at this Time**

As Massachusetts joins other states in the nation in rolling out a slow and thoughtful plan to reopen in the face of COVID-19, we wanted to share with you a general overview of how we are looking to proceed at First Baptist Church in Beverly, to help answer any initial questions the Governor's plan may raise and to clear up any initial confusion.

First, we recognize that the Governor continued to urge that those 60 and older continue to adhere to the Stay-at-Home order as it has been, and we, too, urge those who are in medically vulnerable or at-risk groups to continue to take all steps to be careful and to protect yourself. We continue to ask that if you are in need of support (getting groceries or needed items, etc) that you let us know, as we can and will be able to help connect you with supports to get what you need, safely.

Further, we, along with other clergy in the Commonwealth, are anticipating a slow and thoughtful return to in-person gatherings, that will not begin at this time, despite churches and faith communities being included in Phase 1 of the MA plan. We are mindful of wanting to be cautious with our church family *and* with our wider community, and, as such, we will, for this time, continue with virtual worship and other virtual connections as we have been. We also continue to encourage church members and friends to call one another, email one another, and check in on each other in these times, as we know many of you have been doing. Additionally, if you would like to be part of the Church Friend program (see the article in this Bulletin) to intentionally help build some of these deeper connections and have some fun as we care for one another, please sign up by emailing Julie at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org). We have not ceased to be the church in the time since March, and we will continue being the church in the coming days, weeks, and months – even if we remain physically distant for some time, still.

In the interest of care for the community, we will be holding off on in-person gatherings for now, but we will be convening a Re-Opening Task Force that will work with us to observe how the reopening in the State is going, gauge whether things are able to move from Phase 1 to 2 or if cases of COVID begin to rise again, and determine, thoughtfully and prayerfully, the next best steps for our faith community. We will keep you all updated and informed as that Task Force begins its work and as the picture becomes more clear of when we might begin steps to gather in new ways, again.

Thank you for being with us on this journey. Thank you for being patient and persistent in the learning curve of technology. Thank you for lending your gifts and talents in these days. Thank you for helping to take care of one another. Thank you for the many ways that you all – that we all – continue to be the church, together.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kent ([kharrop@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharrop@fbcbeverly.org)) or Julie ([jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org)) with any questions you may have.

With you in the love of Christ,

Julie and Kent

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## **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 drop-in 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!

NOTE: Zoom has made some changes to enhance and improve security of gatherings and meetings. 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!

## **NEW! Virtual Drop-in for Wednesday Evening Prayer**

During this unsettled and challenging time, do you feel like you could use some prayer support? Each Wednesday evening 7 p.m. we'll gather to lift up our specific prayer concerns and celebrations. We'll also be invited to listen to words of Scripture or music, offering hope and healing for these stressful times. Prayer reminds us that we are not alone...that we *belong* to God and we *belong* to one another. Feel free to voice your prayer, pray for the well-being of others or simply gather in silence with the Spirit, to find strength for the journey. Hosted by Kent Harrop and members of the Spiritual Life Team. Hope to see you.



Kent Harrop is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Virtual Drop-in for Wednesday Evening Prayer

Time: May 20, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82938277055?pwd=NFR2Vm9Rb29BSmIyeVUwOXpPTjJaZz09>

Meeting ID: 829 3827 7055

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Meeting ID: 829 3827 7055

## **Thursday Coffee Time:**

Topic: Thursday Zoom Coffee Break

Time: May 21, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86371961215>

Meeting ID: 863 7196 1215

Password: 319657

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## **Zoom Spiritually Based Yoga: Saturday Morning**

Join certified instructor; Lisa LaPlante for an hour of spiritually inspired connectedness paired with gentle yoga movements and breathwork. Find that pause in your week to nurture your heart, body and spirit along with members of the Church community. Class will include poetry, affirmations, and breathing cues to help restore the healthy connections with yourself and your relationship to the Spirit. Yoga movements and poses will be geared toward a beginner level, and people are encouraged to participate at their own pace, and within safe limits. While there will be guidance for physical movement, the focus of the time together will be for connectedness, peace and spiritual nourishment. In order to attend; all participants are required to fill out a basic waiver online. ALL participants in the Yoga activities should be able to get on and off the floor safely without assistance. The following link will deliver you to the short waiver form that can be submitted electronically: [YOGA WAIVER](#)

Below is a suggested list of items to have with you if possible, otherwise, modifications will be offered.

1. Water to sip
2. Blanket or beach towel
3. Some sort of strap/bathrobe tie, belt or scarf
4. A chair or step stool
5. 2-4 blocks or books

Lisa LaPlante is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Zoom Spiritually Based Yoga

Time: May 23, 2020 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88917663211?pwd=OVBEZmQyUXJZUjQ2UUUpFbGovK3MrUT09>

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Meeting ID: 889 1766 3211  
Password: 470964  
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85989780140>

### **Senior High Fellowship:**

Topic: Current Senior High Fellowship/Advisor Zoom  
Time: May 24, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85989780140>

Meeting ID: 859 8978 0140  
Password: 597702

NOTE: Middle School Fellowship will meet again via Zoom on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm - 5:00 pm for check-ins and games!

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## **Facebook Live this Friday: A Special Music Tribute to Healthcare Workers Gift of Music with Esther**

Friday at 1:00 p.m. go the FBC Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>) for an inspiring program. This week Dr. Esther Chang will lead us in a tribute to healthcare workers. Music to inspire and feed your soul.

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## **Facebook Live: FBC Kids and Kids-at-Heart Each Tuesday**

Join minister Julie Flowers or our Childcare Coordinator Abby Johnstone LIVE on our Facebook page at 1:00pm every Tuesdays for a kids' connection time just for you! (You can bring your grownups, too!)

We hope that this time for Kids and Kids-at-Heart will help to continue to foster not only faith development, assurance, care, and love BUT ALSO to help our youngest church friends to maintain their own connections with and to their church family, as well.

Live at 1:00pm or watch anytime when the video is saved on our Facebook page!

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## **Family News**

Our love and prayers are with the family of Dick Unsworth, who passed away last week. Dick and his wife, Barbara were both very active in the church until they moved from Danvers to Gilford NH, then to Florida, and then back to Gilford. Dick worked for IBM and became active with computers when they first began being used by the public. Former FBC minister Nick Carter said he was very grateful to him for all the volunteer hours of professional services that he put in at the church, installing the church's first round of computers. He and Barbara ran the biannual rummage sale for quite a few years before they passed it on to Marty. With his computer skills, Dick took the initiative to re-do all the signs for the tables on the computer to make the sale look more modern. We hold Barbara and her family in our hearts at this time.

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## Staffing Update

Julie will be on vacation beginning on May 25th and will return to being available and accessible in her virtual office again on June 2nd. In the meantime, Kent is available at [kharrop@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharrop@fbcbeverly.org) or 971-237-0583

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## At Sunrise: A View from Lynch Park of the First Baptist Steeple

For over 200 years a beacon of hope for mariners and the community. In the early morning hours the photo takes on the quality of a watercolor painting.



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## Church Friend Program Launch! Sign-Up Now!

As we are continuing to move through this strange Eastertide season in which we find ourselves – a season when all is not yet made clear, but when we continue to seek and to find the Risen One out in the world, God’s love out loose in the world, and we continue to grow in our understanding – the church staff continues to work to find new ways for us to engage with one another from afar and to maintain and enhance our connections to and with one another.

We would love to set up a network of Church Friends in the coming weeks for all those who are interested – this is a program for ALL ages – so children all the way through adults can sign up to participate! The idea of Church Friends is built on a program we used to run, where people were paired up and would exchange letters or notes or small gifts (nothing expensive!) to build relationships and show care. The Church Friends are a secret – so you, in essence, become a secret spirit-lifter for someone else... and someone else for you. These exchanges and hellos and notes would all be from afar in these COVID-19 days – so we would encourage the sending of notes and letters or a little something left on a doorstep. We do NOT encourage people to go and meet in person with their Church Friends at this time.

It will take us some time to roll the program out – so what we are asking now is that ANYONE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING please email Julie at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>th</sup>. We will then pair up interested participants and send each person the name of their Church Friend and how to contact that friend. June will then be CHURCH FRIEND MONTH, and we will encourage notes and letters and spirit-lifting surprises during that time – and even share ideas of what you could do for those seeking inspiration!

This is only voluntary, of course, but we hope many of you – of all ages! – might choose to participate... so that, together, we can use this as yet another way in which we can show mutual love and care for one another as a church family in these difficult days.

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## A Weekly Blog of Hope

Kent Harrop invites you to check out his weekly blog entitled "Green Preacher." In recent weeks, Kent's been writing on how faith can speak into the dislocation many of us feel during this public health crisis. To read, go to: <https://greenpreacherblog.com/> Kent's most recent articles, "COVID-19 a Thin Place" and 'Normal Never Was' attracted over 10,000 readers. If you have not yet had the chance, you can click on the link in this article to read the blog and see what the buzz is about!

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## Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, May 20

7:00-7:45pm: Virtual Drop in for Evening Prayers via Zoom

Thursday, May 21

10:00-11:00am: Virtual Drop-In Coffee Time for Church Family via Zoom

Friday, May 22

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Gift of Music with Dr. Esther Chang

Saturday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 24

10:00am: Virtual Worship Service Live on Facebook

6:00pm: Sunday evening High Fellowship Zoom Gathering

Monday, May 25

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

Tuesday, May 26

9:30am: Virtual Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

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

### *Yes, We Experience Loneliness, and We are Never Alone*

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: John 14:1-3; 15-21



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