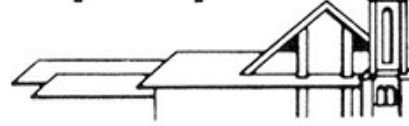


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Pentecost Sunday, May 31st

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 interactive worship experience. We will then ALSO post at 11 a.m. 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, 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.)

4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship Zoom (login info below)

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

***Pentecost Sunday: Yes,
we're waiting and even now,
the Spirit is at work***

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: Acts 2: 1 - 13



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. 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) or Julie (jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) with any questions you may have.

With you in the love of Christ,

Julie and Kent

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

Note: This event is being held at 8:30 pm.

During this unsettled and challenging time, do you feel like you could use some prayer support? Each Wednesday evening 8:30 p.m. we'll gather to lift up our prayer concerns and celebrations. If you can't make the meeting or prefer your prayer request read for you, simply email Kent kharrop@fbcbeverly.org Hosted by Kent and your Spiritual Life Team. Please know that even if you can't make the meeting, members of your church will be lifting up prayers for healing and hope for our church, city, nation and world. Surely God works through humble prayers like ours.



Kent Harrop is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Virtual Evening Prayer Gathering

Time: May 27, 2020 08:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85074673589?pwd=dWlZNM1mNVO5RFpOdTdJa2Q1SWFwdzo9>

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Meeting ID: 850 7467 3589

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85074673589>

Thursday Coffee Time:

Join Lisa LaPlante (subbing for Julie Flowers) this morning at 10:00 am for a Zoom Coffee Break! We would love to see you and get to connect!

Lisa LaPlante is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81514622116?pwd=QWZxMXJxSkdXaVNtSodjTkIxWHZPQT09>

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Password: 979839

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836120036?pwd=akVGSDBoY2IrbThuYnhNNGJMQk9sZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3612 0036

Password: 904952

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Meeting ID: 838 3612 0036

Password: 904952

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836120036?pwd=akVGSDBoY2IrbThuYnhNNGJMQk9sZz09>

Middle School Fellowship Zoom - 4pm Sunday

Topic: Middle School Fellowship Zoom May 31st

Time: May 31, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82374086246>

Meeting ID: 823 7408 6246

Password: 714470

Senior High Fellowship Zoom - 6pm Sunday

with Kelly Pheulpin as your advisor host!

Topic: Fellowship

Time: May 31, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4317413639?pwd=YzBhcolGVXlyRFowUXowYVVoRUZZQT09>

Meeting ID: 431 741 3639

Password: 8T9q2i

NOTE: Middle School Fellowship will meet again via Zoom on June 14th from 4:00pm - 5:00 pm for check-ins and games!

Facebook Live this Friday 1 p.m. 'Little Words from God', hosted by Kent Harrop

Friday at 1:00 p.m. go the FBC Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>) for an inspiring program to feed your soul. Martin Luther said: 'The call of a bird, the sound of wind through the tress, the taste of water from a stream are each, little words from God.' What do you think of this? What little words do you hear, feel and taste from our Creator? Hope to see you Friday at 1 p.m. !

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!) , taste and feel from the Creator?

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!

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>

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 or 971-237-0583

Church Friend Updates!

We are pleased and excited to say that MANY folks – of all ages, from our children on up! – have been signing up to take part in our Church Friend program during these COVID-19 days! It is our hope that this will be yet another way to help us all build connections between us, lift one another's spirits, show and receive love and care – and maybe build some new friendships and relationships in the church family, too!

Here is a quick update, both for those who have ALREADY signed up AND for those who DID NOT YET BUT STILL WANT TO DO SO!

1. If you did not yet get to sign up – YOU ARE NOT TOO LATE. You can still email Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org THROUGH THIS WEEK to have your name added to this list!
2. If you have ALREADY emailed Julie, you are on the list! More information will be forthcoming!
3. Julie is on vacation from her virtual office this week, THROUGH June 1st (which is why there is an extension on signups, too!). That means that AFTER she returns, which will be on June 2nd, one of the first things she will be doing is matching up Church Friend pairs from all those who sign up BY JUNE 1st and then sending the Church Friend assignments out to you! Along with your Friend's name, you will receive contact information for your friend and some suggestions and guidelines about what kinds of ideas might be great ways to start your Church Friend relationships out – HOWEVER you needn't be limited by our ideas! You can be creative in this process and think of what might brighten the day of your unique Church Friend!
4. Our hope is to officially run Church Friends through June – with the chance for you to reveal your identity to your Church Friend at the end of that month – BUT our hope is also that when the official Church Friend program time ends and pairings are revealed, that your church friendships that have been built won't and don't have to end! We hope that this will be a way to continue to build and strengthen the ties that bind us all together at heart (and we have been hearing some great stories about how Church Friend programs of the past helped to build some of the church family relationships people enjoy today! So we hope that even in these COVID days, we can do the same and build some wonderful, lasting connections!).

Thank you to all who have signed up! And still, there is room for more.

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!

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, May 27

8:30 p.m. Virtual Drop in for Evening Prayers via Zoom

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Contemplative Practice with Kent

Saturday, May 30

8:30am: Zoom Spiritually Based Yoga with Lisa LaPlante

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

Sunday, May 31

10:00am: Virtual Worship Service Live on Facebook

11:00am: Pre-recorded Virtual Worship Service posted to [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#)

4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship Zoom Gathering

6:00pm: Sunday evening High Fellowship Zoom Gathering

Monday, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 2

9:30am: Virtual Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

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

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



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