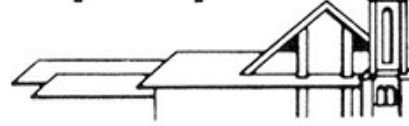


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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

*Sunday, May 17, 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.)*

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

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

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

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

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

Yes, and...

## 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!

### Thursday Virtual Coffee Break:

Topic: Thursday Zoom Coffee Break  
Time: May 14, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83466617718>  
Meeting ID: 834 6661 7718  
Password: 774156  
One tap mobile  
+13017158592,,83466617718# US (Germantown)  
+13126266799,,83466617718# US (Chicago)  
Dial by your location  
+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)



### Middle School Fellowship Zoom - 4pm Sunday

Middle School Fellowship Zoom:  
Topic: Middle School Fellowship Zoom  
Time: May 17, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81022471639>  
Meeting ID: 810 2247 1639  
Password: 669732

NOTE: Middle School Fellowship will also meet 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!

### Senior High Fellowship Zoom - 6pm Sunday

Topic: Current Senior High Fellowship/Advisor Zoom  
Time: May 17, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88072849295>  
Meeting ID: 880 7284 9295  
Password: 325814

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## Facebook Live: Friday Contemplative Practice with Bryan Vosseler

On Friday, May 15th, check out our First Baptist Church Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly>) for a wonderful opportunity to take a pause and engage in some contemplative practice. FBC's own Bryan Vosseler (a member and leader of our Spiritual Life Committee) will be leading us in contemplative practice to help us find peace and grounding for our day and for the days ahead. You can watch these Live sessions WITH OR WITHOUT a Facebook account - if you are not officially on Facebook, you can still follow the above link to our page, then scroll down and click "Videos" on the menu (on the left on a computer view or along the top on a mobile view). When you see the red "Live" come up on the menu near videos, you know there is a live session running, and you can view it. Live videos do not appear UNTIL the session starts - so if you get on the page a little ahead of time and do not see Bryan yet, just refresh the page and when he starts broadcasting, you will find him!

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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!

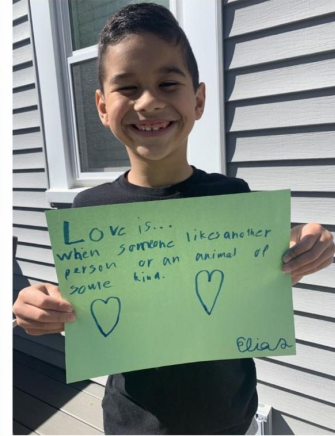
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### LOVE IS...

Sunday would have been (in our usual church program year in a usual time!) Children and Youth Sunday... and while we couldn't celebrate in exactly the same way, what a joy it was to wake up on Sunday to this beautiful video featuring some of our children and youth!

We love and miss you all!

We are also so grateful for all of you and the ways in which you are using your one small voice to get the whole world singing in harmony and in love. We see you doing it everyday, and we are grateful and glad for the future that you are helping us build, together.



Love is...many things to many people. See what our FBC children and family had to share about love in this heartwarming video. Tissues optional (but recommended!)...

To us, love is these faces and their messages of love and hope.

'Watch all the way through!

ALSO - if you were not able to send a Love Is... picture in time for the video, we would still love to see your work, if you wish! Send them to Julie at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org), as we are continuing to share and promote the images on our social media pages as a celebration we are calling #ChildrenAndYouthSunday2020Edition!

(Thanks to our [Harborlight Nursery School, Inc.](#) friends for first teaching us the background song AND to Kara Constantine for helping Julie to put this all together!)



## Staffing Update

Kent is on vacation through the 18<sup>th</sup> and will return to being available and accessible in his virtual office again on the 19<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, Julie is available at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) or cell: 617-692-0477

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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 CHUCH 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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## Giving to FBC During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The next several weeks appear to be crucial in controlling the spread of the Coronavirus outbreak, and our most important priority is to maintain social distancing and stay as safe as we can. Since the church building has been closed and worship services have been moved online, some people have asked how they may continue to make donations to the church. We realize that many people are out of work, retired folks have seen their income dwindle, and others are facing financial concerns, but for those who would like to make a pledge payment, a special offering or a general donation during these difficult times, here are some suggestions:

- 1) You can mail your check to First Baptist Church , 221 Cabot Street, Beverly MA 01915. Please note on the memo line whether your check is a pledge or donation. Enclosing a single “pledge envelope”, if you have one, would be helpful but not necessary.
- 2) Another way to make a donation but without going outside is to contact your bank about setting up an online bank payment. These can be regular (monthly, for instance) or one-time, and this is usually a free service where the bank sends a physical check directly to the church on your behalf. People who have already taken advantage of this arrangement have found it very easy and convenient.
- 3) In mid-March the church mailed out a letter with an envelope titled “I’ve seen the Lord” for our traditional Easter offering. This is not part of the pledge but is an additional offering collected on Easter Sunday in the past. If you wish to make this offering, please note on your check that it’s an Easter offering.
- 4) The church also has a “Donate” button on its website at [www.fbcbeverly.org/donate](http://www.fbcbeverly.org/donate)

This way of donating is a little more difficult to record (please be sure to indicate what the donation is for) and there is a modest processing charge deducted. However, during this time, it may be the easiest way for folks to give - and we welcome, with gratitude, your generous gifts!

The church appreciates those who are able to contribute at this time but certainly understands that many people in the congregation are facing difficult times financially and on many other levels. We're grateful to our staff who have continued to provide so many creative ways for us to worship and remain in contact with each other. We pray that all will be safe in the days ahead and look forward with great anticipation to welcoming everyone back into our beloved sanctuary to worship together once again.



## COVID-19 and Temporary Closure at First Baptist in Beverly

Due to public health concern, the First Baptist office will be closed for the until further notice. The pastoral staff: Julie Flowers, Kent Harrop will be working remotely. Any pastoral concerns, contact either Julie or Kent directly.

**Julie:** [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) or [cell: 617-692-0477](tel:617-692-0477)

**Kent:** [kharrop@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:kharrop@fbcbeverly.org) or [971-237-0583](tel:971-237-0583)

*Note: Kent is on vacation this week until May 18th*

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## Youth Fellowship, Choirs, Small Groups and Committees

**All church gatherings in our church building will be cancelled until further notice.** This includes small groups, choirs, youth groups, committees. Some groups/committees may choose to stay connected via email, conference calls or ZOOM. For more information please visit :

<http://www.fbcbeverly.org/covid-19-and-temporary-closure-at-first-baptist-in-beverly/>

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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 "COVID-19: A Kairos Moment?" attracted over 9000 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



### Thursday, May 14

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

### Friday, May 15

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Contemplative Practice with Bryan Vosseler

### Saturday, May 16

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

### Sunday, May 17

10:00am: Virtual Worship Service Live on Facebook

4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship Zoom Gathering

6:00pm: Sunday evening High Fellowship Zoom Gathering

### Monday, May 18

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

### Tuesday, May 19

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 are tired  
and we need a new normal!***

Rev. Kent Harrop

Scripture: Matthew 18:20; 28: 16-20



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