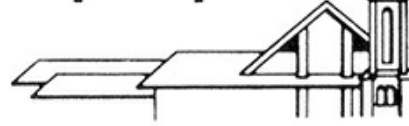


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Sunday, August 9, 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. for a Facebook Premier Worship Service - this will be a FULL worship service experience, with participation from both ministers, as well as music from Esther Chang. This video will also then 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 at any time after it is initially posted. 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 Facebook Premier Worship Service!

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

Fill My Cup

Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

Scripture: John 4:5-15



Reports from Dismantling Racism Workshop

In late June – early July FBC co-sponsored with Essex County Community Organization (ECCO) a three part online series entitled ‘Dismantling Racism: An online workshop for white people’. The purpose was to create space for white people to understand the concept of white privilege and systemic racism which is baked into our political, judicial and societal systems. The killing of George Floyd awakened many white people to racism both overt and subtle, which is often the reality for our sisters and brothers of color. ECCO an interfaith organization created the virtual curriculum for this study (at the request of FBC’s Social Concerns Committee, chaired by Leslie Brennan). A cap of 100 people was set but due to demand we expanded to 125 (15 from FBC participated). For several weeks, we’ve heard from several of the participants from FBC reflecting on one thing they learned and one commitment to work to dismantle racism. If you have any questions or want to get involved to help dismantle racism, email Leslie Brennan lesliebrennan@comcast.net.



Reflection on Dismantling Racism by Kent Harrop

Participating in these three sessions taught me how little I know about racism. Again and again, I thought: ‘How did I not know this?’ I learned that racism, is under the surface, about wealth and power. I learned about Prince Henry the Navigator (1340 – 1420), a Portuguese businessman and explorer. He went looking for cheap labor and saw an opportunity in Africa. His strategy was to create a racist trope that Black people were inferior to White people. He and others who followed him, used this dehumanizing of Black people to build the slave trade. Morally bankrupt, the slave trade made some people rich and served as an economic building block in the formation of our nation.

To this very day, as a nation, we are struggling to come to terms with our historic legacy of racism. I’ve come to see that there are systemic injustices baked into every aspect of society (health care, judicial system, education, economic opportunity etc.) that uses racism, sometimes subtle and other times overt, to keep wealth and power in the hands of white folk and out of the hands of people of color. Underneath it all, it’s about wealth and power.

I commit myself to learning more. I have swum so long in the waters of white privilege that I too often don’t see where racism comes from and how I benefit. No more. One action step I’ve taken, is reading ‘How to be an anti-racist’ by Ibram X. Kendi. I’m continuing to work with Essex County Community Organization (ECCO) and partners here at First Baptist, to work to create a more just, respectful and equitable society. To become what Dr. King called, ‘the beloved community’. It all starts with folk like you and me, saying ‘no more’ to racism and learning from and walking with our neighbors of color.

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!

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 Coffee Time:

Grab your morning coffee or tea and pop in to this virtual Zoom Coffee Break from 10-10:30 a.m. on Thursday! All are welcome, and you should be able to join from a smartphone or computer, just by clicking on the meeting link below!

Topic: Thursday Zoom Coffee Break
Time: Aug 6, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86866060875>

Meeting ID: 868 6606 0875
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Contemplative Practice: Feeling Grumpy and Overwhelmed? FBC Feels Your Pain. This session is for you! -Friday at 1:00pm on Facebook Live - Hosted by Kent Harrop

Feeling grumpy or perhaps a bit depressed as this pandemic stretches on and on? Kent will offer tools to add to your spiritual toolbox, to meet the challenges of our time with courage and hope.

Live at 1:00pm on Friday on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly

FBC Kids and Kids-at-Heart Tuesdays at 1:00pm on Facebook Live

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!

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

FBC Beverly's Compassion Fund

First Baptist Church in Beverly has established a \$25,000 fund to provide emergency financial assistance to those in our church community who may be especially affected by the coronavirus pandemic, and resulting shutdowns, lay-offs and the like. We are calling this our Compassion Fund. Below are its key elements:

- Potential recipients include not just church members, but all those (and their immediate families) who have a connection to our church, whether by attending church worship services, by participating in church sponsored programs of any kind, or as employees or volunteers at the church or its outreach ministries. Recipients do not need to live in Beverly.

- Awards are expected to be \$500 or less per family or individual, but awards up to \$1,000 may be made in exceptional circumstances. All will be in the form of grants, not loans.

If you or someone you know needs financial assistance due to the pandemic:

To apply, please go the following link and complete the form: <https://form.jotform.com/200727212739958> or call 978-927-1561

- If you have a financial need arising out of the pandemic and wish to be considered for assistance, please complete and send in the application form as indicated above.

- If you know of someone in our broader church family who has such a need and might not otherwise be aware of our Compassion Fund, please encourage them to apply.

- All applications and information relating to this program will be kept strictly confidential except as necessary to review and process the awards, and in order to issue checks and payments by the church.

Staffing Update

Rev. Kent Harrop will be on vacation from August 10th to August 31st. Rev. Julie Flowers will be available for pastoral needs and concerns during this time. Julie can be reached at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org or by phone at 617-692-0477.

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, August 6

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

Friday, August 7

1:00pm: Facebook Live: Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox with Kent Harrop

Saturday, August 8

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

Sunday, August 9

10:00am: Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere

(Worship video may be viewed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website at any time following the initial Facebook post)

Monday, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

9:30am: Staff Meeting

1:00 pm: Facebook Live Kids' Time

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

To Be Blessed and a Blessing

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching

Scripture: Isaiah 30: 21;
I Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

A quote for your week: "Just to be is a blessing; just to live is holy."
- Rabbi Abraham Heschel



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