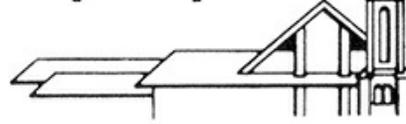


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 25, 2021

10:00am: Join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a Facebook Premier Worship

(This video will ALSO then be available to watch at any time following on our [Facebook page](#), our website at www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons, and on our [YouTube channel](#).)

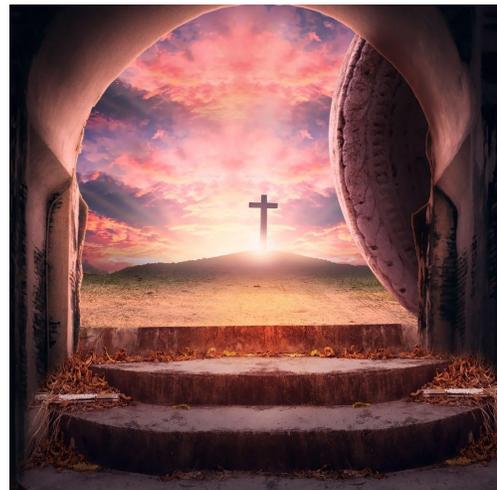
(You can view all materials on our Facebook page with or without having a Facebook account!)

10:55 am: What a Zoom Fellowship! Immediately following Virtual Worship (see info below)

We Know Love By This

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers



What a Zoom Fellowship!



What a Zoom Fellowship!

Join your friends each Sunday immediately after the virtual worship service for a time of fellowship on Zoom. Whether you are a long-time member or just passing through, you are welcome to attend join us!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87584963293?pwd=VndSanBZVTIVQVJhcXNPUGlwaEFFdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 8496 3293

Passcode: 835114

Virtual Children/Youth Sunday School

Our children and youth will gather with their teachers in the zoom classroom again this Sunday for Virtual Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Together, we will round out our study on the Beatitudes and teachings of Jesus, and then we will spend coming weeks preparing for (virtual) Children and Youth Sunday, to be held on Sunday, June 13th. We hope to see all our Sunday School family in the virtual classroom; you can use the usual link to join and/or watch your email for an email from Julie with the login information coming later this week.

If you are not yet registered for Virtual Sunday School, it is never too late! Click the box below to register and receive more information!

[Sign Up For Sunday School](#)

Youth Fellowships

Both Youth Fellowship groups are planning for in-person outdoor meetings as the weather gets nicer! All group members/families should please watch their email on Thursday for the weekly update from Julie with more information and all the details as we move through the coming weeks (as weather and other variables may affect programming!).

We *can* report that our Sr. High Fellowship gathered in person outdoors this past Sunday, April 18th, and we *loved* being back together face to face for some games and to get to know some new friends joining us for the first time or who joined us virtually during the pandemic. We cannot wait to continue these outdoor programs with both our groups throughout the spring!

Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Time

Come and gather around the virtual table for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us!

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time

Time: Apr 22, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87322517245>

Meeting ID: 873 2251 7245

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Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox: On Cosmology, Derek Chauvin, George Floyd and Jesus

[This Friday at 1 p.m.](#) on the [FBC Facebook page.](#)

Friday 1 p.m. via Facebook Premier, Hosted by Kent Harrop. Inspired by the book 'Field of Compassion' by Judy Cannato, Kent explores the science of Cosmology and how everything is interconnected and interdependent. The trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd is a tragic reminder of what happens when we forget this fundamental lesson. Jesus reminds us through his teachings and witness of the cosmological and theological truth, that it is only in belonging to one another, that we can find our way forward. Only in embracing our interconnectedness can we experience healing and hope.



Our Friday videos by our music director, Dr. Esther Chang, and, Rev. Kent Harrop on the contemplative life, premiere on Fridays at 1:00 pm EST on Facebook Live. Please find them at www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly. You may access the videos on Facebook anytime, even if you do not have a Facebook account. You may also find the Friday videos on our [YouTube channel \(First Baptist Church Beverly Massachusetts\)](#). Our videos are available to you anytime as a spiritual resource. We hope they will be a blessing to you. Please feel free to share them as a resource for your loved ones.

2020 Mission Trip Continues to Be On Hold Through 2021

The members of the First Baptist Mission Committee had the chance to confer over recent days, and the group is in agreement – and therefore wished to update the church family – that the Mission Trip originally planned for summer of 2020 (which was within the usual pattern of holding such a work trip somewhere within the United States every other summer) to North Carolina will *remain on hold* at this time.

At the outset of the pandemic, when the 2020 trip was put on hold, the group had hoped and imagined that it would be possible to then plan for and run the trip for this summer, the summer of 2021. Unfortunately, as we all know now – and have lived! – the pandemic has lasted longer than any of us could have imagined back in March 2020, and the group has determined that attempting to fundraise for, plan for, and execute such a trip for this summer is not within the best interest of participants and would not result in the best possible experience for everyone, from volunteers to hosts and those with whom we work in North Carolina. The group believes that too much remains uncertain at this time to enter into an experience of large-group shared travel which would also involve living together in close quarters, eating together in large groups, and working together indoors and out in settings that sometimes call for close contact in small spaces.

Additionally, the group wished to be sensitive to the realities of changes within the work and financial lives of those who had originally planned to participate in the trip, recognizing that this summer, directly following such a challenging year, may not be easy for many people to have the time off they expected or in the ways they expected, and that people's financial situations may have changed over the past year, making such a trip harder to undertake this summer than it might have seemed in the lead-up to 2020. Finally, the Mission Committee wanted to be sensitive to and responsible about our own shared responsibility of not traveling in a large group from one area to another more rural area if we may, unwittingly, risk exposing those with whom we would work and stay in North Carolina to our Massachusetts germs!

The trip is being postponed at this time, as we look with hopeful eyes toward the summer of 2022 (but with *no* official announcement as to when, yet, the trip will be held). The group will keep the congregation updated as things move along and plans become more certain as to when the trip will happen and how to get involved. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Mission Committee Chair Cindy Shupp (cjshupp@verizon.net) or Julie Flowers (jflowers@fbcbeverly.org).

Labor Day Weekend Family Camp Come and Join Us September 3-6 2021

It has been a long year away from friends and family. Now is the time to make plans for Labor Day Weekend, what are you doing this year?

What could be a better way to wrap up the summer and a long year than a weekend away, at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepesaukee? Geneva Point is very optimistic that the Covid guidelines which they are following closely, mandated by the state, will be gradually lifted as our situation continues to improve. Our family camp activities will remain flexible as we go into the summer. The weekend is for all ages, singles, families, extended family, friends, and newcomers. Come and join church folks who have attended in past years. It is a time of fun, exploration, community and recreation in a beautiful setting. Sit a while in a rocking chair overlooking the lake and mountains. This time together is sure to become a highlight of your year. You may find out more information on our website, ldwfc.org or genevapoint.org. Funds are available to make the weekend affordable for all those who would like to attend or have further questions, please contact Cindy Shupp at cjshupp@verizon.net.



Family Promise Update from Social Concerns

FBC and First Parish are responsible for hosting the Guests of Family Promise for the month of April. Due to COVID the guests are being housed in two separate locations which we are providing the funds to support. FBC has been a great supporter of the needs of the guests of Family Promise. This program has proven to be extremely successful by providing the shelter and assistance the guests need and provide them the opportunity and assistance to obtain permanent housing and get back on their feet.

April is our month to offer support. Here are the following ways you can assist, if you choose:

- Donate online (Family Promise Food Fund). <https://www.familypromisensb.org> Follow the get involved button to donate.
- Send checks or Stop and Shop gift cards to the Family Promise Office (8 Rantoul St. Beverly, MA 01915). Please indicate FPC/FBC in the online "Your Note" section or the Memo line of a check. This is needed to assure that your donation gets attributed to our hosting month.

Since March 2020, due to COVID Family Promise staff and volunteers have worked diligently to maintain stability for current guests, to reach out to help former resident and nonresident families, and to include a new family. If you are moved to assist families in any additional way please follow the link to Family Promise of the North Shore (you may need to copy it in to your browser) to review the needs of the guests. There are wish list items, care packages which are recurring needs identified. There are also State and Local Advocacy Resources you may wish to become involved in.

During this season we can reflect on our blessings and consider this an opportunity to offer support to others in need. Family Promise and Social Concerns appreciates the commitment of the wonderfully caring volunteers from FBC who support this mission with such dedication. ~ Leslie Brennan, Chairperson, FBC Social Concerns Committee

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, April 22

10:00-11:00 am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Socially Distanced Rehearsal
7:15 pm: Gospel of Mary Book Study Group on Zoom

Friday, April 23

1:00 pm: Friday on Facebook: Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox

Saturday, April 24

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

Sunday, April 25

10:00 am: Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere
(Worship video may be viewed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website at any time following the initial Facebook post)
11:00 am: What a Zoom Fellowship
11:15 am: Virtual Sunday School
4:00 pm: Middle School Fellowship
6:00 pm: Sr. High Fellowship

Monday, April 26

6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)
7 p.m. Virtual Welcome Class via ZOOM

Tuesday, April 27

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

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

Forgiveness and Freedom

Scripture: Psalm 4: 1, 6-8; Luke 24: 36 – 48

Preacher: Rev. Kent Harrop



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