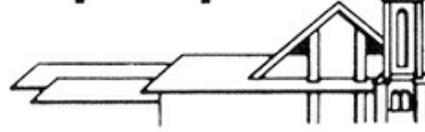


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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***Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church
Sunday, March 14, 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)**

***One Year Into a Pandemic:
Embracing Boundless Love***

Scriptures:

Psalm 107: 1 – 9; 41-43; John 3: 16-21

Preacher:

Rev. Kent Harrop

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 14, 2021

ONE YEAR INTO THE PANDEMIC
EMBRACING BOUNDLESS LOVE

Psalm 107:1-9, 41-43 and John 3:16-21

Rev. Kent Harrop, preacher
First Baptist Church in Beverly, MA



What a Zoom Fellowship!

Join us on Sundays after worship

Zoom Meeting ID: 875 8496 3293

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First Baptist Church in Beverly, MA



Join your friends each Sunday 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 this time of reflection and prayer. During the weeks of Lent, please join us as we consider what it means to experience the steadfast love of God.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87584963293?pwd=VndSanBZVTlVQVJhcXNPUGlwaEFFdz09>

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Virtual Children/Youth Sunday School

Our children and young people are invited to join us in the virtual classroom for Sunday School this Sunday, March 14th, from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. If you have not yet been able to register your young person for our classes, use the button below to sign up via our website!

Sign Up For Sunday
School



Youth Fellowships

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP:

Our Middle School Fellowship will be preparing for St. Patrick's Day with a fun and creative spoof of the Shark Tank television show. Youth participants are encouraged to attend this week's zoom fellowship with building materials – recycled items or other creative items from around their homes – to build the best Leprechaun Trap they can in a limited amount of time during the program (for youth who do not have materials to BUILD their prototype, drawings of plans will ALSO be welcomed!). The youth will then pitch their designs to the Advisors in the Advisor Tank and hope to win an investment (a prize!) from one of the Sharky Advisors!

We are asking that youth/families please RSVP for this Sunday, if possible, by emailing jflowers@fbcbeverly.org, just to help facilitate our Advisor Tank planning!

Topic: Middle School Fellowship Leprechaun Trap Advisor Tank
Time: Mar 14, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82739343455>

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SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP:

Our Senior High Youth and Advisors will have the opportunity to work together to problem solve a mystery! Our group will be participating in an online murder mystery party – so we are asking that ALL youth planning to attend please RSVP to Julie (jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) by Friday of this week, to ensure you get your materials and part to you! This is a fun and collaborative (and creative! Costumes are encouraged!) game, so we hope to see many of our youth there as we work together to solve this whodunit!

Topic: Senior High Fellowship How to Host a Murder Mystery
Time: Mar 14, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Facebook Live: Lenten Home Devotional with Lisa LaPlante and Bryan Vosseler Each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm

Dear FBC Beverly Members and Friends!

Blessings to you during this season! We invite you to use this year's Lenten Home Devotional each week as we walk towards the light of spring and Easter season together. This year, we invite you to journey with us through the darkness with the light and faith of God's steadfast love.

Please join members of our Spiritual Life Committee; Lisa LaPlante and Bryan Vosseler alternating weeks, on **Facebook Live on the Church's Facebook Page** (www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly) **each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00 pm EST** to supplement your home devotions. Bryan and Lisa will share the following dates in leading a brief time of devotions and prayer reflections on that week's worship theme. We hope you will join us in our prayerful journey through Lent (approximately 15 - 20 minutes per session).

Tuesday March 16th - Embracing Boundless Love - Bryan
Tuesday March 23rd - Basking in Divine Light - Lisa

Sneak peek at Episode 4 of FBC Beverly's Cloud and Fire Podcast

Are you ready for your sneak peek at Episode 4 of Cloud and Fire? This week, Jaimie's guest is the Rev. Erica Wimber Avena. Erica is an interim ministry specialist who currently serves at First Church in West Hartford, Connecticut. Jaimie and Erica discuss the passage from John 2 where Jesus is literally setting His house in order. You do not want to miss this conversation!

New episodes of Cloud and Fire are available on Wednesdays on YouTube and your favorite podcast app. Follow the podcast on Facebook and Instagram @CloudandFirepod. Cloud and Fire is a production of First Baptist Church in Beverly, MA. Our theme music is by the talented Rebekah Silva.



Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Break!

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: Mar 11, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Deeping Your Spiritual Toolbox: Living with Grief

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

This week we reach the one-year anniversary of a national recognition of COVID-19. This was the week, one year ago, that Governor Baker declared a state of emergency in Massachusetts. This was the week that First Baptist in Beverly closed its doors to programming and gathered worship. This was the week we entered upon the journey of learning to take safety precautions and living with the dislocation and profound losses of an international pandemic. Most - if not all - of us have lost a family member, friend, acquaintance to COVID. To date over 500,000 of our neighbors have died in the United States. Millions more of us have had COVID. While the Summer looks promising, with the hope of herd immunity via a vaccine, the fear and uncertainty still accompany us.



Kent Harrop will reflect upon the many losses we've experienced and continue to experience (loss of loved ones, loss of work, loss of community, of financial security etc.). Underneath it all is a deep settled grief that we often are slow to name, but which is always with us. The questions Kent will explore include why is it important to acknowledge our grief?; and is it possible to find meaning in the midst of our many losses? Kent will be drawing upon the work of David Kessler, Elizabeth Kubler Ross and his own years of personal and pastoral experience with loss and grief. By taking our grief out of the shadows, by naming it and dealing with it, we enter upon a journey from darkness to light, from despair to hope.

Our Friday videos by our music director, Dr. Esther Chang, and, Rev. Kent Harrop, 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.

Save the Dates for Our Next Online Series for Children and Families: *Art with Abby!*

By popular demand, we are SO excited to be planning our next online video series for children and families, featuring our incredible Childcare Coordinator, Abby Johnstone! *Art with Abby* will debut on Tuesday, March 16th, at 3:00 p.m. (although children and families can then watch the video *any time* their schedules best allow!) and will run weekly for six weeks, through April 20th. Abby (and perhaps some special guests from time to time) will be leading our children and families in creating a fun and creative art project each week, that can be done easily with art supplies around your home. Watch for updates and reminders about the launch of this next online series; but save the date of March 16th and get ready to make some art with Abby!



New Welcome Class

A new welcome class is forming via ZOOM for those who are newer to FBC and want to learn more about the vision, mission and values that make this congregation such a special place! This is also for those interested in becoming a member. Hosted by Kent Harrop, you'll have an opportunity to meet others new to FBC and meet some of the members and staff who make this place thrive. It's a great place to ask your questions. We will meet for four, one-hour sessions via ZOOM starting Mondays on March 29th at 7 p.m. This will be a relaxed and fun time. Email Kent to reserve your place: kharrop@fbcbeverly.org



Buy Flowers at Stop & Shop to Benefit FBC's Meal Program *From now until March 31st*



From now through the end of March, **FBC's Meal Program will receive a \$1 donation** for every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker purchased at the Stop & Shop located at 37 Enon Street in Beverly.

Flowers can make someone's day, spread smiles and brighten up a room. Now they can feed the hungry, too! We can feed 10+ people in need with every Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold.

Why not purchase two, three or even four bouquets this month? \$1 Donation = 10+ meals for those who need them - It's as simple as that!

Please help us spread the word in our community! Share this news with family and friends, post on social media, email supporters and get the word out. A bouquet of flowers is a great gift.

This program makes it possible to make someone's day and fight hunger at the same time.

The Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquets with the red circle sticker are located in the floral section of the store. For more information about this program, please visit stopandshop.bloomin4good.com.

Thank you for supporting FBC's Meal Program!

AMOS: Health and Hope

Dear First Baptist in Beverly

At AMOS: Health and Hope, we believe everyone deserves health and hope, no matter where you are born, your ethnicity, beliefs, age, or gender. And, we are grateful to have you on board with this!

FBC through several generous donors and a line item in your mission giving, provides up to \$9000 per year to fully fund a clinic in Apantillo, a rural

community in Nicaragua, and by your support, frees up money and resources to be used throughout the country. Today, we want to THANK YOU for helping us reduce health inequities for women and girls in Nicaragua, and giving them hope.



Your support helps 9 female Health Promoters and dozens of Health Committee members have the trainings, medicines, and supplies they need to treat diseases and save lives in their communities.

You allow our (mostly female) doctors at two urban clinics provide critical health care services to vulnerable patients, including gynecological care.

You have helped us train Urban Health Educators to follow up on the most vulnerable patients and strengthen their leadership role in the community.

You help our Youth Empowerment program reduce teen pregnancy and risky health behaviors.

You help us train Volunteer Mothers on prenatal care, newborn care, and good nutrition practices, so they can educate other moms to prevent maternal deaths and child malnutrition.

You are helping girls and women in rural and urban Nicaragua pursue their dreams of going to college and becoming professionals!

Thank you, for helping us work towards a fairer world! To learn more, go to www.amoshealth.org

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). 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 time of Lent 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.

ECCO Update and Opportunity to Participate

ECCO (Essex County Community Organization) has formed a Regional Team which includes the Beverly and Peabody communities. This Regional Team will connect with one another and forming a strategy for racial and economic justice in our region. We will be guided by ECCO's Beloved Economy agenda and some research focuses and questions developed by our core team. (If you don't know what this is, don't worry about it- you will understand it all at the meeting, and you should attend even if you haven't been involved in a while). The Faith communities in both Beverly and Peabody along with any interested individuals who want to work together in advocating for a more equitable and just community are invited to attend this Zoom meeting.

ECCO is excited to gather on Zoom with all of you who can join on Monday, March 15th @ 5:00 PM for our first Beverly-Peabody regional team meeting!

Please let Aviva Herr-Welber of ECCO know if you can make it. Even if you have not been active in ECCO lately or you might not be able to come to all these meetings in future, this first one is a great one to attend because it will help us set a direction for local racial and economic justice research & action in your region together. The group wants to be able to draw on the wisdom and expertise about the region in order to develop a successful strategy in working toward ECCO's Beloved Economy agenda.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82748148186?pwd=dC93UWgxVi9JUno4QnExRk5sMnNlZz09>

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Link to the All Church Mid-Year Minutes held on February 7th 2021.

Note: If you'd like a hard copy of minutes mailed to you, please contact Pat Haight in the FBC Office.

[View the PDF here.](#)

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, March 10

Episode 4 of "Cloud and Fire" podcast

Thursday, March 11

10:00-11:00 am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time

Friday, March 12

1:00 pm: Facebook Premiere: Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox

Saturday, March 13

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

Sunday, March 14

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 Children's/Youth Sunday School

4:00pm: Middle School Zoom Fellowship

6:00pm: Senior High Zoom Fellowship

Monday, March 15

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

Tuesday, March 16

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

7:00 pm: Facebook: Lenten Home Devotionals with Lisa LaPlante and Bryan Vosseler

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

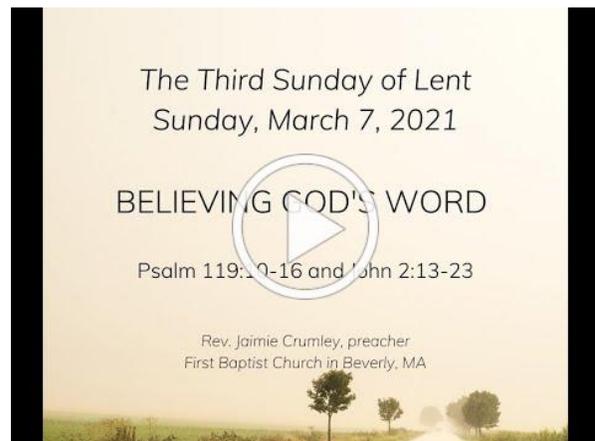
Believing God's Word

Scriptures:

Psalm 119:10-16 and John 2:13-23

Preacher:

Rev. Jaimie Crumley



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