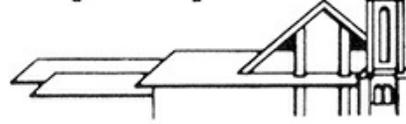


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



*A progressive and welcoming Christian community!*

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*Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church*

*January 17, 2021*

*Second Sunday After the Epiphany*

**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](http://www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons), and on our [YouTube channel](#).)*

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

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Second Sunday After The Epiphany: During this season in the life of the Church, we, like the Magi, look for signs of the Christ in our midst. And, as with the Magi, we, too, are invited to bring our struggles; questions; and, ultimately, our gratitude and lay it all before the Christ.

***The Call is for You***

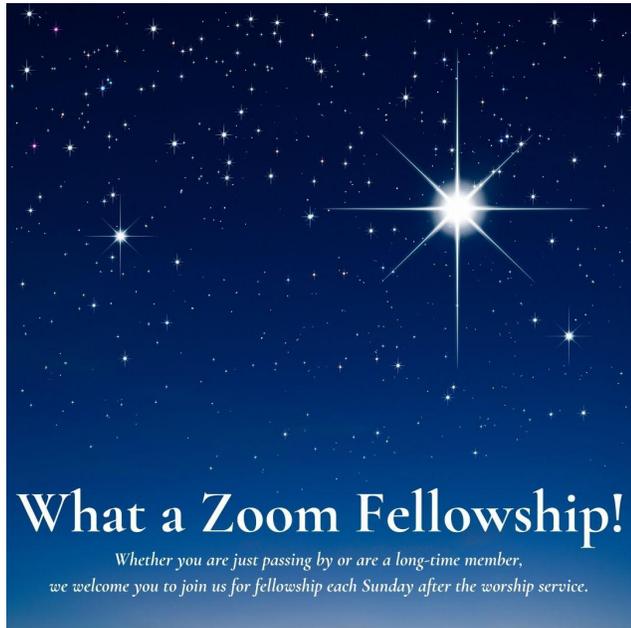
Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 ; John 1:43-51  
Rev. Julie Flowers, preaching

HERE I AM, LORD!  
SEND ME.

## What a Zoom Fellowship!

We are the people who have walked in a great darkness, and we keep moving forward because we have seen a star. The light of that star provides just enough light for us to keep moving forward with courage. In these wintry days, we need God's light more than ever before. We shine that light for each other.

**Join us each Sunday morning around 10:55 am** on Zoom for a virtual Sunday morning fellowship hour. Come as you are. Whether you are a long-time member or you are passing through, it will be our pleasure to welcome you. Children and pets are most welcome to come say hello, and of course, you can wear your PJs! See you on Sunday mornings.



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

**Meeting ID:** 875 8496 3293  
**Passcode:** 835114

## Virtual Sunday School

Our Children/Youth Virtual Sunday School classes are back up and in the routine following a brief after-Christmas break and then a Supply Crate Pick-Up Sunday! We meet each Sunday (aside from the first Sunday of the month, which are our outdoor in-person events) at 11:15 a.m. on Zoom. We are currently in the midst of exploring the Beatitudes together, and we *always* welcome new friends to join! Click the button below to be linked to our Sunday School page and fill out *both* linked forms on that page (registration and media release) to sign up! You can also always email Julie Flowers at [jflowers@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org) with any questions or for more information.

Sign Up For Sunday School



Our church friends were up and on their feet during Stepsitters this past Sunday! Jaimie Crumley led a children's message time in which she taught some cardio kickboxing moves as she invited us to think about ways in which God is always with us and doing a new thing in us.

We loved receiving some pictures of our friends jumping up and joining in at home! Nolan, Josey, and Amos are all looking strong as they live joyfully into the call to try new things along our journey!

We always love seeing pictures of our church friends (of all ages!) at worship or experiencing church connections, so don't be shy about sending your worshipful moments our way, too!

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## Youth Fellowships

**Middle School Fellowship** will meet virtually on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a game of Among Us together (in a private game - so it will only be our group members playing)!

The meeting info to join the meeting is:

Topic: Virtual Middle School Fellowship  
Time: Jan 17, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81884285412>

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**Senior High Fellowship** has a week off on January 17<sup>th</sup>, so that the Senior High Advisors can have a mini-retreat/planning session to check-in, reset for the second half of the year, and plan out the best and strongest upcoming weeks of virtual programming possible to keep us going and to keep the Fellowship connection strong until we can get back to warmer weather (for outdoor gatherings), lower COVID case numbers, and, hopefully, vaccines! Stay tuned for our upcoming schedule to be posted, and plan to join us again on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. for another great program!

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## Thursday Zoom Coffee Break, 10 a.m.

Thursday Zoom Coffee for Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>:

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time  
Time: Jan 14, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83264157078>

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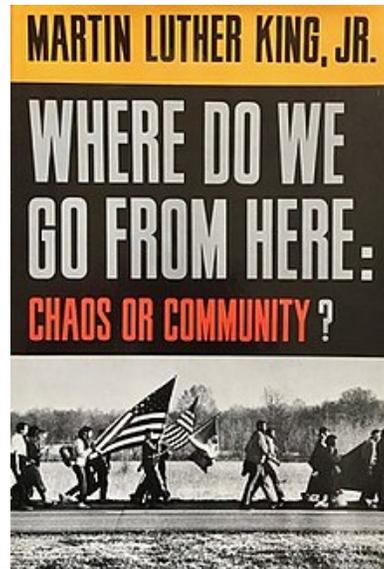
Meeting ID: 832 6415 7078  
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keJVBGzzP1>

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## Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox, Friday 1 p.m. on Facebook Premiere on The FBC Facebook Page

Join Kent Harrop in exploring Nonviolent Resistance as a spiritual practice. How does our faith inform how we confront injustice locally and globally? Drawing upon the methodology of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we'll explore the practices that empowered Dr. King and countless thousands of others, to confront legal segregation in society. What injustice do you see in your city, state, nation, and world community. How do sense the Spirit calling you to get involved? The future rests with people of conscience standing alongside those who are oppressed, voiceless. Nonviolent resistance is not passive. It is not for the faint of heart.



## 2021 MLK Day Virtual Event

Join us for the City of Beverly Human Rights Committee's 2021 MLK Day Virtual Event Monday, January 18th from 9:00am – 10:00am  
A link will be available on the City of Beverly HRC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/beverlyhumanrights/>), [beverlyhumanrights.org](http://beverlyhumanrights.org) and on the [City of Beverly Website](#).



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
CITY OF BEVERLY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
**2021 MLK DAY VIRTUAL EVENT**

**Monday, January 18**  
**9:00am - 10:00am**

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**JOIN US TO ENJOY:**

Welcome & Greetings  
Spiritual Welcome  
Special Guest Speakers  
Beverly Students Montage  
Positivity Campaign: BHS Human Rights Committee

**AND MORE!**

**Have questions?** Reach out to the BHRC  
at [beverlyhumanrights@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyhumanrights@gmail.com)



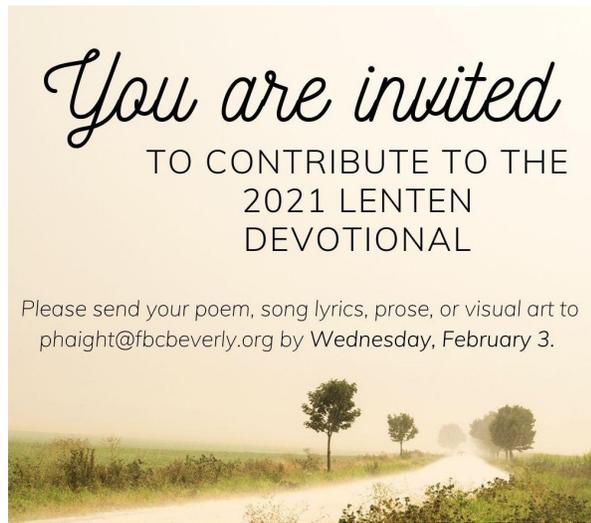
## An Invitation to contribute to this year's Lenten Devotional

We invite you to contribute to this year's Lenten devotional by sharing original poetry, song lyrics, prose (400-word limit), or visual art. As you consider your submission, please reflect on the following questions:

"As you reflect on the challenges of the past year, where have you found sweetness? How have you experienced God's steadfast love even in the midst of your grief? How will you carry what you have learned in the past year with you in the days, months, and years to come?"

We will include reflections received by **Wednesday, February 3** in the printed version of the devotional. However, we will continue to share your reflections online throughout the Lenten season, so send continue to send them even after the deadline. Share your reflections via email to the church office by emailing [phaight@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:phaight@fbcbeverly.org).

Please contact one of the ministers if you have any questions about how to contribute.



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## An FBC/NAMI Forum to Share Information and Ask Questions About Mental Health Support and Resources

The past 10 months have been stressful for all of us, no matter our ages and no matter our circumstance. How and when we have experienced stress or anxiety may differ for each of us, but the toll of living in the midst of a global pandemic – and being more isolated from one another, from our usual routines, and, perhaps, from our usual support systems – is traumatic for us all.

Many folks may already have had access to strong mental health support or practices before March of 2019; but many of us also may not have had those supports in place, or we may not know exactly how to access support or resources – especially if we have not accessed them prior to these pandemic days. We may also have friends or family for whom we would like to help find increased mental health support or ways to connect friends and family with resources.

To that end, First Baptist Church is partnering with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Greater North Shore to offer an information forum about the resources and supports available – and ways to access those resources – to help support our mental health and well-being. This is an opportunity to learn more about what resources exist in our area, to learn more about how we can connect to those resources, and to ask questions of NAMI Greater North Shore members who can help provide more information or build connections for us.

The forum will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30 p.m., and is free and available to all. This is a chance to just come and listen, or to come with your questions; it is an opportunity to come, thinking about your own mental health or that of a loved one.

It is important to note that this particular forum is an information session; it will not be the place to receive more in-depth therapy or mental health support (it is a way to connect with those resources going forward). It is also important to note that this forum is not a crisis counseling session; should you or a loved one be actively in crisis and in need of immediate support you can and should always call 911 or you can reach out to 978-744-1585, which will connect you to our local state-funded mobile crisis center for mental health (located in Salem at the Shetland Office Park).

For more information about NAMI Greater North Shore, you can visit <https://namigreaternorthshore.org/>.

Please share the information about this important forum with church friends and family; we hope to see many of you there, so that we might learn together.

The login information is below:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Feb 4, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZModu-rqTkuHdf5IpsgsmOGS5000vbCZLLT>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Church Council Meeting Agenda January 24, 2021

To All Members of the Church Council,

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday 1/24/2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a virtual (Zoom) meeting of the Church Council.**

This meeting is called to discuss a proposal from the Board of Harborlight Community Partners for approval to then present to the Congregation at the virtual (ZOOM) Mid-Year Meeting scheduled for 2/7/2021. The Mid-Year Meeting will include the usual updates/reports from the Ministers and Committees.

(Please note that Church Council meetings are also open to ALL church members and friends - when it comes to voting on issues before the Council, only Council members (Chairs or all Boards and Committees or the designated reps of those Boards and Committees) will vote. But ALL are welcome to join us for discussion!

**\*\*Church Council Members, the September, 2020 meeting minutes and HCP proposal information will be sent to you in a separate email for your review prior to the 1/24/2021 meeting, along with the Zoom meeting link (which will also be listed in the bulletin).\*\***

The meeting agenda is as follows:

### Church Council Meeting Agenda January 24, 2021

**3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Zoom ~**

1. Welcome, Purpose of this meeting and Zoom basics review
2. Concerns and Celebrations
3. Opening Prayer
4. Approval of Church Council 9/2/2020 meeting minutes VOTE
5. HCP proposal to FBC [John Thomson and Pam Constantine] VOTE
6. Treasurer's report [John Thomson]
7. Presentation of the proposed 2021 operating and capital budgets, for recommendation to the Mid-Year Meeting. [John Thomson] VOTE
8. ***The virtual (ZOOM) Mid-Year Meeting scheduled is for Sunday, February 7, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.***
  - a. **\*\* For the Mid-Year Committee Updates/Reports – please send in print to Gloria so that they can be sent out to the Congregation for their review prior to the meeting.\*\***
9. Action Items review
10. Adjourn (hard stop) and Thank You

If you are a member of the Council and did NOT receive this email, please let Julie ([jflowers@fbcheverly.org](mailto:jflowers@fbcheverly.org)) and Gloria ([gloria.stoneham@gmail.com](mailto:gloria.stoneham@gmail.com)) know.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Stoneham, Moderator

978-239-0982

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# Coming Up at FBC



## Thursday, January 14

10:00-11:00am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time with Julie  
7:00 pm: Marcus Borg Book Study

## Friday, January 15

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

## Saturday, January 16

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

## Sunday, January 17

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)  
10:55am-ish: What a Fellowship! via Zoom Immediately following Virtual Worship  
11:15am: Children/Youth Virtual Sunday School  
4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship Zoom

## Monday, January 18

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

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

## Tuesday, January 19

9:30am: Staff Meeting

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Check out all of FBC Beverly's sermons at [fbcbeverly.org/sermons](https://www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons)

***Genesis 1: 1 - 5; Mark 1: 4-11***

***Sermon: God as a Verb***

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching



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