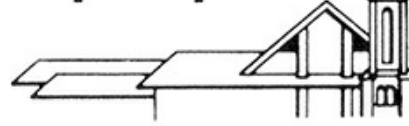


# THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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*Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church*

*January 24, 2021*

*Third 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)**

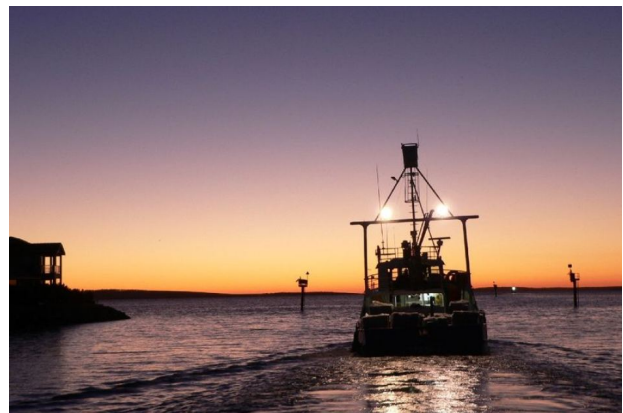
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Third Sunday After The Epiphany: During this season in the life of the Church, we, like the Magi, look for signs of the Christ in our midst. And, as with the Magi, we, too, are invited to bring our struggles; questions; and, ultimately, our gratitude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

***The Not Yet, The Right Now,  
and The Present Future***

**Scriptures:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 and  
Mark 1:14-20

**Preacher:** Rev. Jaimie Crumley



## 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=VndSanBZVTlVQVJhcXNPUGlwaEFFdzog>

**Meeting ID:** 875 8496 3293

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## Virtual Children/Youth Sunday School

Our children and young people are invited to login and join us for Virtual Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. this Sunday, as usual! If your family is not yet registered for Sunday School and you would like to sign up to receive information, updates, and the zoom link to access the class, you can register by clicking the button below this text.

[Sign Up For Sunday School](#)

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## Youth Fellowships Continue to Evolve in Creative Ways!

Middle School:

Our Middle School youth group had the opportunity to play several rounds of the online game Among Us (in a private room, so just with our group members!) on Sunday afternoon, and it was a wonderful and fun experience filled with laughter (and some bumbling around and learning on the part of many of the advisors!). During this time when we are in virtual programming, Middle School Fellowship is meeting every other week (because we know that our Middle School friends are already a bit maxed out on virtual connections!), so our next program will be on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 4 p.m. – stay tuned for those details! Middle School Advisors *will* meet (virtually) this coming Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, to plan our upcoming program schedule.

Senior High:

Our Senior High Advisors had a wonderful check-in and planning meeting on Sunday to set the programs for the weeks ahead, while our group is in a virtual program setting for a time. We are excited for the upcoming programs ahead, and we hope to see many of our high school youth in our virtual space! This coming Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, we will meet virtually from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for a GAME NIGHT with a wide variety of games and fun. The link to join is below. THEN, save the date and special time (6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.) for our January 31<sup>st</sup> program with Hammer and Stain – working on wood projects of our choosing under careful leadership of the team at Hammer and Stain!

ZOOM LINK FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>:

Topic: Senior High Virtual Game Night

Time: Jan 24, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84762002788>

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

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time

Time: Jan 21, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83011661778>

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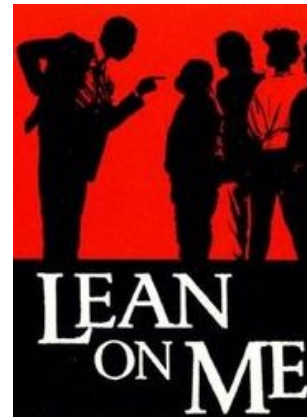
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## Facebook Premiere: Music with Esther, Friday 1 p.m.

Need a moment of inspiration? Don't miss Esther playing the theme song from the well-known movie, "Lean On Me". She also invites her guest musician Alison Buchsbaum to play Waltz from Sleeping Beauty by Tchaikovsky, on clarinet.

On our Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly) this Friday at 1pm.



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## 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:

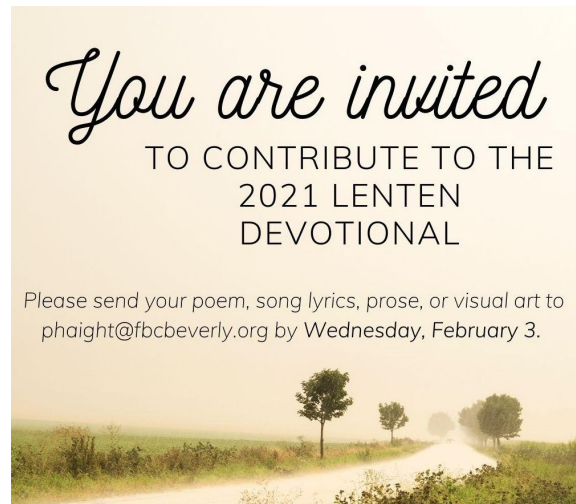
"As you reflect on the challenges of the past year, where have you found sweetness? How have you experienced God's steadfast love even in the midst of your grief? How will you carry what you have learned in the past year with you in the days, months, and years to come?"

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).

*You are invited*  
TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
2021 LENTEN  
DEVOTIONAL

Please send your poem, song lyrics, prose, or visual art to [phaight@fbcbeverly.org](mailto:phaight@fbcbeverly.org) by Wednesday, February 3.



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

## **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).

### **Presenters:**

Chris Sadkowski ([csadkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:csadkowski@yahoo.com)) and Jackie Cassiday from NAMI Greater North Shore ([www.namigreaternorthshore.org](http://www.namigreaternorthshore.org)) will speak and take questions on mental health resources available on the North Shore.

NAMI Greater North Shore is the local affiliate for the National Alliance on Mental Illness that provides Support, Advocacy and Education for families and individuals affected by mental illness. We do not provide counseling or therapy services but do provide support groups, education classes and advocacy for both family and friends and individuals.

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.

**THIS SESSION REQUIRES YOU TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO OBTAIN LOGIN INFORMATION!**  
Please do so using the link below.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZModu-rqTkuHdf5IpsgsmOGS50oovbCZLLT>

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

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## **Church Council Meeting Agenda January 24, 2021**

To All Members of the Church Council,

This is a reminder regarding the upcoming Church Council meeting **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 updated meeting agenda is as follows with the Zoom link below:

## **Church Council (Zoom Meeting) Revised Agenda January 24, 2021 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **Church Council Meeting Agenda January 24, 2021 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Zoom Meeting ~**

- 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.) Staff Ad - Committee member assignment [Brian Gregory] VOTE
- 6.) Stewardship report [Loyce Thomson]
- 7.) Tech Supplies for Staff purchase using the New Initiative Fund\* [Jaimie Crumley] VOTE
- 8.) Treasurer's report and Presentation of proposed 2021 operating and capital budgets for a vote to adopt at the Mid-Year Meeting.\* [John Thomson] VOTE
- 9.) HCP proposal to FBC [John Thomson and Pam Constantine]\* VOTE
- 10.) **Mid-Year Meeting scheduled is for Sunday, February 7, 2021 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**\*\*For the Mid-year Committee Updates/Reports - send in writing, to Gloria, so that they can be sent out to the Congregation for their review prior to the meeting.\*\***
- 11.) Action Items review
- 12.) Adjourn (hard stop at 5:00 p.m.) and Thank You.

\*Handouts sent via email\*

### **FBC Beverly is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680817379?pwd=bjRwVW9iNEoxMU1NRoZJZk1uRoZuQT09>

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Meeting ID: 886 8081 7379

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680817379?pwd=bjRwVW9iNEoxMU1NRoZJZk1uRoZuQT09>

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## **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 approx. \$500 per family or individual, but awards up to \$1,000 may be made in special 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.

## Coming Up at FBC



### Thursday, January 21

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

### Friday, January 22

1:00pm: Facebook Premiere: Music with Esther

### Saturday, January 23

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

### Sunday, January 24

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  
3:30pm: Church Council Meeting via Zoom  
4:00pm: Middle School Advisor Meeting via Zoom  
6:00pm: Senior High Fellowship Zoom via Zoom

### Monday, January 25

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

### Tuesday, January 26

9:30am: Staff Meeting

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

## *The Call is for You*

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



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