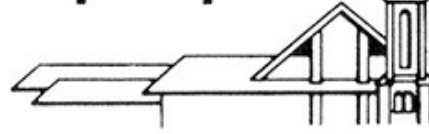


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church

January 31, 2021

Fourth 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, and on our [YouTube channel](#).)

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

A Holy Nudge

Scriptures: Deuteronomy: 18: 15-20;
Mark 1: 21 – 28

Preacher: Rev. Kent Harrop

Right: Photo of Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman



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=VndSanBZVTIVQVJhcXNPUGlwaEFFdz09>

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

Youth Fellowships Continue to Evolve in Creative Ways!

Middle School Fellowship:

Note Special Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 31st

Join our Middle School Youth and Advisors for a program we are calling “Adam and Animals”! Advisor Adam’s birthday is just around the corner, so we will be celebrating Adam on Sunday with a hilarious animal-themed scavenger hunt (virtually!) and competition! We are inviting all youth and advisors to make a fun/silly animal-themed birthday card for Adam to hold up during the program – so feel free to do that ahead of time, if you are joining us!

Here's the info to join:

Topic: Middle School Fellowship

Time: Jan 31, 2021 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86986832466>

Meeting ID: 869 8683 2466

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Senior High Fellowship:

Note Special Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31st

Our Senior High Youth and Advisors who have pre-selected a Hammer and Stain woodworking project (registration information was sent out last week) are invited to join us in a time of working together on our projects while we are gathered together on zoom. An instructor from Hammer and Stain will be leading us, and the kits chosen by each participant will be delivered to homes before Sunday's program! If you missed the deadline to sign up and would like to find out if there is still time to participate, please email Julie at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org ASAP!

Hammer and Stain will be providing the Zoom link to join; Julie will ensure all youth receive that link via email on Friday; stay tuned.

Thursday Zoom Coffee Break, 10 a.m.

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time
Time: Jan 28, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86843685414>

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Friday on Facebook: Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox

This Friday 1 p.m. via Facebook Premiere on the FBC Facebook page.

Making the Ordinary, Sacred. It takes intention and an open heart and imagination, to make room for the Spirit to transform the ordinary moments of life into moments of encounter with the Sacred. Through story and practical suggestions, we'll discover how the common place, can become Holy ground.

Note: This video will remain posted on the FBC Facebook page to be watched at a time convenient to you. And, feel free to share this video with others. We all need all the encouragement we can get!

Our Friday videos by our music director, Dr. Esther Chang, and one of our Ministers, Rev. Kent Harrop, premiere on Fridays at 1:00 pm EST on Facebook Live. Please find view 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.



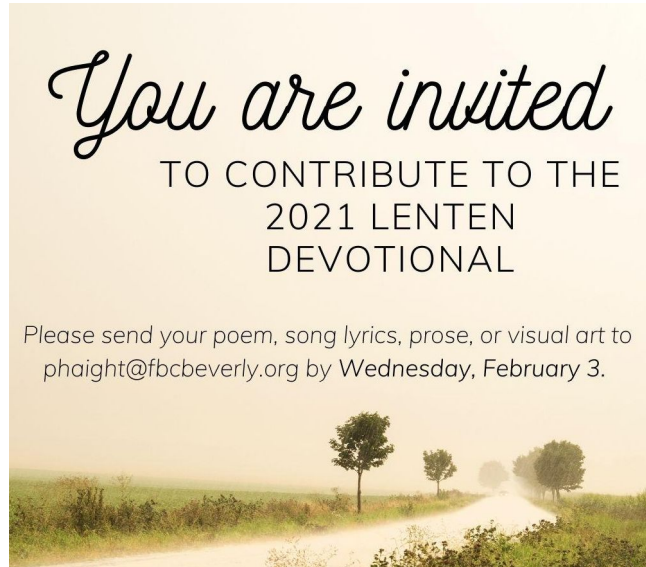
An Invitation to contribute to this year's Lenten Devotional

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.

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



Register In Advance to Ensure You Receive the Link to Access This Valuable and Informational Forum on Mental Health!

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 4th, 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.

Please **register in advance for this meeting by clicking the following link:**

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

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to access the session February 4th. This session is open to FBC members and friends AND their friends and families; so please feel free to share the link to register with others who may be interested.

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) and Jackie Cassidy from NAMI Greater North Shore (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.

Supported, Affordable Senior Housing Available Now in Beverly!

Harborlight House, located behind the church, is the first of the housing ministries started by First Baptist Church. Because people had been cautious about moving into group living during the pandemic, there are currently rare vacancies at this newly remodeled affordable home for elders of limited means. (There are income caps for residents.) If you know of a senior who would love to live in the heart of Beverly in his or her own apartment with all meals served in the dining room, please pass on the following information.



[View the flyer here.](#)

REMOTE [ZOOM] Mid-Year Meeting of First Baptist Church in Beverly Sunday, February 7, 2021, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The church family is hereby notified that First Baptist Church in Beverly will be holding its Mid-Year Meeting of the congregation in a REMOTE format, using the Zoom platform, on Sunday, February 7, 2021 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may join the meeting EITHER by clicking on the link included below in this email OR by dialing in using the phone numbers included. Be prepared to enter the Meeting ID and Password included below.

******You are all invited to a “Login and Fellowship Greet Time” at 2:15 p.m. and the meeting will promptly start at 2:30 p.m.******

All members and friends of the church are invited to login or call in and participate in this meeting. Members will have the opportunity to vote on agenda items, presented at this meeting. *The meeting agenda and handouts will be sent out with a reminder for this meeting and for your review prior to the meeting.*

The meeting link will open at 2:15 p.m. for folks who would like to hop in and have time to chat. Usually (pre-Covid) at our Mid-Year and Annual Meetings, we would enjoy either a lunch or dessert together before the meetings began – so while we cannot be together (again) for this social time, and it is Super Bowl Sunday, by all means grab a favorite snack or lunch at your house and hop on at 2:15; we’ll enjoy our treats and chat together! The meeting itself will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m..

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 2:15 p.m.!

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Stoneham, Moderator

Here is the Zoom Meeting Information for the Mid-Year Meeting:

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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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 886 8081 7379

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680817379?pwd=kbTXno16e>

In the Family

We lost two dear members of the First Baptist family recently. We remember and give thanks for the life of Cynthia Hirtle, who passed into God's love at age 89 on January 23rd. Hours before her passing, she received a visit from her sons Dan and Peter, which was a great comfort to her. Plans for a celebration of Cynthia's life by her family are pending and will be held once the pandemic recedes. Cynthia was a kind and sweet soul who will be dearly missed.

We remember too, the life of Jan Armstrong who passed into God's love on January 22nd at age 80, surrounded by the love of her family. A private service is planned for later this week, with a public celebration of Jan's life planned for late Spring or Summer as conditions allow. Jan was diagnosed with cancer and was in the care of Hospice in recent weeks. Jan blessed the lives of so many, for so many years at FBC, through her quiet leadership and warm spirit. We surround her husband Ed, their children Tracey, Amy, David and their families with our love and prayers.

Please keep in prayer Mark Clemenzi who is at home recuperating from pneumonia, if you'd like to send a card of encouragement, Mark's address is: 30 Whitney Avenue, Beverly, MA 01915

We also hold in our prayers Sharon Hutchinson, whose sister Linda died this week, following a diagnosis of and profound treatment efforts for COVID-19. Sharon and her family welcome and value our prayers and support so much at this difficult time.

Coming Up at FBC



Thursday, January 28

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

Friday, January 29

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

Saturday, January 30

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

Sunday, January 31

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 via Zoom

6:30pm: Senior High Fellowship: Hammer and Stain via Zoom

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

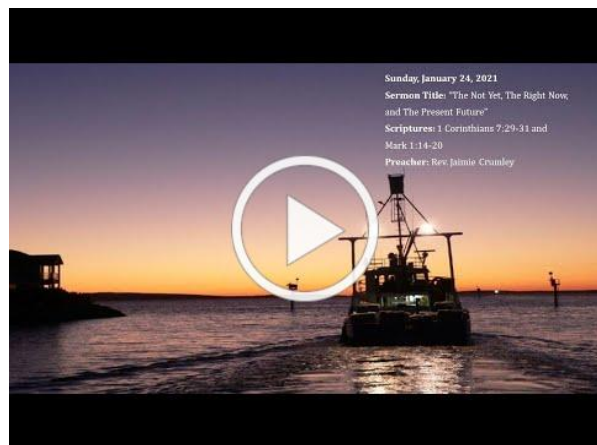
9:30am: Staff Meeting

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

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



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