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Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church

Sunday, February 21, 2021

10:00am: Join us on our <u>Facebook page</u> for a Facebook Premier Worship (This video will ALSO then be available to watch at any time following on our <u>Facebook page</u>, our website at <u>www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons</u>, and on our <u>YouTube</u> 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)

Making Crooked Paths Straight

Scripture: Psalm 24:4-10 and Matthew 3 **Preacher:** Rev. Kent Harrop

The First Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 21, 2021 MAKING CROOKED PATHS STRAIGHT Psalm 25:4-10 and Matthew 3 What a Zoom Fellowship! (Lent Edition)



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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87584963293? pwd=VndSanBZVTIVQVJhcXNPUGlwaEFFdzo9

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Virtual Children/Youth Sunday School

Just a reminder that after a few Sundays off for various and sundry pick-up events at the church, our children and youth will be BACK in the Virtual Classroom on Sunday, February 21St at 11:15 a.m. EST, with Eva Oliveira, Lindsay Ducharme, Scott D., Abby Johnstone, and Madi Bertolino leading our classes. If you aren't yet registered for Virtual Sunday School for our children and youth and would like to be, you can click the box below to sign up!

Sign Up For Sunday School

Youth Fellowships

Middle School: No Program on February 21St

Our Middle School Fellowship group is meeting on a biweekly schedule during this period of virtual programming. We had the opportunity to meet over zoom on the 14^{th} to decorate cookies together and

to work to create handmade cards to go out to those in our church family who are on our Lay Visitation list so we could share the love around, and we will next be meeting on Sunday, February 28th at 4 p.m. (on zoom) for a game day!

Senior High: Emily BINGO Night!

Sunday, February 21St, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST

Join advisor Emily Harting and the rest of our fellowship family as Emily leads a fun and creative virtual BINGO night! Have fun, get a BINGO, win prizes (which advisors will then be delivering to your doorstep during the week!)!

Hop on zoom with us here:

Topic: Sr High Fellowship Emily BINGO Night!

Time: Feb 21, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Valentines Day Rally a Success

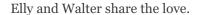
February 14th people drove by and or, picked up for friends, Lent-in-a Box for 115 FBC households. These boxes created and put together by your Spiritual Life Team, are full of inspiring and fun readings and activities for all ages. We hope these boxes add meaning and hope to your Lenten Season. The first Sunday of Lent is February 21st! In addition to receiving boxes, those who drove (or walked by) received Valentines love, from Reverends Julie and Kent, with chocolate kisses! Just another way, that we at FBC are finding creative ways to stay connected as we share God's love. Note: If you do not receive a box by Saturday, please contact Pat at the church office and we'll do our best to get one to you. A limited number remain. Thanks to the Spiritual Life Team for making this event possible: Bryan Vosseler (chair), Lisa LaPlante, Marty Lincoln, Shaina Stevens, Sharon Hutchinson, Karen Wood.





Marty, Lisa and Karen hand out Lent-in-a-Box.







Julie and Kent holding their valentine cards, created by Nola.

Facebook Live: Lenten Home Devotionals 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 Devotionals 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 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 Feb 23rd - Making Crooked Paths Straight - Lisa Tuesday March 2nd - Seeing a Transformation - Bryan Tuesday March 9th - Believing God's Word - Lisa Tuesday March 16th - Embracing Boundless Love - Bryan Tuesday March 23rd - Basking in Divine Light - Lisa

Cloud and Fire (the podcast) COMING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

What are the spiritual resources that God gives us to make it through the journey of this life? Join host Jaimie Crumley and special guests for the first season of "Cloud and Fire," a podcast and video series produced by the First Baptist Church in Beverly, MA. Our theme music is by FBC member Bekah Silva. New episodes are released each Wednesday.

During the first season, Jaimie and her guests explore the theme of Steadfast Love. Join us on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Facebook, and YouTube. Remember to share the podcast with someone you love!

Follow Cloud and Fire on Facebook and Instagram @cloudandfirepod. Join us as we work together to get home safely.



Thursday Zoom Coffee Break, 10 a.m. with Lisa LaPlante!

Lisa LaPlante will be hosting this week's Zoom Coffee Break!

Topic: FBC Coffee Hour

Time: Feb 18, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: https://uso2web.zoom.us/u/kd8eRyJurB



Music with Esther

<u>This Friday 1 p.m.</u> via Facebook Premiere on the FBC Facebook page.

This week, Esther joins Mary Alexander Onstad in singing Bridge Over Troubled Water, and Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

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 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

also find the Friday videos on our <u>YouTube</u> <u>channel (First Baptist Church Beverly Massachusetts)</u>. 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.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT THE AT-HOME COVID-TIMES EDITION: Live Storytelling via Zoom with Tony Toledo (and Pizza Dropped at Your Door!)

We have SO missed our Parents' Night Out crew during this most unusual year (and it has been, officially, nearly a year since we made the decision to cancel the March 2020 Parents' Night Out event out of an abundance of caution, and look at the year since then!). We hope that all our PNO families are doing well and have stayed safe and

healthy.

First Baptist Church's PNO crew is SO excited to announce an upcoming Parents' Night Out (maybe just off for an hour, really!) the At-Home Edition, coming up on Friday, March 5th, at 6:30 p.m.!

We will be hosting a zoom session Parents' Night Out event featuring live storytelling by Beverly storyteller Tony Toledo AND, for those who are interested and sign up ahead of time for this option, members of our PNO volunteer team will



be delivering pizza for dinner right to your doorstep (to help create more of that PNO experience for the kids)!

If you would like to participate, please email Julie Flowers at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org with the following information:

- 1. Indicate that you would like to sign up for the March 5th PNO At-Home Edition Storytelling Event.
- 2. Let us know if you would like to place a pizza order and, if so, please select one of the following
 - Cheese with sweet sauce
 - Cheese with traditional sauce
 - Pepperoni with sweet sauce
 - Pepperoni with traditional sauce
- *Make sure to let us know about any food allergies/dietary restrictions, as well*
- 3. Confirm the best email to which to send your zoom link and invite for the event.
- 4. Confirm your address for our pizza drop-off

That's it! It's as easy as that to get signed up for our first-ever Parents' Night Out (or Hour Off!) At-Home Edition During COVID.

Tony will be telling stories for about 30 minutes, followed by a time of riddles and word puzzles to delight and entertain us all.

As always, this is a free event, and it is open to all, so please feel free to forward this invitation and information to a friend!

See you soon, on the zoom!

Women's Fellowship Virtual Craft Night with Hammer and Stain! Sign up/order by Wednesday evening Feb. 17th to get your items in time!

All women-identifying church members and friends of the church family are invited to sign up for a VIRTUAL Women's Fellowship Craft Night to be held on Saturday, February 20th, at 7 p.m. with the crew from Hammer and Stain (located in downtown Beverly, on Cabot Street, but you will be joining from the comfort of your own space and home!). Click on the personalized link below that Hammer and Stain has created just for our group and select the wooden sign project that you would like to create that night. You will be prompted to select the project you like best, then a stain color for the wood, then up to 4 paint colors. Once you do that, you will check out and purchase your project, and Hammer and Stain will add you to the group list for that evening.

Hammer and Stain will then package up each individual project and alert you when it is ready for pick-up. You will swing by their Cabot Street studio, get all your materials/supplies, and then log on to the zoom they create for us on February 20th, and be led by a Hammer and Stain teacher to create your project while we also enjoy a time of fellowship – it's that easy!

If you are someone who would like to participate but is unable to get to the studio to physically pick-up your project, please let Julie know by emailing <u>iflowers@fbcbeverly.org</u>. We can arrange delivery for those who do not have access/ability to physically get to the studio for pick-up (but are asking that anyone who is able to get out and get there plan to do so to get their project!).

This should be a fun and creative way to be able to get together, laugh together, and do some crafting together – and you'll end up with a really cool project, handmade by *you*!

The link to sign up/purchase your project is as follows: https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/hammerandstainnorthshore/items/282920/availability/59730 oo12/book/?full-items=ves

Sign up/order by Wednesday evening Feb. 17th to be able to get your items in time!

Save the date, select your sign, and we will see you then!







Pictured: Several of the beautiful pieces recently made by our Senior High Fellowship group.

Staffing Update

Rev. Julie Flowers will be taking vacation through 2/21 and will be back in the virtual office on 2/22.

Drive by Honk and Wave Birthday Parade for Beverly Powers

Sunday, February 28th from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm 1:00 pm: Meet and line up at the FBC Parking Lot

1:15 pm: Drive-by Parade Departs

An FBC Church member since 1963, Beverly has been home-bound for 2 years and really misses her church family!

Help us bring her some joy and celebrate her milestone 90th birthday!

Can't join the parade? Perhaps you'd like to send a card of birthday cheer! (no gifts please)

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Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday Episode 1 of "Cloud and Fire" podcast

<u>Thursday, February 18</u> 10:00-11:00 am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time with Lisa LaPlante

> <u>Friday, February 19</u> 1:00 pm: Facebook Premiere: Music with Esther

Saturday, February 20

12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meal- to-go will be provided from the gym) 7:00pm: Women's Fellowship Virtual Craft Night with Hammer and Stain!

Sunday, February 21

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 6:00pm: Senior High: Emily BINGO Night!

> > Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23 9:30 am: Staff Meeting Check out all of FBC Beverly's sermons at fbcbeverly.org/sermons

We Have Not Lost Heart

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 **Preacher:** Rev. Jaimie Crumley



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