

THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church

Communion Sunday February 7, 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](#).)

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

***For this Sunday: BYOC - Bring Your Own Communion!**

Bring whatever element you have for the Bread and the Cup, and we will have the opportunity to share in the Lord's Supper together*

Are You There God? It's Us, Your People.

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-23

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

A photograph of a church steeple at night, with a full moon in the sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

*"but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:21-31*

What a Zoom Fellowship!

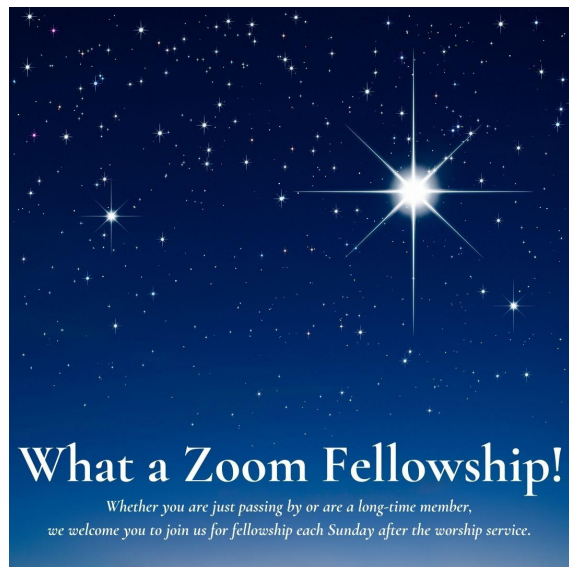
We are the people who have walked in a great darkness, and we keep moving forward because we have seen a star. The light of that star provides just enough light for us to keep moving forward with courage. In these wintry days, we need God's light more than ever before. We shine that light for each other.

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>

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Virtual Children/Youth Sunday School

It is the first Sunday of the month, which means it is once again time for us to gather for our in-person Supply Crate Pick-Up/Hands-On Activity for our Sunday School families! You can come by the church between 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 7th, to get your supplies for the coming weeks of Lenten classes - make sure to come bundled up for the weather *and* wearing a mask (the style that loops around the ears; no gaiters, please!). Please also follow all COVID guidelines, and (even though we will miss you!) plan to stay home if you or anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms of illness, no matter how seemingly-mild.

Weather-permitting, there will also be an opportunity, as usual, for a hands-on craft outside the church during this time! Please email Julie Flowers at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org with any questions.

[Sign Up For Sunday School](#)

Youth Fellowships

Middle School Fellowship:

Our Middle School Youth Fellowship is currently meeting on a biweekly schedule during this period of virtual programming. The group met this past Sunday for an "Adam and Animals" program weaving together a celebration of advisor Adam Constantine's birthday *and* an animal-themed scavenger hunt using the pages of the San Diego Zoo to find our answers (thanks to advisor Anna Mei Gubbins for organizing!). The group will next meet (virtually) on Sunday, February 14th, at 4 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship: Super Games (Outdoors/In-Person)

Note Special Time 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the field near Hannah Elementary School

Our Senior High Fellowship group will have the opportunity to gather (weather-permitting) in-person and outdoors for this coming Sunday's program! The group will be gathering at the field next to Hannah Elementary School (on Brimbal Ave; take the turn on to Wayland Road with Caterpillar Clubhouse on the corner to easily access parking/drop-off near the field) for a Super Day of games ahead of the Superbowl. Please make sure to come dressed **WARMLY** and for the weather and wearing a mask (the style that loops around the ears; no gaiters, please) and following all COVID protocols. This would include members filling out the MyMedBot health questionnaire before attending *and* staying home if they are not feeling well/a family member is not feeling well, even if only with mild symptoms.

If the weather does NOT permit for us to gather in-person this Sunday, we will *not* be meeting this week and will plan to gather on zoom the following week (February 14th) at 6 p.m.

Thursday Zoom Coffee Break, 10 a.m.

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time
Time: Feb 4, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86069009605>

Meeting ID: 860 6900 9605
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Friday at 1:00pm on Facebook: Music with Esther

Join FBC's Director of Music, Dr. Esther Chang for music, brought to you from the FBC Beverly Sanctuary!

This week Esther invites one of her favorite trombonists, Lisa Stoneham to entertain us with beautiful music!

On our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly every other Friday at 1pm.

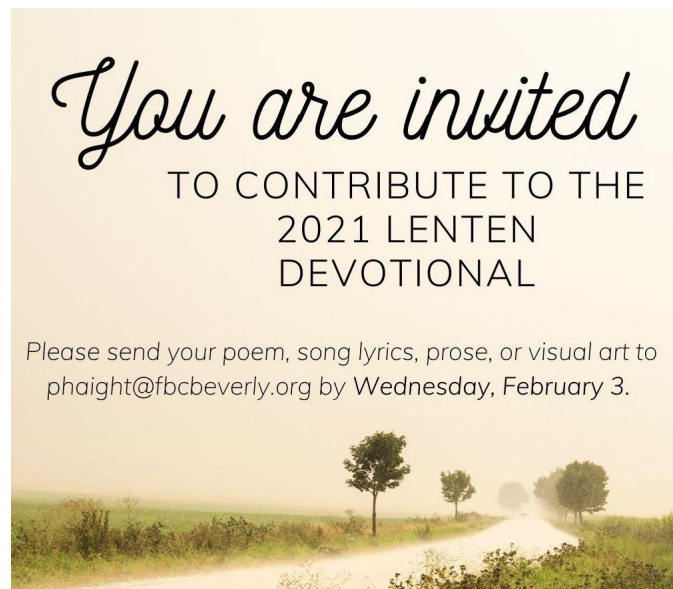


An Invitation to contribute to this year's Lenten Devotional

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 **Friday, February 5** (please note the extended deadline) 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 7:00-8:30 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-rqTkuHdf5IpsgsmOGS5000vbCZLLT>

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 Cassiday 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.

Reminder for the Remote Mid-Year Meeting Including Handouts

Dear Church Family, as promised this is a reminder for the First Baptist Church in Beverly's 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. Included below is the Zoom link and the meeting's handouts.

All members and friends of the Church are invited to Login or Call in. Members will have the opportunity to vote on Agenda Items. You may click on the Zoom link below or by dialing in using the phone numbers included. Please be prepared to enter the Meeting ID and Password included below.

***** You are all invited to a "Login, Call In and Greet Time" at 2:15 p.m. and the meeting will promptly start at 2:30 p.m.*****

The meeting link will open at 2:15 p.m. for folks who would like to hop on and have time to chat. Usually (pre Covid) at our Mid-Year and Annual Meeting, 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 p.m.; we'll enjoy our treats and chat together! The meeting itself will promptly start at 2:30 p.m.

Those members who receive paper bulletins, if you would like to receive paper copies of the handouts, please contact Pat Haight at the Church Office at 978-922-3295.

The handouts are provided below for your review prior to the meeting and to come to the meeting with questions.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, February 7, 2021!

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Stoneham, Moderator

**Remote [ZOOM] Mid-Year Meeting
of First Baptist Church in Beverly
Sunday, February 7, 2021**

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

2:15 p.m. Login, Call In and Greet

- Agenda-

1. Welcome, ZOOM basics (and what we're doing different) *10 min.*
2. Concerns and Celebrations
3. Opening Prayer [Kent]
4. Approval of the 6/28/2020 Annual Meeting Minutes* *5 min.* VOTE
5. Minister's Report [Julie, Kent & Jaimie] *30 min.*
6. Music Director's Report [Esther] *5 min.*
7. Stewardship Report* [Loyce Thomson] *3 min.*
8. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Proposed 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets* [John Thomson]. *15 min.* VOTE
9. Nominations - Staff Ad: Committee Member [Brian Gregory] *5 min.* VOTE
10. Turtle Creek RE-FI* [John Thomson] *10 min.* VOTE
11. HCP Proposal* [John Thomson/Pam Constantine] *15 min.* VOTE
12. Off Pause Challenge [Gloria Stoneham] *10 min.*
13. Action Item review *5 min.*
14. Adjourn - Hard Stop at 4:30 p.m. Thank YOU!

*Handout

[2021 Capital Budget](#)

[2021 Draft Operating Budget](#)

[2021 Pledge Drive Report](#)

[Consent and Subordination re TC refi \(January 2021\)](#)

[HCP Resolution for Vote at the FBC Mid-Year Meeting on 2/7/2021](#)

[Mid-Year Meeting 2021 Financial Report Summary for 2/7/2021](#)

[Mid Year Meeting Agenda 2/7/2021](#)

[Minutes Annual Meeting 6/28/2020](#)

[PROPOSED VOTE BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEVERLY. TCH](#)

NOTE: If you receive the Bulletin via mail, and would like a handout mailed to you via postal service, please contact the church office.

FBC Beverly is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680817379?pwd=bjRwVW9iNEoxMU1NRoZJZktuRoZuQT09>

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Meeting ID: 886 8081 7379

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680817379?pwd=bjRwVW9iNEoxMU1NRoZJZktuRoZuQT09>

In the Family

We hold in our hearts and prayers the family of Grace Jutras, following Grace's death during the month of January. We hold Grace's memory in our hearts, and we join together in holding her family in love.

Valentine's Day Drive-By

February 14th from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. the church family is invited to drive-by First Baptist Church in Beverly (corner of Cabot and Hale Street), and receive some 'FBC love' from Reverend Julie and Kent, and receive your gift of 'Lent-in-a Box'. Lent, the 40 day season, leading up to Easter, begins on February 17th and we want to share this 'box of love', with each household who calls FBC home. In your box will be the FBC Homegrown Devotional, activities for all ages, comfort food and suggested rituals to make this Lenten season full of hope, love and healing. Note: If you know of an FBC member who can't pick up their box, when your drive-by feel free to pick up an extra box, and let us know who you'd like to deliver to. (In the case of inclement weather, which makes the drive-by impossible, (watch the FBC website for any changes), the Spiritual Life Team from FBC will deliver boxes to your doorstep, during the week). For the drive-by please wear a mask and if you wish, stroll by and receive a box in person.



Women's Fellowship Virtual Craft Night with Hammer and Stain!

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 jflowers@fbcbeverly.org. 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/597300012/book/?full-items=yes>

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

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, February 4

10:00-11:00am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time with Julie
7:00pm: NAMI Forum on Mental Health and Wellness (on zoom)

Friday, February 5

1:00pm: Facebook Premiere: Music with Esther

Saturday, February 6

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

Sunday, February 7

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 Sunday School Supply Crate Pick-Up at 221 Cabot St.

1:00pm: Senior High Fellowship: Super Games at Hannah School Field

2:30pm: Mid-Year Meeting of The First Baptist Church in Beverly (on zoom)

Monday, February 8

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

Tuesday, February 9

9:30am: Staff Meeting

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

A Holy Nudge

Scriptures: Deuteronomy: 18: 15-20;

Mark 1: 21 – 28

Preacher: Rev. Kent Harrop



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