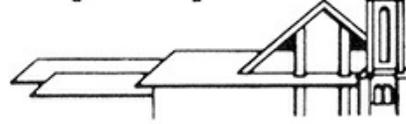


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join us for Sundays with First Baptist Church

**Sunday, May 23, 2021
Pentecost and Music Sunday**

10:00 am: Join us on our [Facebook page](#) for a Facebook Premier Worship
(This video will be available to watch at any time after the service premieres on our [Facebook page](#). You may also view the service on our website, www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons, and on our [YouTube channel](#).)

(You can view everything we post on Facebook even if you do not have a Facebook account!)

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

***Your Sons and Your Daughters
Shall Prophesy***

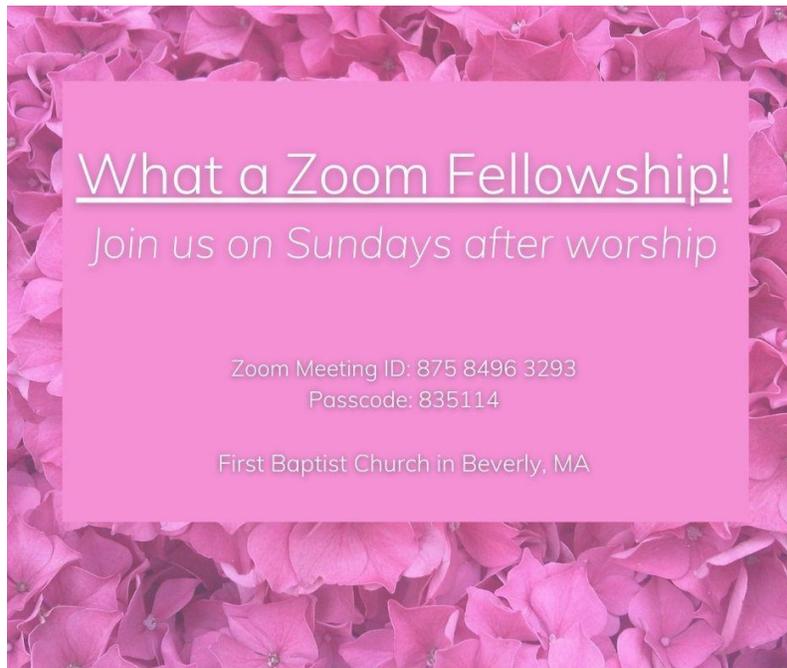
Scripture: Acts 2:1-18

Preacher: Rev. Julie Flowers

Music Sunday on this Pentecost, features a wide variety of FBC's musical gifts as Dr. Esther Chang leads us: Bell choir, Virtual Choir, duets and instrumentalists. Come and be inspired as FBC makes beautiful music!



What a Zoom Fellowship!



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Join your friends each Sunday immediately 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 join us!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87584963293?pwd=VndSanBZVTIVQVJhcXNPUGlwaEFFdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 8496 3293
Passcode: 835114

Youth Fellowships

Our youth fellowship groups are continuing to enjoy being back together in person and outdoors, especially as the weather is becoming better and better! Last week found us enjoying a walk in the woods (Middle School) and a day at Project Adventure (Sr. High) and having a wonderful time doing all of it. For this week, as has been the case, please watch your email for Julie's updates about the programs in the works (because we are making decisions based on weather and availability of outdoor space and programming options) for each group. If you are not receiving Julie's Youth Fellowship emails and would like to be, please email her at jflowers@fbcbeverly.org and ask her to add you to the list.



Sunday's Middle School Fellowship hike!



Senior High Fellowship's AMAZING day at Project Adventure on Sunday!

Season 2: Episode 2 of Cloud and Fire

Here is a sneak peek at what's coming up this week on Cloud and Fire. Jaimie chats with addiction specialist Bobby Newman of Newman Interventions. Jaimie and Bobby discuss recovery, how we can put our faith in action, and how we find peace in our day-to-day lives.

Follow Cloud and Fire on Facebook and Instagram @CloudandFire. Our theme music is by FBC church member Rebekah Silva!



Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Time

Come and gather around the virtual table for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us!

Topic: Zoom Coffee Time
Time: May 20, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136233313>

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In The Family

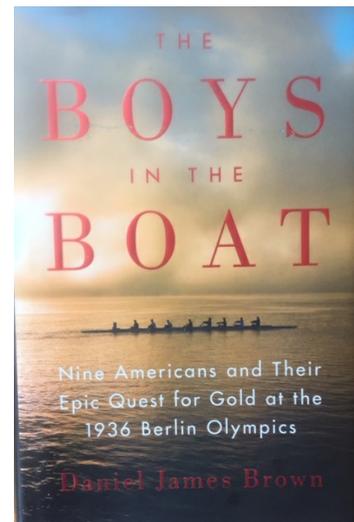
We celebrate with Class of 2021 senior Ali Pheulpin and her family as Ali has made her decision on her next steps after she graduates from Beverly High School. Ali will be attending the University of Connecticut, and she is really looking forward to becoming a UCONN Husky! Congratulations to Ali!

Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox: It's all about 'the boat'

This Friday at 1 p.m. on the [FBC Facebook page](#).

In the classic book 'The Boys in the Boat' by Daniel James Brown. He tells the true story about nine Americans and their epic quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. As he interviews those who lived through the experience, now very old men, they keep saying, 'it's all about the boat'. At first the author thinks they are referring to the actual scull that they rowed as a team. Soon he realizes 'the boat' is a metaphor for something transcendent. It is a reference to that intangible experience when a group of nine rowers transcend their individuality and becoming more, something beautiful.

This Friday at 1 p.m. via Facebook Premier, Kent will invite us to consider lessons for our own time. As we look to the ebbing of the pandemic and the opening up of society, what lessons have we learned about working together for the common good. During these past 15 months, when have we seen or experienced people rowing together in common purpose, in harmony, in rhythm? How can we hold onto and live into such moments of beauty? What are the implications for us individually, as citizens, as a church?



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

New Contemplative Paddle Season Begins!

Our 8th Contemplative Paddle season begins on Saturday, May 29th 8 a.m. on beautiful Chebacco Lake (in Hamilton/Essex). As is our tradition, thanks to the hospitality of Bob and Deb Blanchard, we'll gather by their cabin and launch from their beach. 5 kayaks and one canoe and PFDs are available for loan, or bring your own boat. Limited to nine boats in total. Please RSVP to your guide for this event, Kent Harrop:

kharrop@fbcbeverly.org This is a wonderful and relaxed experience for new and experienced paddlers. For those who sign up, driving directions and a list of items to bring will be sent and a safety protocol to ensure that everyone is safe, getting on and off the water. Once on the water, masks can come off and you can breathe

freely and savor being in the midst of God's creation. We approach this paddle as a meditative practice, a chance to notice what's going on around you and within. Being on the water is a perfect antidote to a stressful time. Event is 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Join us and be renewed! No fee. Open to youth and adults.



Outdoor Communion at FBC

June 6th new worship option: In addition to our Virtual Worship at 10 a.m. FBC will host at 9 a.m. a Communion Service in the FBC parking lot. This service will feature the ritual of communion presented in prepackaged containers of wafer and grape juice.

The service will include a pastoral reflection and prayer along with the traditional words of Jesus: 'This is my body broken for you...this is the cup of the new covenant poured out for you'. Special music will be shared. This service will be from 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. weather permitting.

For safety protocol: We ask that participants, adults and children come masked. Doing so will ensure the safety of all and allow us to gather in closer proximity. We see this as a first step to regathering in person! Please bring a lawn chair. The parking lot will be roped off from parking and serve as a space for the congregation to gather (there is ample parking on side streets). Our hope is to offer this Outdoor Communion Service the first Sunday at 9 a.m. throughout the summer. We will continue to modify the service as conditions allow. Life is gradually opening up and God is always with us!



Reminder of Reopening Task Force Survey

As things continue to change and change again in the midst of the ever-evolving state that is moving through the (hopefully!) tail end of a global pandemic (although we say that bearing in mind and in our prayers the immense suffering happening due to COVID in India and other parts of our world, right now, and recognizing that we are one world, bound up in this journey together, and so until all areas of the world are able to access vaccines and begin to see an easing of the suffering from the pandemic, we are not yet done with this moment in history and in time), we want to remind you to watch your mailbox and double check your email inbox for the recent update letter and survey on behalf of the Reopening Task Force of the church.

We know that the letter and survey, drafted just prior to the recent announcements from the CDC and now the Governor will feel slightly dated in some ways – and such is life in a fast-changing reality! – but we do still hope that people can and will respond to the survey to help us get a sense of the benchmarks of people's individual comfort levels and hopes *and* to help us think about how best to meet our shared needs, as we, too, are already in the midst of change, moving forward toward outdoor Communion services and other in-person outdoor opportunities, even as we seek to live out our shared calling to protect the most vulnerable in our midst.

At this time, as Kent shared in his most recent sermon and as we share in the letter that was emailed and mailed with the survey, we are working on a plan that will find us in the building together in some way in September (there are needs for service to our HVAC system, as well as work to be done ensuring that we are ready to fully livestream all services when we return so that we can ensure both our in-person *and* virtual congregations are being included and spiritually fed, as well as looking toward a time when *all* ages of people can access vaccines and thus be protected by vaccines if they wish), *and* you will see new and increased outdoor in-person gathering opportunities for the coming weeks and months. These are fast changing times, and our Reopening Task Force and process had already found us on a trajectory of change, which we continue to pursue. Your responses on the survey will prove extremely helpful as we move through the process together.

A hard copy was mailed out last week and was also sent to you via email. Should you wish to complete the survey online and need the link again it is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N8VVHGP>. Many thanks for your willingness to share your own comfort level and hopes. We remain grateful to be together on the journey through it all!

Labor Day Weekend Family Camp Come and Join Us September 3-6 2021

It has been a long year away from friends and family. Now is the time to make plans for **Labor Day Weekend**, what are you doing this year?

What could be a better way to wrap up the summer and a long year than a weekend away, at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnepesaukee? Geneva Point is very optimistic that the Covid guidelines which they are following closely, mandated by the state, will be gradually lifted as our situation continues to improve. Our family camp activities will remain flexible as we go into the summer. The weekend is for all ages, singles, families, extended family, friends, and newcomers. Come and join church folks who have attended in past years. It is a time of fun, exploration, community and recreation in a beautiful setting. Sit a while in a rocking chair overlooking the lake and mountains. This time together is sure to become a highlight of your year. You may find out more information on our website, ldwfc.org or genevapoint.org. Funds are available to make the weekend affordable for all those who would like to attend or have further questions, please contact Cindy Shupp at cjshupp@verizon.net.



Julie on Vacation

Julie will be on vacation from Thursday, May 27th through Thursday, June 3rd. She will be back in the office on Friday, June 4th.

Thanks to Mary

A big thanks to Mary Powers, who for the past 2.5 years has been our Communication Associate. Mary concludes her service to FBC with this issue of the Bulletin. During these 2.5 years, Mary has ensured that the various programs of First Baptist in Beverly have been communicated within the congregation and to the wider community via: emails, weekly Bulletin, website, print media and a wide variety of social media platforms.

The importance of Mary's role became very clear as the pandemic unfolded. Unable to meet in person and with the church office closed for those initial months, our Communication Associate ensured that the FBC community remained informed and connected. Over the course of the pandemic as our virtual programming expanded, Mary ensured that our program options were shared within FBC and to the wider community.

Thank you Mary for your professionalism and flexible spirit. We wish you and your family every happiness as you move on to a new opportunity. God's grace and peace be yours.

~ With gratitude, your staff colleagues and the FBC family.

Note: For the next few weeks until a new Communication Associate is found, the current staff will divvy up responsibilities to ensure the Bulletin goes out and the essential of good communication continue. We appreciate your patience and support.

Communications Associate Position

Anyone interested is encouraged to apply for the Communications Associate role (up to 15 hours per week).

Check out the job description here: [Communications Associate Job Description](#)

Apply on Indeed

Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, May 19

Cloud and Fire podcast Season 2, Episode 2
7:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Thursday, May 20

10:00-11:00 am: Drop-in Zoom Coffee Time
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Socially Distanced Rehearsal
7:15 pm: Gospel of Mary Book Study Class on Zoom

Friday, May 31

1:00 pm: Friday on Facebook: Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox

Saturday, May 22

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

Sunday, May 23

10:00 am: Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere
(View the worship video on Facebook, YouTube, and our website!)

11:00 am: What a Zoom Fellowship

Monday, May 24

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

Tuesday, May 25

9:30 am: Staff Meeting

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

***Wondrous News: To be
Baptized with the Holy
Spirit***

Scripture: Acts 1: 1 – 11
Preacher: Rev. Kent Harrop



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