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# Worship With Us!



# Sunday, July 4th at First Baptist Church

10:00 am: Join us on our Facebook page for a Facebook Premiere Worship

(This video will be available to watch at any time after the service premieres on our <u>Facebook page</u>. You may also view the service on our website, <u>www.fbcbeverly.org/sermons</u>, and on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.)

This is also (Bring Your Own) Communion Sunday. Please have a piece of bread and a beverage of choice ready as you watch.

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

11:00 am: See you next week for Zoom Fellowship on Sunday, July 11th!

#### Outdoor Communion ~ July 4th at 9:00 a.m.



Gather with your church family for our monthly outdoor communion service, in the shaded FBC parking lot, corner of Cabot and Hale Street. Our Music Director Dr. Esther Chang will be using our keyboard to lead us in singing some familiar hymns, and a musician of the church will also share their gift of music with us. Bring a lawn/beach chair and arrive please wear your mask as you are arriving. Once seated, we can remove our masks and sing together!

Revs. Julie and Kent will then lead us in the sharing of Communion, using individually-packaged/fully

sealed Communion elements of juice and bread. This event is weather permitting, so please watch the FBC Facebook and website for any weather-related changes.

The church parking lot will be roped off for seating; there is ample on-street parking. Virtual Worship with the full worship service will be at 10 a.m. via <u>FBC Facebook page</u>., the <u>FBC YouTube channel</u>, and the <u>FBC website</u>. (You can also watch worship at a time convenient to you).

Sunday, Virtual Worship
July 4, 2021
10 a.m.

"In the Small Moments of Today"

**Scripture:** Matthew 26:17-30 **Preacher:** Rev. Julie Flowers

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### No Zoom Fellowship this Sunday

On Sunday, July 4, we will have **no** Zoom fellowship after worship. Please attend the outdoor communion service at 9 am if you can! Have a safe and healthy holiday. See you after the worship service on July 11!

#### God in the Wild Podcast!

#### **Episode 5: Nurturing Our Souls**

During the fifth episode of God in the Wild, Kent reflects on a section from the book The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown (2013) about nine Americans from the Pacific Northwest who competed at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Kent shares the stories of some of the people who have been in the boat, selflessly serving their community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Friends, we are all in the boat together. Let us row together toward a more equitable future.

God in the Wild is a production of the First Baptist Church in Beverly, Massachusetts. Follow us online @GodintheWildpod.

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/god-in-the-wild/id1567938862.



NOTE: God in the Wild Episode 6th will come out on Tuesday, July 13th due to the holiday, thanks!



#### **Thursday Morning Zoom Coffee Time**

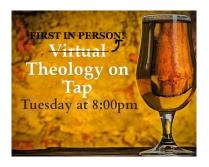
Come and gather around the virtual table on Thursday at 10:00 am for a time of connection, laughter, reflection, fellowship, and sharing! There is always room for more to gather, so come and pull up a chair with us!

Zoom Coffee Time Time: Jul 1, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US & Canada)

> Join Zoom Meeting https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87364127613

Meeting ID: 873 6412 7613 One tap mobile +13017158592,,87364127613# US (Washington DC) +13126266799,,87364127613# US (Chicago)

## ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF IN-PERSON THEOLOGY ON TAP! ~Tuesday, July 6th~



We are VERY excited to announce the return of IN-PERSON Theology on Tap for the months of July and August! On Tuesday, July 6, our Theology on Tap event will be taking place outdoors at The Garden School, located at 36 Foster St. in Beverly, at 8 p.m.! The Garden School – and, specifically, our Theology on Tap crew member Ben Zoba – has graciously offered to host us for July (and if the location seems to work well, we will return to the same spot for August!). Please make sure to bring a chair and to bring whatever you would like to drink. You are also welcome to bring yourself a snack, if you would like! Please make sure to dress for the weather, as we will be outside. You may wish to

bring along some bug spray, as well! IF you are interested in attending Theology on Tap in July BUT would feel more comfortable attending virtually, please email Julie at <a href="mailto:jflowers@fbcbeverly.org">jflowers@fbcbeverly.org</a> by **Friday**, **July 2**, if possible, so she can make arrangements to ensure strong enough wi-fi at our meeting spot and get everyone connected to the group online who may prefer that medium!

There is room around the Theology on Tap table for *all*, and this event *is open to the wider community* – please invite a friend and help us spread the word! See you then!

#### A Strategy In Pursuit of Corporate Responsibility

During the next several months and perhaps over the longer term, the Trustees of Endowment will be sharing with you (the congregation) our management experience in the administration of our (the Church's) endowment assets in accordance with our adopted Social Policy Guidelines. These Guidelines were approved by the Church membership in January 2019 and more recently updated by the Trustees in November 2020. To this end, it was and is the intent of the Trustees to engage the full range of assets that constitute our Endowment in the pursuit of financial corporate responsibility. Simply stated this strategy constitutes the practice of promoting attention to some moral imperatives arising within our world economy by shaping the management of individual and corporate investment strategies to advance a just and peaceful world community.

Consider now the parable described by Jesus involving a Master (recognized business leader) who called upon his three servants to oversee his capital assets while he was away (Matthew 25: 14-30). During the time of his absence, the initial two servants (who were given the largest portions to manage) invested his capital and doubled the value of his (the Master's) wealth. For this performance, their Master, upon his return, was greatly pleased. The last servant, who was given the smallest portion to manage but who was fearful of his Master's discipline should he fail in his stewardship, buried his portion of gold in the ground in order to preserve its existence and value. As a consequence, he was severely chided by his Master and made to forfeit all his resources which were then relegated to his more productive servants for their management.

In pursuit of active discipleship, it is the objective of your Trustees to demonstrate productive management of your financial resources, all in accordance with FBC's Social Policy Guidelines. (Copies of these Guidelines are available in the Church Office.) To this end, we will therefore provide an opportunity over the next several months for our Managers to share with you their unique experiences across the full spectrum of the global economy and to highlight their decisions and corporate advocacy in Board rooms and direct exchanges throughout the world. This reporting will take the form of occasional articles in our Bulletin. We will invite your comments and questions in response to these upcoming articles, to which we will try in every instance to respond.

In Faith, Your Trustees of Endowment Funds First Baptist Church in Beverly

### Delightful Dinner (Saturday, July 17, 2021, hosted by Buck and Cindy Shupp)

On **Saturday**, **July 17**, **at 6:00 pm**, join your friends at FBC for a Delightful Dinner hosted by the wonderful Buck and Cindy Shupp at their home. Our theme for the summertime delightful dinners parallels our worship theme, "The Ordinary and The Extraordinary." The potluck dinner with Buck and Cindy will allow time for some fun and relationship building.

Buck and Cindy are hosting a *potluck dinner*. Please email Cindy at cjshupp@verizon.net by **July 14** to RSVP. In your email, please let her know what dish you will be bringing.



Do you want to host a Delightful Dinner this Summer or in the Fall? Please let Rev. Jaimie Crumley know. Email her at jcrumley@fbcbeverly.org.

#### **Contemplative Paddle: Our 8th Season!**

On June 26th we celebrated our 8th Season of Contemplative Paddle, sponsored by FBC. Big thanks to Bob and Deb Blanchard for hosting our flotilla from their idyllic cottage on Chebacco Lake, for each of these 8 seasons. During the pandemic we found that paddling was a safe way to be together and be renewed. On the water we slow down and seek to paddle in rhythm with the Creator and Creation. It has been a true joy to be part of this ministry.

Paddling has served as a 'port of entry' into the life of FBC, fostered friendships, introduced many to kayaking/canoeing and expanded our spiritual life. Over these 8 seasons we've paddled on the ocean, rivers, and lakes. We've paddled several times too, with our friends from Temple B'nai Abraham. Our time together has been a true blessing. Friends, keep paddling!

~ Kent Harrop



L to R back row: Laurie, Andy, Paula, Vanessa Deb and Bob Blanchard (our hosts) Kelley, Mike, Marty. Front: Diana, Coni.



Before concluding each group paddle, we pull our canoes and kayaks together in a pod and are invited to reflect on our 2 hours on the water. A question asked: 'What did you notice within and around you?'

#### **Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox: Letting Go**



This Friday at 1 p.m. Kent will be reflecting on the spiritual practice of 'letting go'. How cluttered is your office, closet, attic or basement? How cluttered is your mind, imagination, heart? What happens when we look at the process of decluttering as a spiritual practice? It has been said, 'that before we can make room for something new, we need to let something go'. In addition to material possessions, what attitudes or behaviors no longer serve you well? What would you like to let go of? Join Kent as he reflects on this process of letting go, as a first step towards making space for that which is life giving, that which is of the Spirit.

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 <a href="www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly">www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistBeverly</a>. 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 <a href="YouTube channel (First Baptist Church Beverly Massachusetts">You 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.

#### In The Family...

**NOTE:** Rev. Julie Flowers will be on vacation from **July 11th through July 31st**. She will be back in worship on Sunday, August 1st! Rev. Kent Harrop and Rev. Jaimie Crumley will be available to respond to any pastoral needs.

Exciting news: Rev. Jaimie Crumley will be visiting from **July 31st through August 1!** Let's get the welcome wagon ready for her, Luke, and Malia (their sweet pup)!



Additionally, a huge note of gratitude and our prayers of thanksgiving for all the lay leaders of our church for their faithful work during the past sixteen months of this pandemic time.

#### **Coming Up at FBC**



Thursday, July 1st 10:00 am: Zoom Coffee Time

Friday, July 2nd 1 p.m. Deepening Your Spiritual Toolbox

Saturday, July 3rd 12:30 pm: Lunch Program (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

Sunday, July 4th 9:00 am: In-person outdoor communion at the church (weather permitting) 10:00 am: Sunday Virtual Worship Service (View the worship video on Facebook, YouTube, and our website!) Reminder: No Zoom fellowship this morning

Monday, July 5th 6:00 pm: Monday Night Supper (Boxed meals-to-go meals will be provided from the gym)

> Tuesday, July 6th 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 8:00 pm: Theology On Tap in-person at The Garden School

#### <u>The Ordinary and The Extraordinary:</u> <u>Summer 2021 Sermon Series at First Baptist in Beverly</u>

Join us for a sermon series that explores some of the ordinary stories in Scripture. God comes into the mundane and painful moments of our everyday lives and transforms them into extraordinary moments.

Join us by clicking **HERE** and be transformed!

## Sunday June 27th, 2021 "When God Calls"

Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-9

Preacher: Rev. Kent Harrop

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"When God Calls" Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

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

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