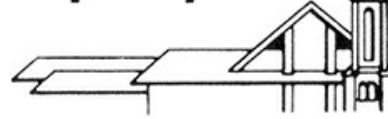


THE BULLETIN

of the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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Join Us for Sundays at First Baptist Church in Beverly

Sunday, October 20, 2019

8:45am: Welcome Café

9:00am: Seeker Class

10:00am: Worship

11:15am: Breakfast for Lunch Fundraiser

(Adult Classes will also meet during the meal with Biblical guests:

John and Timothy)

11:20am: Children's Choir

4:00pm: Middle School Fellowship

6:00pm: Senior High Fellowship

***Moses: How one negative no
became a decisive yes***

Rev. Rev. John DeNardo, preaching

Scripture: Exodus 4:1-17



Youth Fellowship Activities for this Weekend

Middle School Fellowship: Exploring Friendships

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We will gather in the Youth Lounge to begin exploring our annual theme for the fellowship year, as we explore how we grow as a group and as friends and in our relationships with all different types of people in our lives!

Senior High Fellowship

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Finding common ground and getting to know you games. Meets at the church.

Here are some great photos from last weekend's trip to Tuftonboro!



Fall foliage in the White Mountains!



High ropes course!



Kickin' back Tuftonboro style.

JOIN US for *Breakfast for Lunch* in support of the Summer 2020 Mission Trip!

Sunday, October 20th at 11:15am

The Mission Group has invited everyone to stay for a Breakfast for Lunch fundraiser meal immediately following worship – all proceeds will go to support the Summer 2020 Mission Trip.

Adult Education Classes will meet DURING the meal – so anyone interested in checking out a new class or two can pull up a chair at their table! Look for special Biblical guests: John and Timothy. Or, those not in a formal class can just enjoy a time of fellowship and a good meal together!



Mission Group folks who are interested in helping out with the meal/donating food for the meal should contact Doris-Ann Vosseler, who is helping to coordinate the event! (Her email is vosselerd@mersd.org)

Delightful Dinner, October 22nd, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. @ FBC

Delightful Dinner, October 22nd, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Catered dinner (from Henry's catering) and fun ways for newer and longtime participants of FBC to get better acquainted. For all ages. Child care for younger children following dinner. No cost! Sign up before and after worship, or, email kharp@fbcbeverly.org

Help Welcome Our Community on Downtown Trick or Treat!

On Thursday, October 24th, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Beverly hosts its Downtown Trick or Treat – a fun and popular event for the entire community!

We have a long and wonderful history of participating alongside our friends from Harborlight Nursery School, and we want to do so again this year!

BUT we need two things to help ensure we can make that happen! **FIRST – we are looking for donations of PEANUT AND NUT FREE CANDY ITEMS as well as NON FOOD TREATS** (pencils, erasers, bubbles, etc) to give out to those trick or treating.

These donations can be dropped off in our Main Office – just let Pat Haight know they are for Downtown Trick or Treat, or bring them with you on Sunday! **SECOND – Julie Flowers has always staffed this event for the church (and loves it – it's a favorite, ever since the days when she and Pam Constantine were hiding from trick or treaters at 6:15, having run out of goodies!), BUT has a conflict that day.**

We are looking for 2 or more folks (or people who can take turns covering the time in groups of 2 or more) to greet trick or treaters and help hand out goodies that day! This is a really fun and easy way to get involved, to welcome the community to our church home, and to hang out with our fun HNS friends! Please let Julie Flowers know if you can help! jflowers@fbcbeverly.org

DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT
A Beverly Main Streets Event
Thursday, October 24
4-6pm

ENTER HERE FOR TREATS

KIDS IN COSTUMES GET FREE TREATS!

SPONSORED BY

BeverlyMainStreets.org Beth Israel Lahey Health Beverly Hospital WHOLE FOODS MARKET

The Book Group Explores "The Postmistress"

The Book Group will meet on Friday, October 25 at 2 o'clock in the church Lounge to discuss "The Postmistress", a best-selling book from 2010 by Sarah Blake. The book is the story of two women during World War II on opposite sides of the Atlantic, each trying to establish herself in jobs traditionally filled by men. Iris James is the newly appointed postmistress in a small town on Cape Cod who as an employee of the federal government tries to adhere strictly to rules. Frankie Bard is an apprentice reporter/broadcaster under Edward R. Murrow during the Battle for Britain raids on London where danger necessitates constant improvisation and courage to do her job. The book contains many interesting details of the challenges broadcasters like Murrow and William Shirer in Berlin faced in getting the news out and the effects radio had on both sides of the Atlantic. This book was highly recommended by longtime church member Lois Gallo. New people are always welcome to join the discussion, even if only for one session.

All Church Forum on Immigration October 27th, 11:20 am -12:10 pm

In the midst of a dramatic increase in arrests and deportations of undocumented neighbors in the United States and here in Massachusetts, what would our faith have us do? As American Baptists, we believe in 'Soul Freedom'. Soul Freedom is the deep seated belief that each person has a responsibility to follow their conscience as led by God's Spirit. Could it be that the Spirit is calling you to stand with our most vulnerable neighbors?



Note: This forum will be preceded by a dialogue sermon at 10 a.m. between Kent Harrop and our guest, Aviva Herr-Welber. They will explore ways the Jewish and Christian faith speaks about welcoming the foreigner, alien, stranger.

Forum Speakers:

Aviva Herr-Welber is a community organizer with the Essex County Community Organization (ECCO). Her work includes supporting the formation of the North Shore Interfaith Sanctuary Network. Aviva will share about the importance of sanctuary and accompaniment for our immigrant neighbors in this moment, as well as the roots of this work in our faith traditions.

Mary Ann Hayes is member of the UU Church of Greater Lynn, which recently voted to move toward becoming a host congregation (providing physical space) to an individual seeking sanctuary as a part of the North Shore Interfaith Sanctuary Network. Mary Ann was a member of the core team that helped bring her congregation toward this decision, and is now a member of the North Shore Sanctuary Network Steering Committee. Mary Ann will share about the process and what this work has meant to her personally.

Oliverio Diaz is a member of ECCO's Shining Together immigrant-led co-op, as well as a member of EC-CO's board. Oliverio will share why the work of sanctuary is important to him, and how it is connected to his own immigration story.

Bill Schneider, a member of FBC and on the FBC Social Concerns Committee, is leading an 'Accompaniment Team from FBC' to walk alongside the Unitarian Church of Greater Lynn. If your conscience leads you to serve on this 'Accompaniment Team', there will be a menu of options to sign up for: Daily prayer support, laundry, driving residents to medical appointment, overnight hospitality, meals, friendship visits

Rick Harris Returns

Our church consultant, Rev. Rick Harris, will be at FBC October 22 – 27th and November 12 – 17th. As he did in his September visit, Rick will be attending a variety of church programs during his week with us. Rick's goal is to listen closely to the hopes and dreams of the congregation. With our Staff Administration Committee (Co-chaired by Brian Gregory and Bob Stoneham and in consultation with our Moderator, Pam Constantine) and church staff he will develop a process to build upon our church goals (approved in May 2018) and to consider our church system and the best long term staffing model, to help us accomplish our goals and live into our core values. Rick will be onsite with First Baptist one week per month for approx. 4 – 6 months. Any questions about the process, please speak with Brian, Bob or Pam.

Welcome Cafe Help Needed

Hello everyone,

I hope you've been enjoying the Welcome Café set up before and after church. Communal Life loves providing this service to encourage people to visit with each other before and after church.

We hope to continue keeping the Welcome Café the welcoming place it is, but we need YOUR help! Currently we have just a handful of people keeping it going with the set-up before and clean up after church; but all of us have other commitments or other challenges that will affect our availability to run the Welcome Café over the next few months.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be at Church early (8:00 a.m.!) to assist with set-up to be ready to go at 8:45 and/or stay late (typically till 12:30 p.m.) to get it all cleaned up and everything put away. We desperately need help for October, November and January particularly. The primary need for October is for clean-up after the Welcome Café closes.

If you offer your help, we will show you what needs to be done; we also have some written guidance to help as well. We can have you help us a couple of times so you get familiar with what needs to be done working with us. Please let Lucy Keller (vtlady muse@hotmail.com), Andrea Stackpole (astack101142@hotmail.com) or John DeNardo (jdendaro@fbcbeverly.org) know if you are interested in helping!

Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 23rd!

The Holiday Fair is on Saturday, November 23rd, and there is a place for everyone to participate in this very important church fundraiser.

- Do you DIY? We have an all church craft table that sells every kind of homemade item. Just Let Marty Lincoln know what you are planning on making, and deliver the finished products to her before the 23rd.
- Can you create a theme basket for our highly touted Silent Auction? Pick a sports theme, a food theme, a baby theme or what have you, and create a basket around it. Or donate gift cards to restaurants or museums or sporting events, and they will become part of a basket or auctioned off on their own.. Need help thinking of an idea? Speak to Loyce Thomson
- Do you enjoy baking? It makes the house smell so nice and it warms up a chilly November kitchen. Speak to Elly Flowers or Cindy Shupp for more information. **Applealooza will take place on Saturday, Nov. 16** - the most fun you can have in the gym at 9:00 am on a Saturday!
- Keep looking through your gem collection for jewelry to donate to Jan or Tracey Armstrong.
- Still have that lamp made from a dog statue? Grandpa's Attic will take all of your gently used treasures and resell them to folks who will love them anew. Speak to John Thomson about your attic contents
- Not really a holiday fair person? We always need money to underwrite the cost of purchasing the food items for the breakfast and luncheon. You can drop a check at the office or give it to Pam Constantine.
- And remember that there is a special place in Heaven for those who help clean up from 2:30 to about 5:00 when the Fair is over. Many hands!!

HOLIDAY FAIR
SATURDAY, NOV. 23
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
A FUN FAMILY FAIR!

There is more to come, so stay tuned for opportunities to sign up to work at the Fair! Questions? Ask Pam Constantine or email at pam@bpond.com. Read more at www.fbcbeverly.org/holiday-fair

Silent Auction Items Needed for Holiday Fair

It's not too early to donate to the silent auction! Mark Clemenzi, a member of FBC's congregation, has already donated a beautiful dove which he created and carved himself, using only his left hand. Since this is the first donation, it's officially Item #1 for the

auction. Jack Alves' generous contribution of gift cards to Stop & Shop will become Items 2 and 3, but this is only the start. More contributions are needed.

It's easy and fun to make a donation. Popular items include new or good-as-new gift items, gift certificates to restaurants and stores, themed gift baskets, art objects (paintings, watercolors, quilts, handcrafted items), tickets to cultural events (concerts, museums, theatre or movies), and of course the most popular items of all, tickets to any local professional sports games. If you have donations or questions, please speak to or email Loyce Thomson at Loyce@comncast.net.



Crafters wanted for the Holiday Fair!

There are still a few spots left for crafters to rent an 8 foot table at our Fair on Nov. 23rd. For only \$50, crafters get a table, two chairs, and electricity (free of charge) as long as they ask for it on their reservation form. If you know anyone who makes lovely crafts who is looking for a great venue to sell their wares, please have them contact the office at 978-922-3295 or check our website for more information and the reservation form: www.fbcbeverly.org/holiday-fair

John DeNardo's Ordination Service: A Thank You from John

I am sincerely grateful for my church family here at FBC. Your decision to ordain me as a Baptist minister is both humbling and empowering. This is such a reminder to me that we all need one another to affirm God's call in each of our lives. So many of you volunteered and worked so hard to make the ordination service a meaningful time for us all. Thank you Tricia Harrop, Elly Flowers, Jan Armstrong, Gloria Stoneham, Leslie Brennan, Karen Popadic, Lucy Keller, Doris-Ann Vosseler, Bryan Vosseler, Dick Stone, Karen Wood, Brian Gregory, Abby Sykes, Joe Bertolino and Adam Costa. Thank you also Pam Constantine as Moderator for your attention to details and for presenting on behalf of the church family a financial gift as well as a beautiful stole that I already broke in on Sunday! Thank you for the support of my colleagues: Rev. Julie Flowers, Rev. Kent Harrop, Dr. Esther Chang.



Coming Up at FBC



Wednesday, October 16
4:30pm: Lecto Divina
6:15pm: Joy Ringers
7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers
7:30pm: Trustees of Endowment

Thursday, October 17

6:00pm: HCP Gala
6:00pm: Celebration Ringers
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, October 19

11:30am: Chapel Choir
12:30pm: Lunch Program

Sunday, October 20

8:45 am: Welcome Café
9:00am: Seeker Class
10:00am: Worship
11:15 am: Breakfast for Lunch Fundraiser (Adult Classes will meet during the meal)
11:20am: Children's Choir
4:00pm: MS Fellowship
6:00pm: SH Fellowship

Monday, October 21

6:00pm: Monday Night Supper
6:30pm: Church Home
7:00pm: Social Concerns

Tuesday, October 22

9:30am: Staff Meeting
6p.m. Delightful Dinner
7:30 pm: Deacons

Wednesday, October 23

4:30pm: Lecto Divina
6:15pm: Joy Ringers
7:15pm: Harborlight Ringers

Thursday, October 24

6:00pm: Celebration Ringers
7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir

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

Listening for God's Yes

Rev. Kent Harrop, preaching
Scripture: Exodus 2: 11 – 25



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