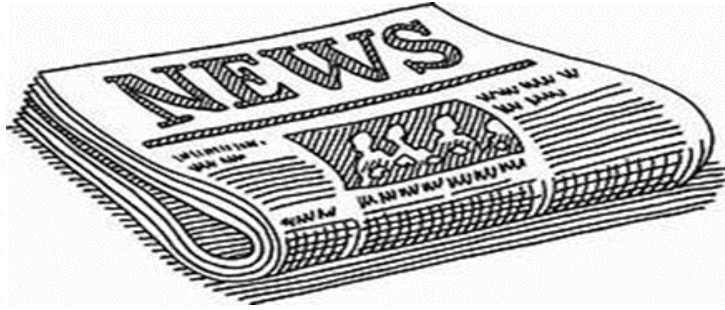


**SPECIAL
EDITION**



NEWS from the BRIDGE

Life at
Bridge Street United Church
(Belleville, ON)

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Wednesday, October 7, 2020



This year, B.S.U.C.'s Thanksgiving worship (Sunday, October 11th) will happen via 2 unique opportunities.



As per our current format, the Thanksgiving service will be available on YouTube, albeit premiering at a new time - **9:30 a.m.**

Login details will be available in Friday's regular edition of *NEWS from the BRIDGE*.



For those who wish to experience 'in-person' community, worship will happen within the Sanctuary, again at **9:30 a.m.**

Save for Rev. David's live 'words of welcome', worship will be observed by way of the same program as is on YouTube, the only difference being that in the Sanctuary it will be shared via the TV monitors.

ACTION REQUIRED

Attending 'in-person' worship **requires** the following...

That you, please:

- **Call** the Church Office (613-962-9178) to advise of your attendance before this Friday at 3 p.m.
- **Arrive** at the Sanctuary between **9 a.m. and 9:20 a.m.**; worship will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.
- **Enter** the Sanctuary via the center doors (on Church Street) **ONLY**; Accessibility accommodation will occur via the Ramp entrance.
- **Wear a mask** throughout your attendance.
- **Sanitize your hands** upon entry and exit.
- **'Check in'** with a volunteer who will ask you COVID-19 screening questions.

- **Forgo shaking hands** when greeting one another.
- **Place your financial contribution/offering** in the designated receptacle.
- **Observe the government mandated social distancing protocol** by keeping a space of 2 meters (6 feet) between yourself and another individual, excepting in the case of families residing at the same residence or those who are part of an intentional social bubble.
- **Sit** only in designated pews as directed to by a volunteer. *Regrettably, requests for pew-specific seating cannot be accommodated because of traffic flow restrictions.*
- **Remain seated** for the duration of your attendance. By all means, attend to your restroom needs nonetheless.
- **Use** only the single occupant, gender-neutral washroom near the Ramp entrance.
- **Do not sing.**
- **At worship's ending, depart** the Sanctuary via the Ramp door, all the while observing social distancing protocols.
- **Remember** not to congregate on the ramp or on the adjacent sidewalk when leaving the Sanctuary as it will disrupt the exiting process.



Rev. David and the Worship & Music Team are facilitating this in-person gathering in response to specific requests for it.

The experience will assist us in understanding what possibilities exist on a go-forward basis and what our capacity for achieving them is.

The 9:30 a.m. start time has been chosen to avoid overlapping with the setup/serving of our complimentary community lunch.

As respects future plans, the sanctuary-based, Thanksgiving worship service is the only mass, in-person gathering contemplated for at least the next 2-3 months. Worship services (and other type, larger scale meetings) will continue to be offered via YouTube until a change is announced.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Disclaimer

During the Coronavirus pandemic, attending at any indoor, 'in-person', gathering carries with it a degree of risk relative to contracting the virus. Notwithstanding our intentional preparations, high intensity cleaning, participation protocols, etc., Bridge Street United Church (B.S.U.C.) cannot, and does not, offer any assurance of, promise, or commitment to, safeguarding your physical health beyond what our efforts may accomplish. Please appreciate that in attending an in-person gathering at B.S.U.C. you are doing so entirely at your own risk.