

NEWS from the BRIDGE

Life at Bridge Street United Church (Belleville, ON) during COVID-19

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Friday, June 5, 2020



Congratulations Rev. David

On Sunday, May 24, Rev. David King celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination as a Minister in the United Church of Canada. The Governance Board, on behalf of the entire Congregation at Bridge Street United Church, wishes to offer its acknowledgement and congratulations to Rev. David on 30 years of outstanding service and leadership over the years.

The Governance Board, at its meeting on May 21st decided to establish the Rev. G. David King Endowment Fund, to recognize and commemorate this important milestone. The Board has contributed a gift of \$2,000 to establish the Endowment Fund and any income earned from this Fund will be used for a purpose to be determined by Rev. David. Members of the Congregation are invited to help grow the Endowment Fund by making a contribution of their own.

While Rev. David has only been with us for two short years, his contributions to the life and works of Bridge Street have been felt far and wide by so many.

Gary Hannaford for the Governance Board



Years ago, when I was in high school, my history teacher, Bob McAlpine, taught me a valuable lesson in conveying gratitude.

As it happened, having submitted a well-received (and graded) final essay for his class, Bob went out of his way to acknowledge my work in front of my peers.

My reaction to his praise was cringeworthy as I tried to downplay it by cracking jokes.

Seeing the occasion as a teachable moment, Bob gently, but directly, told me that I would need to learn how to take a compliment if I was ever going to make my way through life. And then he showed me how!

"Stick out your hand; shake the compliment maker's hand and say 'Thank you; I appreciate your kind words/actions' or something like it."

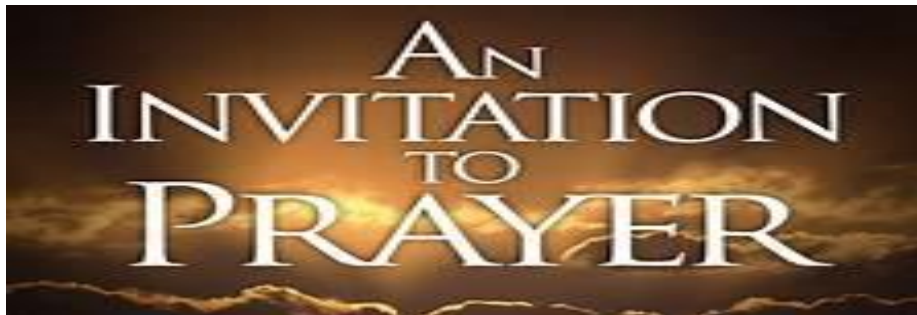
That guidance has stuck with me for some 40 years now.

And so, while handshaking is frowned upon presently, I nonetheless say to the Governance Board, the congregation, and those who may add to it, "Thank you for creating/contributing to this endowment in my name; I am honored and humbled at such a remarkable gift."

Sincerely,

David +

p.s. My deeply held belief in a social gospel approach to advancing the kingdom of God is expressed as I support the national United Church's Mission & Service initiatives. To that end, I am delighted to name this work as recipient of income arising from the endowment that bears my name. *D.K.*



Of the many activities that contribute to the life of the Church, surely prayer is a prominent one.

Praying for one and another has long been a practice that communities of faith engage in at times of celebration, sorrow, uncertainty, and fear.

It is our privilege to pray for the well-being of our sisters and brothers the world over.

Sometimes the local church becomes aware of life-events that call for our prayers in support of fellow parishioners.

And so we do!

We pray for their strength; we pray for their souls' to be comforted; we pray for a different and better future than is their current circumstance.

This week you are invited to add to your prayers:

- **Carolyn M.** (and family) as she mourns the passing of her beloved husband, Ted.
- **Rev. Vicki and Martha** as they continue on the road to renewing health.
- **Marilyn B.** as she is recipient of a transplanted liver.

- The Late Bob Cruickshank's wife **Gail**, and family, as they grieve his passing.
- **Those** individuals, and their families, who consent to organ donation so that others may live.
- **Those** whose challenges have yet to be conveyed to us and yet are so very real.

Rev. David welcomes news of others for whom we can pray. *Please reach out and advise.*



TRINITY SUNDAY

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

AVAILABLE ONLINE beginning THIS Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

LOGIN IN DETAILS:

Please copy (ctrl c) and paste (ctrl v), or otherwise place this link into your browser and press enter:

<https://youtu.be/Wgrm5kElwKo>

COMPONENTS FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting (responsively):

The compassion of Christ, the love of God,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
AND ALSO WITH YOU!

Lighting the Christ Candle (responsively):

Our Christian tradition teaches that there is mystery and wonder in our relationship with God; a mystery and wonder that opens in our worship and in our active discipleship.

Equally, the mystery is expressed as we relate to God as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Mystery, yes, at the same time revelation; one God whose fullness is lived in relationship.

We light this Christ candle naming Jesus as a life-giving, gracious presence within our relationship with the Creator and the Spirit.

*Written by The Rev. Bill Perry
Gathering, Pentecost 1 2020
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The Gathering Prayer:

Here we come to experience the presence of God.
Here we seek to be inspired by the Way of Jesus for the week ahead.
Here we enter to look for ways to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

**Here we gather:
to feel the winds of God,
to sense the power of the Spirit,
to find the truth of Christ for our lives.
May it be so in this time of worship.**

In the name of the blessed Trinity. Amen.

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Gathering, Pentecost 1 2020
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VU #401 – ‘Worship the Lord’

Refrain:

*Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!*

- 1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing, giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one! R

- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! *R*
- 3 Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one! *R*
- 4 Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one! *R*

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Our Payer of Reconciliation:

**Understanding God,
we admit that we have erred against you,
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with all our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
For these, and other neglected opportunities
we are truly sorry.
By your immeasurable grace,
watch for us to try anew to live and love as Jesus,
such that we may walk in his ways and honour your will.**

As your people, this we are confident to pray. Amen.

The Affirmation:

Hear this and believe!
The past is behind us; the future is before us;
the moment of new beginnings is now!
Having acknowledged our regret for wrongs done,
we commit to doing better.

For it is by this that we are made right with God.

Hallelujah! Amen.

The Choir: 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'

Minute for Mission:

A Reading from Scripture – Matthew 28: 16 - 20

Sue Reid

Thoughts Along The Way:

The Rev. G. David King

Instrumental Improvisation of "Dance with the Spirit"

Mitchell Cox

The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi & Lord's Prayer:

VU #512 – 'Lord, You Give the Great Commission'

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach.'
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.
- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood.'
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us

share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

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WATCH FOR IT!

