

NEWS from the BRIDGE

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

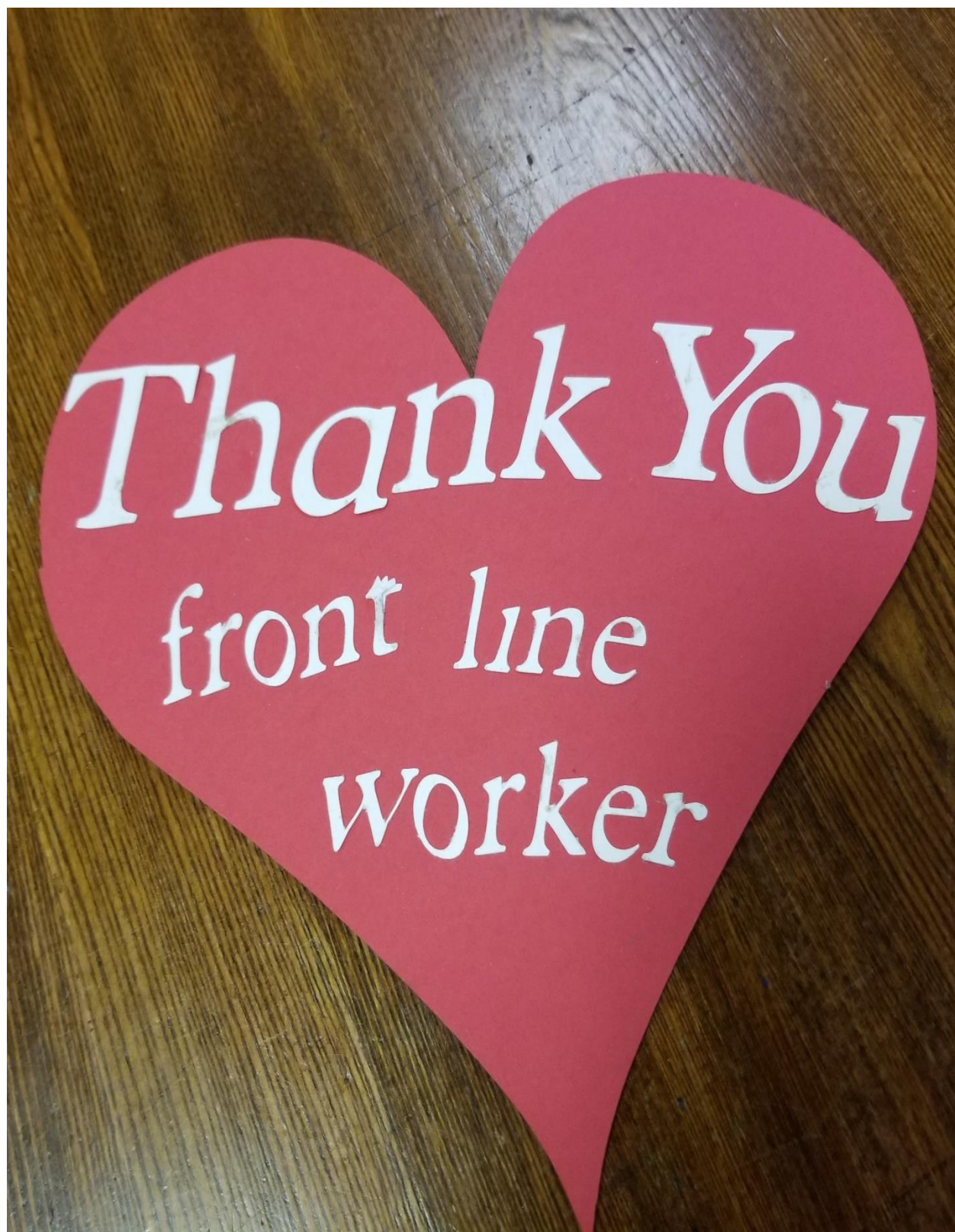
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Friday, July 3, 2020



As we near the 4th month of our COVID-19 response, BSUC and partners have been acknowledged by a number of individuals and agencies for the good works that we've been part of in these precarious times.

Included below are some images of the recognition we're received.
We thought you'd like to see!

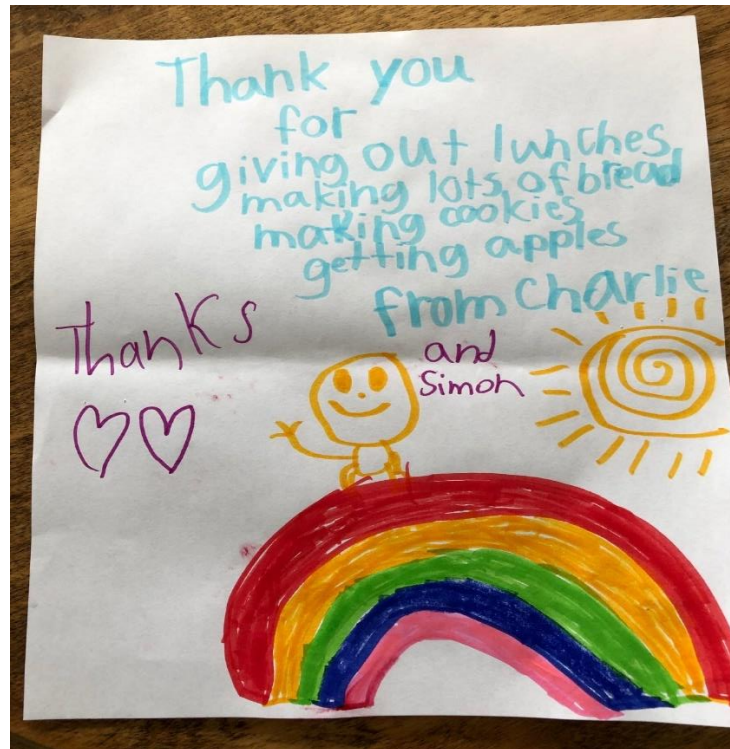


"Good Morning... I was out last night running some errands when I saw this rainbow shining out of (or onto) Bridge Street United. Every time I drive past the port-o-potties I think "that is a group that has given real, honest thought to what people truly need." It's not glamorous, it's not for show, it is a raw and heartbreaking need that you have met. "

- Name withheld as permission to disclose not obtained



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And through Steve van de Hoef to all who make the Meal Program a reality.



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Accompanying Steve to this past Wednesday's awards' ceremony, as representative of the volunteers who prepare, serve, and otherwise care for our guests, were Lisa Morris and Joe Culp.

Also shown (from the left)... Neil Ellis, Member of Parliament; Todd Smith, Member of Provincial Parliament; and, Mitch Panciuk, Mayor of Belleville.



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We remember with fondness, **June Scarlett**, who for many years was a very active member of Bridge Street United Church. She passed away at Quinte Health Care on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

Our condolences are extended to June's sons, Brian and Stephen.

"Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."



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Many thanks for your commitment to the work and witness of BSUC.



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

The Worship & Music Team wishes to advise that the following schedule reflects when BSUC will offer online worship throughout the summer.

On those occasions when we do not broadcast, we encourage you to join another United Church for their electronic service.

While there are a plethora of congregations offering online worship those days, a more local option would be Eastminster United Church, Belleville (<http://eastminster.ca>).

JULY 5th	✓
JULY 12th	X
JULY 19th	✓
JULY 26th	✓
AUGUST 2nd	✓
AUGUST 9th	✓
AUGUST 16th	X
AUGUST 23rd	✓

AUGUST 30 th	✓
SEPTEMBER 6 th	X



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 closer to home and further afield.

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 soul 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:

- The family of **June S.** who passed on June 28, 2020.
- The family and friends of **Sylvianne B.**, one of the three founders of Knitters United, who passed away a week ago this Sunday, having struggled with leukaemia and latterly pneumonia.
- **John A.** as he faces ongoing health challenges; **Ella May**, for strength, as she continues to be caregiver and advocate to John.
- **Marilyn B.** as she is in process of being a liver recipient, and her husband, **Jim**, as he supports her.
- **Those** who continue to work at restricting the spread of COVID-19.

- **Those** whose challenges have yet to be conveyed to us and yet are so very real.
- **All** who contend with a reduction in hours of work, or job loss, as a consequence of the realities caused by the pandemic.

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



FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

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

Our thanks to Judy McKnight for being this week's vocalist!

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/nXz7byee0t4>

PARTICIPANT PARTS –

MV #145 - Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. *R*
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. *R*
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. *R*

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Our Payer of Reconciliation:

**Understanding God,
we admit that we have surely disappointed 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 missteps, we are truly sorry.
By your immeasurable grace,
watch for us to try anew to live and love as Jesus,
so that we may walk in his ways and honour your will.**

In Jesus' name we 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.

Prayers of the People:

O God,
Lover of the world, you hold all that
you have created within your compassionate embrace,
ultimately involved and intimately concerned
for the well-being of each and all.

**As you hold our lives, torn by sorrow, anguish,
or hatred within your aching heart, we cry out for
relief and release – for ourselves, for those we love,
and for our world.**

May your healing presence gently transform the places
of our lives where we hold disappointment and pain.

May your loving presence be a comforting reality for all
who find themselves in despair, lost or alone,
especially during this time of Covid-19.

May your transforming presence create generosity
where there is greed, harmony where there is
violence and chaos, everlasting justice where evil
now reigns– particularly where racism exists or any form
of discrimination denies a person or people their dignity,
their integrity, their freedom of assembly, expression,
or choice of life companion.

**O God, lover of the world, from the silence of our own hearts,
we remember before you these people and places that need
your healing, loving, and transforming presence.**

Pausing for silent, private prayer...

O God, lover of the world, hear our prayers and in your love answer,
tomorrow as today, then as now, always and forever. **Amen.**

VU #600 – When I Needed a Neighbour

- 1 When I needed a neighbour, were you there,
 were you there?
 When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
 And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
 were you there?
- 2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,

were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?

3 I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?

4 When I needed a healer, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
were you there?

5 Wherever you travel I'll be there,
I'll be there,
wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.

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***NEWS from the BRIDGE and WORSHIP FOR THE WEEK
returns in 2 weeks time.***

The Church Office will be closed from July 6 – 10 for vacation taking.

***In the event of an emergency, please contact Rev. David King
at 905-375-7369. Alternately... interim.clergy@gmail.com***

We'll be back on Monday, July 13, 2020!

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