



NEWS from the BRIDGE

Life at

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

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Following some vacation and lieu time taking, the full complement of staff is back to work.

While reduced hours may impact immediate availability, please contact us via the church's phone number (613-962-9178). If your call goes unanswered in real time, please leave a message; it will returned as soon as possible.

Rev. David is available for urgent matters anytime at 905-375-7369.



COMPLIMENTARY HAND SANITIZER

B.S.U.C. has a supply of donated and in-house produced hand sanitizer on hand.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of a bottle of it, please contact Carol at admin@bridgestchurch.com to arrange for contact-less pick-up at the church.



We remember, **Fred Stacey** (July 29, 1928 – July 2, 2020) who passed away less than one month before his 92nd birthday and 2 days before his and Irene's 70th wedding anniversary.

Our condolences are extended to Irene and family.

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



BSUC is now INTERAC e-Transfer compatible!

Simply add admin@bridgestchurch.com to your INTERAC e-Transfer contact list and your donation will be automatically deposited into the church's operating bank account (no security questions/answers to worry about).

If you're already registered in the church office to receive charitable donation tax receipts, your INTERAC e-Transfer donations will be recorded and receipted at the end of the year. If you're not yet registered with the church office, please send a separate e-mail to admin@bridgestchurch.com to provide us with your mailing or e-mail address.

Of course, you can also continue to use our other methods of donating...

Cheque – Please mail to 60 Bridge St. E., Belleville, ON, K8N 1L7.

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance, monthly, administered by the United Church of Canada) – Please contact the church office via admin@bridgestchurch.com to arrange for this method of contributing.

Credit Card – Visit the homepage of our website www.bridgestreetchurch.com and click the "Donate Now" button to contribute through "CanadaHelps".

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 19th	✓
JULY 26th	✓
AUGUST 2nd	✓
AUGUST 9th	✓
AUGUST 16th	X
AUGUST 23rd	✓
AUGUST 30th	✓
SEPTEMBER 6th	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:

- **Irene S.** and family as they mourn Fred's passing on July 2, 2020.
- The family and friends of **Sylvianne B.**, one of the three founders of Knitters United, who passed in early July.
- The family of **June S.** who passed on June 28, 2020.
- **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 recovers from a liver transplant, and her husband, **Jim**, as he supports her.
- **Those** who continue to work at restricting the spread of COVID-19, while others of us are engaged in re-opening the economy.
- **All who** are tired and weary from the social distancing and dislocation.
- **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.*

WE'RE BACK ONLINE!



**FOR THE WEEK OF
JULY 5, 2020**

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

Our thanks to Moira Nikander-Forrester for being today's song leader!

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/7JUxmLusOBo>

PARTICIPANT PARTS –

VU #286 – If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

- 1 If you will trust in God to guide you,
and hope in God through all your ways,
God will give strength, whatever betide you,
and bear you through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that will not move.
- 2 God will embrace your pain and weeping,
your helpless anger and distress.
If you are in God's care and keeping,
in sorrow will God love you less?
For Christ, who took for you a cross,
will bring you safe through every loss.
- 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;
so do your own part faithfully,
and trust God's word; though undeserving,
you'll find God's promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
the soul that trusts in God indeed.

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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.**

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VU #626 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

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HAVE A RESTFUL WEEK!

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