



NEWS from the BRIDGE

Life at

Bridge Street United Church (Belleville, ON)

during COVID-19

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CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next few weeks so that our Office Administrator, Carol, can enjoy her well-earned vacation.

The Office will be open (and Carol on hand) Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A return to the Monday to Friday schedule will be announced within this publication.

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NEW START TIME FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

In keeping with past practice, the start time of worship is moving ahead one half hour as of NEXT SUNDAY (August 2, 2020).

We will premier our weekly online gathering on **YouTube at 10 a.m. Sunday.**

Please see the "Participant Parts" in the latter part of this publication for the corresponding link

The following schedule reflects when BSUC will offer online worship for the balance of the summer.

AUGUST 2nd	✓
AUGUST 9th	✓
AUGUST 16th	X
AUGUST 23rd	✓
AUGUST 30th	✓
SEPTEMBER 6th	X

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, a more local option would be Eastminster United Church (<http://eastminster.ca>).



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.



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.

This week you are invited to pray for the following individuals and their circumstances. As seems right, please pray for their strength; pray for their soul to be comforted; and pray for a different and better future than is their current circumstance.

We lift before God:

- **Ted R.** and his wife, **Karen** (a past president of our U.C.W). Ted is (or will soon be) receiving palliative care chemotherapy.

- 14 year old, **David W.** (and family). David was involved in a terrible accident that has seriously injured him.
- **Joe C.** and his grandfather, **Marshall** (94 years of age). Marshall is hospitalized in Parry Sound and is being provided end-of-life care.
- **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 has returned home from hospital; **Ella May**, for strength, as she continues to be caregiver and advocate for 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.*



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.



***FOR THE WEEK OF
JULY 26, 2020***

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

Our thanks to Judy McKnight for being this week'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/3a4EjVBGL8E>

PARTICIPANT PARTS –

MV #144 – Like a Healing Stream

1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth
like a healing stream
2. Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil
to coax a new creation
yearning for an end to want and need
like a gentle rain.
3. Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel
in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war
like a river strong.
4. Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts
to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

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Prayer 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.

MV #79 - Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. *R*
2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. *R*

3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. *R*

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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 #713 – I See a New Heaven

Refrain:

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. *R*
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. *R*
- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. *R*
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.

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