



NEWS from the BRIDGE

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

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next number of weeks to accommodate the taking of vacation by our Administrator, Carol.

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



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 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, 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.
- **John A.** as he recuperates at home; **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 **clergy and lay leaders** who are called upon to discern and decide when, and how, to return church life to some semblance of what it once was.
- **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.*



**FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 2, 2020**

AVAILABLE beginning THIS Sunday @ 10:00 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/MaUzC3JnbHA>

PARTICIPANT PARTS –

VU #240 – Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!

2 Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

3 Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the high eternal one.

5 Angels, teach us adoration,

you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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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.

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.

MV #157 – I Am a Child of God

1. I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God,
I am a child of God.
2. I am an endless prayer,
I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer,
I am an endless prayer.
3. I am an angry voice,
I am compassion and consternation,

I am an angry voice,
I am an angry voice.

4. I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace,
I am a cry for peace.

5. I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy,
I am a song of joy.

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