



NEWS from the BRIDGE

Life at
Bridge Street United Church
(Belleville, ON)

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A PASTORAL LETTER

Friends of Bridge Street United Church,

Grace and Peace be with you!

For some 5 months now, BSUC has been deliberate in doing its part to curtail the spread of COVID-19.

Back on June 19th, I wrote, via this publication, to advise of the then status of in-person worship. I also noted that an update would be forthcoming today. This is it!

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The decision respecting when BSUC “can” return to in-person worship is a relatively easy one to make; according to the provincial government anytime now is acceptable, provided that certain disease mitigation precautions are observed.

The more difficult decision regards when it will be “safe”, or better put “safer”, for us to be in one another’s closer company.

Having reviewed all manner of information and opinion (not the least of which was input from the latest congregational survey); being aware of the generally recognized potential for a second wave of COVID-19 infections; recognizing that a tremendous amount of preparation must still be done to allow us to be together on Sunday mornings safely and practicably (with regard to cleaning requirements, seating plans, space navigation, screening protocols, etc.); and, knowing that detailed plans to re-open BSUC must be filed with our denomination’s Regional Council in advance of taking effect; I have come to conclude that ***Thanksgiving Sunday (October 11th) is the earliest date for the resumption of in-person worship.***

More information will be provided as we move closer to the date.

Until then, please continue to join us for worship online at www.youtube.com. Sign in information is provided weekly in this publication.

Should you have questions or concerns, do be certain to reach out to me at interim.clergy@gmail.com .

Sincerely,

David +

G. David King (The Rev.)
Intentional Interim Lead Minister



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

Please use the following link to access this week's service...

https://youtu.be/K5Xj9yj0_dg

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

AUGUST 23rd	✓
AUGUST 30th	✓
SEPTEMBER 6th	X
SEPTEMBER 13th	✓
SEPTEMBER 20th	✓
SEPTEMBER 27th	✓
OCTOBER 4th	✓

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>).



“Magic Penny”

FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

The tradition of walking down the back stairs of Kanata House signifies the beginning of a fabulous adventure for each child at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac. We never imagined that when we held our final Vespers at the end of the 2019 season, we would not be welcoming campers back again in 2020.

COVID 19 has impacted our world in many ways. For Quin-Mo-Lac it has meant that all revenue normally generated from registration fees, rentals and our spring outdoor education season has disappeared. Our Board and staff are working hard to do everything they can to make sure that, when we can all safely return to camp, we will be here to provide the same quality Christian camping experience that has been the QML legacy for the past 70 years. However, the reality is that we face a \$205,000.00 operating deficit for the 2020 season and we need your help.

To help us keep the QML legacy alive, the Alumni Committee are excited to introduce the “Magic Penny” Fundraising Challenge. We all love a little friendly competition at camp, so we hope to see lots of Quin-Mo-Lacer’s, past and present, teaming up and making creative names for your teams or individual fundraisers. In just a few easy steps, by visiting our “Magic Penny Fundraising Challenge” Campaign page at Canada Helps, (please see the link below) you can join the campaign as an individual or with a team and promote the campaign on your own social media platforms to get ahead. You will be able to see who our top fundraisers are while each contribution will go towards the cumulative goal and will help keep the legacy of Quin-Mo-Lac alive for our campers, staff and the broader community. We are excited to see that QML spirit shine while we reconnect with old friends and support the place that that holds a special spot in all of our hearts!

Let the Magic Penny Challenge ... BEGIN

Link : <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/camp-quin-mo-lac/p2p/magicpennychallenge>

Individual Donations to the Magic Penny Fundraising Challenge are also welcome.

If you prefer to donate by cheque, please mail it to us at Quin-Mo-Lac, 336 Franks Rd, Tweed, ON K0K 3J0 (Please make sure to write "Magic Penny Fundraiser" in the memo line of your cheque)

You can also donate by sending an e-transfer to kids@campqml.org . (Please make sure to write "Magic Penny Fundraiser" in the message line)

Donations made by cheque or e-transfer can be added to an individual or team's cumulative total by simply indicating "Magic Penny – (team name)" on the memo line.



We are happy to pass along the following note from Gail and Gary Botting.....

"A big thank you to our volunteers who helped in the delivery of meals for the month of July, during these trying times of Covid-19.

It was hard to assemble teams as we could only use those from combined households and not our usual mix of ready and willing helpers.

Hopefully things will be better when we do our next turn in January 2021.

Always looking for new volunteers, so if anyone has time to spare approximately 2 hours every Thursday morning during the month of July and January, please email us at gbotting@cogeco.ca."



A little bird has let us know that **Martha W.** will be turning 95 years young on September 11th.

Martha's daughter, Jo Anne, is arranging a wee celebration and is inviting the congregation to be involved by sending along a card or note that will be shared with the 'birthday gal' on her special day.

To learn more on celebrating the long life of one of our own, please contact Carol in the church office.



COMPLIMENTARY HAND SANITIZER

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

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, fear, and thanksgiving.

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:

- **Martha W.** as she recuperates from a broken hip.
- **Jean** and **David P.** as they mourn the death of their daughter, **Donna**, who passed away peacefully at home on July 25th.
- **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.
- **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 at home 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 23, 2020

AVAILABLE beginning THIS Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Our thanks to Moira Nikander-Forrester 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/K5Xj9yj0_dg

PARTICIPANT PARTS –

VU #356 – Seek Ye First the Kingdom

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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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.

VU #120 - O Jesus, I Have Promised

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.
- 3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

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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 #651 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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