

# NEWS from the BRIDGE

Life at  
Bridge Street United Church  
(Belleville, ON)

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***Friday, October 10, 2020***



*From your Church Staff*

*Carol, David, Mitchell, Rob, Steve*

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We look forward to welcoming you to Thanksgiving worship.

Two opportunities to participate are available to you.

Either join us online (YouTube) at 9:30 this Sunday morning, or attend an in-person gathering happening in the Sanctuary scheduled for that same time.

Further details about online worship are provided in the latter pages of this publication.

To join us in-person, please follow the guidance conveyed in the Special Edition of NEWS from the BRIDGE, sent Wednesday, October 7.

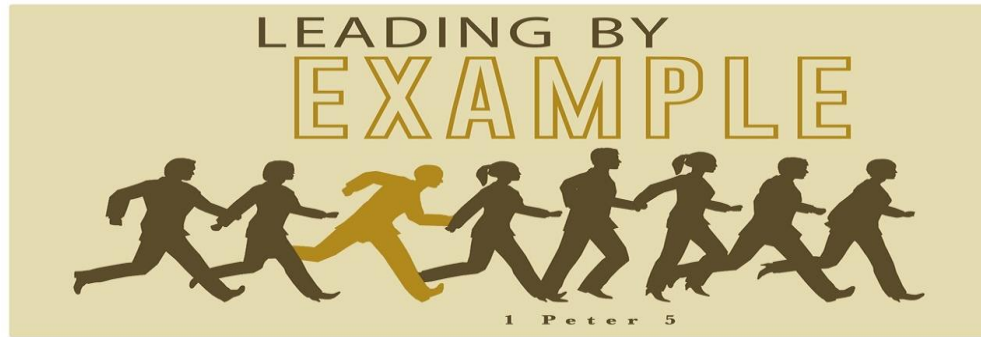


As the congregationally approved 2020 operating budget envisions it, \$4,000 in special Thanksgiving offerings is needed to meet our financial obligations.

If you have already made a contribution towards that amount, thank you!

If you would like to, please drop off a cheque, make an e-transfer, or use the Canada-Helps link on B.S.U.C.'s website.

Please contact Carol in the Church Office to learn about any of these options.



**Hastings & Prince Edward County Health Unit**  
encourages you to get your flu shot!

Available through different medical service providers, including some pharmacies, the flu shot is an important part of minimizing your chance of becoming seriously ill with influenza.

Below, our very own, Rev. David is pictured receiving his shot at a pop-up clinic hosted by public health nurse, Kristie Reeves and colleague on the driveway at B.S.U.C.

"Easy, painless, and pleasant" are the 3 words he used to describe his experience.





Contents of a book-loving minister's library – and more

**Where:** *St. Matthew's United Church*  
*25 Holloway Street, Belleville*

**When:** *Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - 11 am to 3 pm*  
*Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 11 am to 3 pm*  
*Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 11 am to 3 pm*  
*Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 10 am to 2 pm*

*Sale includes a large collection of resources for ministers and lay worship leaders: commentaries, preaching resources, pastoral ministry, church leadership and growth, counselling, devotional and spirituality. Most are recent publications.*

*Of general interest: novels, biography, history, hobbies.*

**Price: \$3 per book or fill a grocery store bag for \$20. Cash or cheque only.**

COVID 19 protocols followed: Masks must be worn indoors. Sanitize hands upon entering and leaving. Two metre distancing to be observed as much as possible.

**For more information, call 613-779-0691 or e-mail [mebhobbs@gmail.com](mailto:mebhobbs@gmail.com)**



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:

- **Those folk who have departed this earthly realm** in the sure and certain hope of eternal life; **especially Leanne M.**, a member of B.S.U.C., and former chorister with our choir.
- **Those grievers** who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, particularly **Leanne M's daughters, husband Kevin, extended family and friends.**
- **Those others** whose health is imperiled, or who are experiencing anxiety brought about by the challenges of life in the time of a pandemic.
- **Folk** who are poor, hungry, homeless or provisionally housed, as they live with uncertainty and fear.
- For **COVID-19 doubters and deniers** that they might come to a more fulsome understanding of the challenges that still beset the world, our country, our provinces, and our cities.
- **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.*





***ONLINE WORSHIP  
FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING  
October 11, 2020***

***AVAILABLE beginning THIS Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.***

For this Sunday *and going forward*, we will have a permanent link to B.S.U.C. worship videos.

For Thanksgiving Sunday ONLY the video premieres at 9:30 a.m.  
Subsequent Sundays will return to our normal 10 a.m. start.

The permanent link is:

<https://youtube.com/channel/Uct8ig2lpQ8lLzRfKjNmCuSw>

the Revised Common  
LECTIONARY

TODAY'S READING

**Luke 17: 11-19**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Good and gracious God, here and now.*

**HERE AND NOW... MAY THE FAITHFUL FIND SALVATION  
AND THE SEEKERS BE INFORMED.**

*Here and now... may the doubting find courage and  
the anxious be calmed.*

**HERE AND NOW... MAY THE LOST FIND DIRECTION  
AND THE FOUND BE ENLIGHTENED.**

*Here and now... may the weary find rest  
and the strong be engaged.*

**HERE AND NOW... MAY THE OLDER FIND COMFORT  
AND THE YOUNGER BE INSPIRED.**

*Here and now... may our acts of thanksgiving for the bounty of God's  
gracious provision rightfully express our abiding gratitude and  
absolute dependence.*

**HEAR AND NOW... TO GOD BE THE GLORY, AND CHRIST JESUS, OUR  
PRAISE. AMEN.**



**VU # 520– We Plough The Fields**

- 1 We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by your almighty hand;  
you send the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.

*Refrain:*

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
we thank you, God, O holy God,  
for all your love.*

- 2     You only are the maker  
         of all things near and far;  
you paint the wayside flower,  
         you light the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey you,  
         by you the birds are fed;  
much more to us, your children,  
         you give us daily bread. *R*
- 3     We thank you then, O Maker,  
         for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
         our life, our health, our food;  
accept the gifts we offer  
         for all your love imparts,  
and, what from us you long for,  
         our humble, thankful hearts. *R*

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## **Concluding Prayer**

*In this time of COVID-19, we pray:*

*When we aren't sure, God,  
help us be calm;  
when information comes  
from all sides, correct and not,  
help us to discern;  
when fear makes it hard to breathe,  
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,  
slow us down, God;  
help us to reach out with our hearts,  
when we can't touch with our hands;  
help us to be socially connected,  
when we have to be socially distant;  
help us to love as perfectly as we can,  
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."*



*For the doctors, we pray,  
for the nurses, we pray,  
for the technicians and the janitors and the  
aides and the caregivers, we pray,  
for the researchers and theorists,  
the epidemiologists and investigators,  
for those who are sick,  
and those who are grieving, we pray,  
for all who are affected,  
all around the world...  
we pray  
for safety,  
for health,  
for wholeness.  
May we feed the hungry,  
give drink to the thirsty,  
clothe the naked and house those without homes;  
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,  
and may we do all that we can to heal  
the sick—  
in spite of the epidemic,  
in spite of the fear.*

*Help us, O God,  
that we might help each other.*

*In the love of the Creator,  
in the name of the Healer,  
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all,  
we pray.*

*May it be so. Amen.*

The Very Reverend Dr. Richard Bott  
Moderator of The United Church of Canada



**VU #232 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,

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opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

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