

NEWS from the BRIDGE

*Life @ Bridge Street United Church, Belleville, Ontario
during COVID-19*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM



Sunday, October 25, 2020

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."...

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Matthew 22:34-46

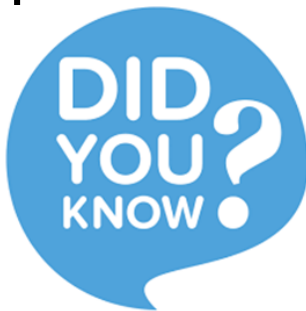


We premier our weekly online worship services on
YouTube, Sundays @ 10 a.m.

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS NEWS

BSUC & Community Partners...



COVID19 Lunch Program - Since March 27, and with the help of thousands of volunteer hours, Bridge St. United Church and the **Enrichment Centre for Mental Health** have distributed more than 20,000 lunches. AND, **Christ Church Anglican** are now preparing one large pot of soup each week!

Thank God It's Friday – Frozen meal distribution has continued throughout the pandemic, distributing over 3,000 dinners since the end of March. Approximately half of these meals have been prepared in our new kitchen by **St. Thomas' Anglican Church** cooking crews!

Knitters United reaches out into the community ...

The packing of hats and mittens for the area's "**Keep Kids Warm**" program is nearing completion. We'll soon have knit over 600 hats and mittens! And, we have contributed over 150 Izzy Bears to the **Belleville and Quinte West Community Health Centre**.



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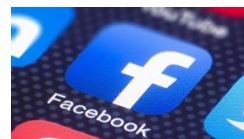
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Connect With Us!



Picture taken this fall from southeast corner of church property.

**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS RECEIVED TO DATE
~~ \$1,705 OF OUR BUDGETED FIGURE OF \$4,000 ~~**

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR
THANKSGIVING OFFERING!**



If you have already made a special Thanksgiving offering, **thank you!**

If you would like to, please drop off a cheque, make an e-Transfer via admin@bridgestchurch.com, or use the CanadaHelps link on B.S.U.C.'s website.

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



**Of the many activities
that contribute to the
life of the Church,
surely prayer is a
prominent one.**

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.

*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.*

WE LIFT BEFORE GOD:

Those 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.

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.

A Note from our Intentional Interim Lead Minister:

As of *next* Sunday, November 1, I will be taking a three-week period of vacation and study leave.

I have put measures in place to ensure that the life of B.S.U.C. carries on uninterrupted.

For issues related to pastoral care, please contact Carol Leslie in our church office.

With respect to worship, two "guest preachers" have been arranged. On November 1st and 15th, The Rev. John Miller will offer leadership. And on November 8th, The Rev. Gary Magarrell takes to the pulpit. All of these services will premier on YouTube at our usual time of 10 a.m.

I look forward to ministering with you on my return.

Until then,

Blessings & Peace.

David





worship ONLINE

... for the week of

October 25, 2020

Go to the home page of our website,
www.bridgestreetchurch.com, to access a
permanent link to Rev. G. David King's YouTube
address.

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCt8ig2lpQ8ILzRfKjNmCuSw>

**Available
beginning
this Sunday,
October 25, 2020
@ 10 a.m.**

the Revised Common LECTIONARY

READING FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

Matthew 22: 34-46

OPENING HYMN: *Come Touch Our Hearts—MV #12*

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.

3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

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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.**

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

CONCLUDING HYMN: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*—VU #806

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
- 2 under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure,
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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