

NEWS from the BRIDGE

**Life @ Bridge Street United Church,
Belleville, Ontario**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020

AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM



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

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Sunday, December 6, 2020
ADVENT 2



Isaiah 40: 1-11
Mark 1: 1-8



In order to add variety and depth to our spiritual nurture this Advent, the Faith Formation Team and Rev. David are providing a weekly resource that invites us to expand our thinking of the weeks (and days) of this season by offering additional focuses to the usual ones of hope, peace, joy, and love. This material will be forwarded in a separate e-mail, each Friday.

It is our prayer that they will stir within you affirmations, questions, and general wonder and awe relative to your faith journey.

Rev. David welcomes you to share with him your insights or inquiries by email to:
interim.clergy@gmail.com

ANNIVERSARY OFFERINGS UPDATE ...

Anniversary offerings received to today's date total \$1,040.

The budget target approved by the Congregation for this year's special Anniversary offering is **\$3,000**. If you would like to make a special offering, please drop off or mail 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 for details about any of these options.

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It's that time of year again...

2021 Offering Envelopes are now in.



Here are some options for giving in 2021:

- ◆ Pick up your envelopes at the church office, Monday through Friday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (If you're making a special trip out, please call first to make sure the office will be open when you plan to pick them up, 613-962-9178).
- ◆ If you don't currently have offering envelopes but would like a set, please contact the church office and a number will be assigned to you and ready for your pick up.
- ◆ Continue contributing by simply mailing or dropping off a cheque (without the church offering envelope) to the church office, 60 Bridge St. E., Belleville, K8N 1L7, and your offering will be credited to your offering envelope #.

For other giving methods, see next page...

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR ...



Regular Offerings - December provides a perfect opportunity to top-up your offerings to be reflected in your 2020 income tax receipt.

White Gift Offerings - As has been a tradition for many years, we invite you to make a "White Gift" contribution to the church to be directed to the area's "Christmas Sharing" program. (Your "White Gift" contributions will be tallied into your year's offerings and reflected in your end-of-year charitable receipt). "Christmas Sharing" has been operating since 1967 and now provides Christmas food boxes, toys for children and assistance with the area's community Christmas dinner for residents of Belleville, Thurlow Ward, those east to Shannonville, west to White's Road and south to Ameliasburgh. **Last year, our White Gift offerings totaled \$1,060.**

Christmas Offering - This end-of-year offering is your special Christmas gift to the church.

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**There are four methods of contributing during the pandemic:**

*Please be sure to denote where your offering is to be directed...*

**CHEQUE** - Please drop off or mail to 60 Bridge St. E., Belleville, ON, K8N 1L7.

**INTERAC e-Transfer** - 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). Your INTERAC e-Transfer donations will be recorded and receipted at the end of the year.

**PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance, monthly, administered by the United Church of Canada) - Please contact the church office @ **admin@bridgestchurch.com** to arrange for this method of contributing.

**CREDIT CARD** - Click the "Donate Now" button on the home page of our website, [www.bridgestreetchurch.com](http://www.bridgestreetchurch.com), to contribute through "CanadaHelps".

*Thank you!*



**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 grievors** who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, particularly David & Jane M., Amanda, Graeme and Gregory, on the passing of Jane's mother on November 30.

**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.*

# worship ONLINE

**... for the week of  
December 6, 2020**

Click below to access Rev. G. David King's  
YouTube address ...

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCt8ig2lpQ8ILzRfKjNmCuSw>  
or go to the home page of our church website for  
a link, [www.bridgestreetchurch.com](http://www.bridgestreetchurch.com).

Available

Beginning

this Sunday,

December 6 @ 10 a.m.

## the Revised Common LECTIONARY

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

Isaiah 40: 1-11    Mark 1: 1-8

## *Advent 2*

### **OPENING HYMN: On Jordan's Bank—VU #20**

- 1     On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lamb is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of Kings.
- 2     Then cleansed be every life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3     In you, we find abundant life,  
our refuge in the midst of strife;  
without your grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

- 4     Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and help us rise to fall no more.  
O let your face upon us shine,  
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5     All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won;  
and praise to God whom we adore,  
with Holy Spirit evermore.

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### **CLOSING HYMN: Once in Royal David's City—VU #62**

- 1     Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattleshed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2     He came down to earth from heaven  
who, with God, is over all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall.  
There among the poor and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.
- 3     For he is our lifelong pattern;  
daily, when on earth he grew,  
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,  
tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

4      And our eyes at last shall see him,  
         through his own redeeming love;  
         for that child who seemed so helpless  
         is our Lord in heaven above;  
         and he leads his children on  
         to the place where he is gone.

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