

NEWS from the BRIDGE

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



AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021



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

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Sunday, January 10, 2021



Genesis 1: 1-5; Mark 1: 4-11

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY TEAM NEWS ...

Opportunity starting Jan 17!

You asked for book studies and here we have one!

Copies of Saving Jesus from the Church are available if you act now. Contact Carol in the church office immediately, admin@bridgestchurch.com. If we don't have more participants, the 10 weeks of Zoom meetings at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays will not occur.

Robin R. Meyers' Saving Jesus from the Church: How to stop worshipping Christ and start following Jesus, book Synopsis from Cela Library – "From one of America's leading pastors, a bold call to restore Christianity's true mission. The marriage of bad theology and hypocritical behaviour by the church has eroded our spiritual lives. Taking the best of biblical scholarship, Meyers recasts core Christian concepts in an effort to save Christianity from its obsession with personal salvation. Not a plea to try something brand new, but rather the recovery of something very old, Saving Jesus from the Church shows us what it means to follow Jesus's teachings today."

Submitted by Faith Formation Team Chair, Elizabeth Ewashkiw

NOTE TO ALL TEAMS ...

Any Ministry Teams or Committees wishing to have announcements printed in our weekly "NEWS from the BRIDGE" Newsletter should submit details to the church office by Wednesday at 4 p.m. Please send to admin@bridgestchurch.com.



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.

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.

WE LIFT BEFORE GOD:

Those grievors who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, particularly: Neil Britton, Tom, Helen, Stewart and Evan Britton on the passing on December 23 of Vivian Britton; Donna Jefferson, son Richard and family, on the passing on December 30 of Frank Jefferson.

Those whose health is imperiled, particularly Colin & Veronica Leonard.

Those 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.
interim.clergy@gmail.com or 1-905-375-7369

worship ONLINE

**... for the week of
January 10, 2021**

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.

Available

Beginning

this Sunday,

January 10 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common LECTIONARY

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11

OPENING HYMN: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness—VU #375

Refrain:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. *R*
- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. *R*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *R*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. *R*

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CLOSING HYMN: Let There Be Light—VU #679

- 1 Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;
- 2 open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;
- 3 perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;
- 4 hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowèd be your name;
- 5 your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;
- 6 let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

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