

NEWS from the BRIDGE

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



AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021



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

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Sunday, January 17, 2021



John 1: 43-51

NOTICE TO THE CONGREGATION ...

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As an employer, Bridge Street United Church (BSUC) is obligated to accommodate all lawful provisions enacted by either the provincial and/or federal governments.

As a consequence of the recently-announced provincial Stay-at-Home order (effective as at 12:01 a.m. today -Thursday, January 14th, and lasting for at least 28 days) some of BSUC's operations are being suspended effective immediately and will stay so for the duration of the emergency declaration.

Chief among these will be the closing of the church office and the suspension of its operations, save and except for matters where technology can allow them to be attended to off-site. In practical terms, this means that there will be no immediate pick up of inbound telephone calls or email messages. Callers will be directed to leave a voicemail at the intended person's extension, and that emails will be responded to as quickly as possible. Additionally, NEWS from the BRIDGE, our weekly newsletter, will be suspended.

Worship will continue to be offered, as it currently is on YouTube, premiering Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., and on demand thereafter.

Having been deemed an essential service, BSUC's lunch program for the economically marginalized will continue its ministry without interruption. Cleaning efforts will continue, albeit with a primary focus on those areas impacted by the meal service.

For the time being, Rev. David will serve as our point of contact for urgent matters at 1-905-375-7369. All other inquiries should be addressed to interim.clergy@gmail.com. We ask you to honour these communication avenues so that need can be triaged and responses offered accordingly.

Thank you.

FINANCE TEAM'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION ...

Finance Ministry Team extends sincere thanks to the congregation for their continued support of the church in these unprecedented times; especially when in-person Sunday services have been suspended. Your support has been both comforting and encouraging. We have received preliminary end-of-year financial details and will work with Welch LLP to produce financial statements by the end of March.

Note from the Faith Formation Team...

Cancellation of Book Study - Saving Jesus from the Church

We regret to advise that due to a very low enrollment, the planned book study, commencing this Sunday, is being cancelled.

Another session, as facilitated by Rev. David, may be offered the spring; its offering will again be contingent on participant interest.

Apologies to those few who were committed to the original opportunity; consideration is underway as to how we might hold a one-session conversation, perhaps in February. Updates about this will be provided directly to those who signed up.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Ewashkiw for the Faith Formation Team



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: 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 17, 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 17 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common LECTIONARY

READING FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

John 1: 43-51

OPENING HYMN: Take My Life and Let It Be—VU #506

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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CLOSING HYMN: I Have Called You by Your Name—MV #161

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.

2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe,
then let it go.

4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people
they are mine.

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