

# NEWS from the BRIDGE

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



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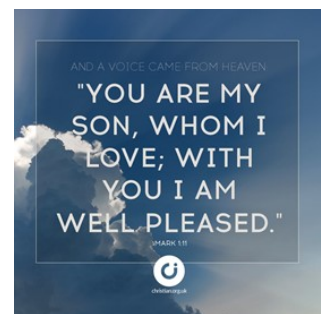


We premier our weekly online worship services on  
**YouTube, Sundays @ 10 a.m.**

**DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**

Sunday, February 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT



Mark 1:9-15

Genesis 9:8-17

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT— February 21

February 21<sup>st</sup> marks the **first Sunday of Lent** – the 40-day season in advance of Holy Week/Easter.

As we have done in the past, we will observe the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on this occasion. To join in the celebration within our online worship service, please ensure that you have some type of bread or cracker and a portion of wine or juice.

This is an important way of uniting in community. Do join in!

## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE NEWS ...

The BSUC Strategic Planning Committee continues to move forward in its ongoing process for the re-imaging of BSUC into the future. A component and high priority of that process is a broad-based exploration of additional utilizations of the church building at 60 Bridge Street East.

This week, a questionnaire has gone out from the Committee to 40 organizations and agencies in the community, seeking indications of interest from them as to options of the development of community partnerships with BSUC in its existing space and with its community-based programs and services.

## KNITTERS UNITED NEWS ...

As of February 11, we (through Lisa and Dianne, our amazing lunch supervisors) have distributed 53 hats, 78 pairs mittens, only 5 scarves, but 87 pairs of socks (mostly purchased) and slippers.

The school board courier was not operational last week, so I delivered a bag to each of Prince Charles (Belleville), Centennial Secondary and Bayside Secondary Schools, with our total donated to schools this new year being 128. Each school's designated staff member met me outdoors and appreciatively received our donation.

(Side photo is Jeff Sudds, Child and Youth Worker from Prince Charles Public School).

We still have a plentiful supply of yarn.  
If you would like to start knitting, contact me at 613-968-9382.

*Elizabeth Ewashkiw, Coordinator*



*Note from the Office Administrator ...*

- ◆ 2020 Charitable Income Tax Receipts have now been mailed out.
- ◆ The Ontario government's "Stay-at-Home" order has been lifted in this area, so I'm back in the office, Monday to Friday, by chance or appointment. (Office closed for lunch from noon—1 p.m.). Please feel free to contact me at 613-962-9178 or [admin@bridgestchurch.com](mailto:admin@bridgestchurch.com). *Carol L.*



**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 the family of Ruth Higgins, who died mid-December.

**Those** whose health is imperiled, particularly Mary R.

**Those** who are experiencing anxiety brought about by the challenges of life in the time of a pandemic.

**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.

**Folk** who are poor, hungry, homeless or provisionally housed, as they live with uncertainty and fear.

**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***



**... for the week of  
February 21, 2021**

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

<https://youtube.com/channel/Uct8ig2lpQ8lLzRfKjNmcuSw>

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

Available

Beginning

this Sunday,

February 21 @ 10 a.m.

## *Lent 1*

the Revised Common  
LECTIONARY

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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