# **NEWS from the BRIDGE**

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

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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021



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Sunday, February 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY of LENT



<u>Mark 8:31–38</u>

# PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH AS THE PANDEMIC CONTINUES ...



Thank you to everyone who sent offerings to the church in January and, to date, in February AND to the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) donors who contribute monthly.

As is traditionally the case, January's offerings are lower than last year's for that month, but February's offerings received to date look very encouraging!

If you haven't yet made a contribution to Bridge Street United Church this year, please remember that there are FOUR ways to give ...

CHEQUE - Please drop off in mail slot 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 @ <u>admin@bridgestchurch.com</u> to arrange for this method of contributing.

**CREDIT CARD** – Click the "Donate Now" button on the home page of our website, <u>www.bridgestreetchurch.com</u>, to contribute through "CanadaHelps".







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 grievers** 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 28, 2021

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

https://youtube.com/channel/UCt8ig2IpQ8ILzRfKjNmcuSw

or go to the home page of our church website for a link, **www.bridgestreetchurch.com**.

Available

Beginning

this Sunday,

February 28 @ 10 a.m.



the Revised Common

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

Mark 8:31–38

#### HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised, VU #120

- O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend: I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.

- 3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

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#### HYMN-Bless Now, O God, the Journey, VU #633

- Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
   The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.
- Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way, whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day.
   We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.
   Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

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