

# NEWS from the BRIDGE

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

AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021



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

**DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**



Sunday, March 14, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT



Numbers 21:4-9  
John 3:14-21

LENT 4





**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD  
INTO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEFORE YOU  
RETIRE ON SATURDAY NIGHT!**



**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** whose health is imperiled.

**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  
March 14, 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,**

**March 14 @ 10 a.m.**



### **HYMN: Spirit, Open My Heart—MV #79**

#### *Refrain*

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender. *R*
2. Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. *R*

3. May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another. *R*

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## **HYMN— Jesus Loves Me—VU #365**

1 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
in his love we shall be strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." *R*

3 Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live. *R*

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## **Numbers 21: 4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.

The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live."

## **John 3: 14-21**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

