

NEWS from the BRIDGE

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

AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

Worship
WITH US ONLINE

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

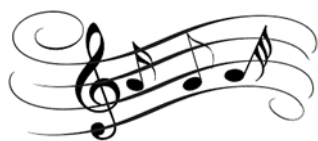
DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



Sunday, April 11, 2021
2nd of Easter



John 20: 19-31



Have you recently had,
or will you be marking,
a birthday, anniversary,
or other significant
milestone?

Send us word of your
'big day', along with a
picture or two, and we'll
happily share your news
with our church
community.

Please send pertinent
details to Carol
(admin@bridgestchurch.com) along with an
indication if your
celebration is upcoming
or recently occurred.

C-E-L-E-B-R-A-T-E G-O-O-D T-I-M-E-S...
COME ON... LET'S CELEBRATE!



HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY JO!!

Thank You (yes, again) is extended to ...

Westminster United Church, for their donation this week of an additional \$115 to our Meal Programs. This brings their total donations made in March and April to **\$290!** We truly appreciate their spiritual and financial support to help feed the food insecure in our community.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR EASTER OFFERING...

WE'RE HALF WAY THERE...

BUDGET TARGET FOR EASTER OFFERINGS = \$4,500.

EASTER OFFERINGS RECEIVED TO DATE = \$2,360

CHEQUE – Drop off at 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.

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

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance, monthly, administered by the United Church of Canada) – Please contact the church office @ **admin@bridgestchurch.com** to arrange for this method of contributing.



THANK YOU!



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 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
April 11, 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**.

Available

Beginning

this Sunday,

April 11 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common
LECTIONARY

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

HYMN: Now the Green Blade Rises- VU #186

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
 wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 love lives again, that with the dead has been:
 love is come again, like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
 thinking that he would never wake again,
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
 love is come again, like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
 love is come again, like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
 your touch can call us back to life again,
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
 love is come again, like wheat arising green.

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HYMN: You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen—VU #185

- 1 You tell me that the Lord is risen,
that you have seen his face.
Then tell me why you crouch in fear
and hide within this place.
You say that he spoke words of peace
and stood just as before.
But 'til I touch his very flesh
I will not trust your joy.
- 2 You claim a resurrection here,
that God has broken death.
No easy words like these will soothe
the pain that tears my breath.
How well do I recall his face,
compassion, strength in fear.
How deep my grief that he should die.
Spare me your words of cheer!
- 3 "Now peace be with you. Come, my friend,
my wounded body see.
Let the rich courage of your doubt
bring you to fresh belief.
Fear not to wonder at the Word,
to search the depths of grace.
Reach out and touch, here is my hand.
Receive the gift of faith."
- 4 "How blest are they, how fortunate
who know without the sight.
But Thomas, you are favoured too,
for searching yields its light."
So may each pilgrim in the Way,
each road to Christ be blest,
'til lips declare, "My Lord and God!",
Christ's body one at last.

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