

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 23, 2021

Sunday, April 25, 2021
4th of Easter



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

John 10: 11-18

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!
- Matthew 25:21



Congratulations to our very own, Dr. Ruth Mathieson, on being named the 2021 recipient of the Ontario Medical Association's Presidential Award in recognition of "exceptional and long-standing humanitarian service to the greater community that brings honour to the medical profession". Dr. Ruth was chosen by her peers because she is recognized as one who "expresses the highest qualities of service by a physician". (Quotes are excerpts from the Ontario Medical Association's award criteria.)

In a career than has spanned 50+ years, Dr. Ruth has remained committed to bettering human life both within our local community, through her work in private practice and hospital service, and internationally, as evidenced by her many professional contributions to communities in Africa. Most recently she has volunteered in Matangwe, Kenya where she regularly encountered patients with HIV-AIDS, typhoid, malaria and meningitis. Back home in Canada, Dr. Ruth continues to support her African friends and colleagues by working in partnership with The Rotary Club to raise funds to buy necessary medical equipment. Over the past 5 years, Ruth has provided valuable medical support to members of several Syrian families by volunteering with the United Syrian Family Support Group co-sponsored by BSUC.

Our sincere thanks for all the good works you have been about, Ruth, and congratulations on being honoured for it! May God continue, through you, to bless the world!

Congratulations

EASTER OFFERINGS update...

Every dollar helps get us closer to reaching our budget target!

BUDGET TARGET FOR EASTER OFFERINGS = \$4,500

EASTER OFFERINGS RECEIVED TO DATE = \$2,935



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 those for whom we can pray.

Please reach out and advise.

interim.clergy@gmail.com or 1-905-375-7369



**... for the week of
April 25, 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 25 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common
LECTIONARY

John 10: 11-18

These then are the words accredited to Jesus:

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

HYMN: As the Deer Pants for the Water — VU #766 (Psalm 42) -

- 1 As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.
 You alone are my strength, my shield
 to you alone may my spirit yield;
 you alone are my heart's desire,
 and I long to worship you.
- 2 I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. R
- 3 You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything! R

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HYMN: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love—VU #574

- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.
- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

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HYMN: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks — VU #179

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. R

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. R

3 We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. R

4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. R

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