

# 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 30, 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, May 2, 2021  
5th of Easter



*John 15: 1-8*

## GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA...

### Women Work for Change in Zambia

Heavy water drums - scorching sun - poor sanitation - assault - not being able to attend school. These are some of the issues faced by women and girls in charge of collecting water in **Zambia** and around the world. And it's one of many women's issues that MISSION & SERVICE PARTNER, **Women for Change**, is addressing in Zambia.

In 2018, the national United Church Women decided to do something meaningful. Through **Women for Change**, our church women actively support an education program designed to motivate girls to stay in school. The project encourages girls, trains teachers, and impresses upon parents and leaders the importance of education.

Every day, your Mission & Service gifts are helping to empower women and girls in rural areas across Zambia and around the world. **Women for Change** is just one of several life-changing organizations your gifts to **Mission & Service** support.

To donate to the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada, add to your regular offering, denoting "Mission & Service", or visit <https://united-church.ca/donate>.





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 Bonnie Rowe-Barber, who died on April 19; Ehren Steele, her son, and Al Barber, her husband.

**On this Mental Health Sunday (the first Sunday in May)** pray to encourage communities of radical belonging for all people, including those living with mental health challenges.

**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***

worship  
ONLINE

***... for the week of***

***May 2, 2021 with guest preacher***

***Rev. John Miller***

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

**<https://youtube.com/channel/UCt8ig2lpQ8ILzRfKjNmCuSw>**

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

**Available**

**Beginning**

**this Sunday,**

**May 2 @ 10 a.m.**

the Revised Common  
LECTIONARY

**John 15: 1-8**

These then are the words accredited to Jesus:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

**HYMN: All Things Bright and Beautiful — VU #291**

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all.

- 1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings. R



- 2     The purpleheaded mountains,  
      the river running by,  
      the sunset and the morning  
      that brightens up the sky; R
- 3     The cold wind in the winter,  
      the pleasant summer sun,  
      the ripe fruits in the garden:  
      God made them every one. R
- 4     The rocky mountain splendour,  
      the lone wolf's haunting call,  
      the great lakes and the prairies,  
      the forest in the fall; R
- 5     God gave us eyes to see them,  
      and lips that we might tell  
      how great is God our maker,  
      who has made all things well. R

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## **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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