

NEWS from the BRIDGE

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

AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021



Sunday, July 18, 2021



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

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Think on this...

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

- Nelson Mandela

"NEWS" is taking a break...

With staff vacations happening in August, production/distribution of "NEWS from the BRIDGE" will be suspended next month. NEWS... will return for the first full week of September.

"Hearts' Connection" - B.S.U.C.'s weekly on-line worship service continues uninterrupted! Join us Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. (or any time following) for the most-current presentation. Join us on either the church's or Rev. King's YouTube channel.

See page 4 for details about our July 25 and August 1 services.
Rev. David King will return to leading our on-line services on Sunday, August 8.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM NEWS...

Thank you **MEAL PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS** for preparing and packing **618** TGIF meals on July 7 & 8, which may be a record number of meals produced in one go!

LUNCH PROGRAM 2021 - Volunteers Are Needed, as follows...

- ♦ **Lunch Prep (4)** needed for each of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon, beginning August 2nd.
- ♦ **Lunch Prep (1)** needed for 10 Sundays (August 8 – October 10 inclusive) from **8 am – 12:30 pm** to help with slicing, buttering, and packing buns in bus pans – slicing pickles/storing them in containers – being part of a 2-person baking team (must be willing and able to bake)
- ♦ **Cook of the Day** needed for Sundays in August, September, and the first 2 weeks in October; Cooks are usually on duty from approx..8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Cook of the Day** needed for Tuesdays in September and October.
- **Substitute Cooks** when a cook cannot attend their designated shift.

If you or anyone you know is interested in helping, please contact Bridge Street Church 613-962-9178 or email Sue Catherwood at scatherwood@emulogix.com.

Thank you!

Susan Catherwood, Meal Program Co-Coordinator

OTHER WAYS to CONTRIBUTE **to the LIFE and WORK of BRIDGE STREET UNITED CHURCH...**

CHEQUE – Drop off 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 @ **admin@bridgestchurch.com** to arrange for this method of contributing.

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

*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.

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
July 18, 2021***

Click below to access our YouTube address ...

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe5V3FUW19w-taYEJqIXYhA>

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

Available

Beginning

this Sunday,

July 18 @ 10 a.m.

SUMMER WORSHIP



July 4, 11 and 18

Thank You to our Guest Preacher, The Rev. Phil Hobbs

Rev. Phil Hobbs is a Retired Minister (Ordained 1984) in voluntary association with Bridge Street Church. Phil and [his wife] Carol enjoy tending their flower and vegetable garden in Picton - and delight in spending time (when COVID protocols allow) with their grandchildren.

July 25 & August 1

Our Worship & Music Ministry Team Will Lead Us in Worship

July 25

Music Sunday

August 1

A video tour of our building renovations will be featured in this on-line service, as well as staff interviews with updates on the new services being offered through our outreach ministry.

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II Samuel 7.1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

HYMN: Let Us Build a House—MV #1

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

HYMN: Draw the Circle Wide—MV #145

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. *R*
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. *R*
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. *R*

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