

# 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 23, 2021



Sunday, July 25, 2021

GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD;  
HIS LOVE ENDURES  
FOREVER.  
PSALM 107:1

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

**DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**



Think on this...

"It's better to go through life with a scarred up body than a scarred up soul."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

## "NEWS" is taking a break...

With staff vacations happening, production/distribution of "NEWS from the BRIDGE" will be suspended after this edition and will return in 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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY  
JULY 26 to AUGUST 2 AND AUGUST 9 TO 20.



UCWers from ECOR, EOR & Guests  
are invited to

**LET IT GO !**

at UCW Quin-Mo-Lac Fellowship Day  
Hosted by Kente UCW

**Sat. AUGUST 28, 2021**

**RAIN DATE: Sunday, August 29**

**COST: \$10 at the door**



**Cathedral of the Trees**

with Marilyn Zehr

**“Let it Go”**

*Music & Message*

*with Wanda Stride*

**PLUS: Big Bubbles to float away our cares  
and lift us up to new hope.**

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| 9:30         | Arrival and Registration  |
| 10:00 - 4:00 | Program & Fellowship Times  |
| 4:00 - 5:00  | Optional Outdoor Activities<br>for those who want to linger a while |
| By 5:00      | Safe Journey Home   |

A relaxed program with stretch and fellowship breaks  
Camp Updates ~ Skits ~ Worship ~ Camp Songs ~ Friends

**Fair Trade Items available – pre-orders for pick-up encouraged**

**ALL Health Department Regulations at the time will be followed.**

Lawn Meeting on Zufelt lawn – lots of space to maintain distance  
Your choice of shade or sunny spots and a fairly even lawn

Parking by the Climbing Wall - Handicap parking & drop-off spot at Zufelt  
Washrooms/hot water in Zufelt Lodge

**Bring your own lawn chair, brownbag lunch and snacks/beverage,  
and an offering for Camp Quin-Mo-Lac**

We will provide hymn books/music, sound system  
**Friendship, fun and BUBBLES!**

Additional Information about the day after registration



**Cost: \$10 AT THE DOOR** - to cover costs - **NO ADVANCE PAYMENT**  
**CASH PREFERRED** or CHEQUE TO: “Kente UCW” (“QML Day “on memo line)

**[REGISTER ONLINE \(copy this link into your browser\)](#)**

**<https://www.jotform.com/assign/211434066222242/211434070539046>**

Or mail to Erika Hope, 11 Dunbar St., Belleville ON K8P 3R6  
If you register and your plans change, please let Erika know  
by email: [ucwquinmolac2021@gmail.com](mailto:ucwquinmolac2021@gmail.com) or phone: 613 9611365

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM NEWS...**

### **An Update for the Congregation on Recent Events in the Al Mansour, Hamada and Mansour Families.**

The **United Syrian Family Group** provides ongoing informal support to 4 newcomer families and their grandparents who arrived in Belleville from 2015 to 2017. Despite the pandemic, there have been many positive accomplishments that have been part of the past year and the group is happy to celebrate these milestones and share the following news with the Bridge Street congregation.

#### **Graduations**

Bayan Al Mansour graduated in June on the Dean's List from the 2-year Biotechnology program at Loyalist College. She will be returning for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year in September.

Mohamad Al Mansour, her younger brother, graduated in June from Centennial Secondary School with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and was honoured with 2 awards. He has been accepted into the Chemical Engineering Technology program at Loyalist College, beginning in September.

Alaa Al Mansour, their younger sister, graduated from Grade 8 and will begin at Centennial Secondary School.

Firas Al Mansour, their cousin, has been accepted into the Computer Technician program at Loyalist College, beginning in September. He had graduated from Centennial Secondary in June 2020, and has worked at Magna for much of the last year.

#### **Canadian Citizenship**

**Awaiting the Ceremony.** Ahmad Al Mansour and his wife Maysoun Mansour completed their Canadian citizenship requirements in October 2019. They are awaiting a date for their oath-taking ceremony.

Bilal Mansour and his wife Intisar Al Ghanem completed their Canadian citizenship requirements this month. They are also awaiting a date for their oath ceremony.

Grandparents- all three grandparents, Ziab Al Mansour and his wife Aadla Hamada, Fawziah Al Jahjah have applied for Canadian citizenship, all being age-exempt from the exam. They are awaiting their oath-taking ceremony.

**Citizenship Requirement Applications Submitted.** Yaser Al Mansour and his wife Huda Hamada, and their daughter Bayan have applied to sit the citizenship exam.

Raghda Al Mansour, daughter of Ziab Al Mansour and Aadla Hamada, has applied to sit the citizenship exam.

*The young children in all these families will become Canadian citizens when their parents are successful in completing the citizenship process.*

***The support of the Bridge Street congregation and other church and community groups has played a key role in fostering the continued success of the families. It is heart-warming to witness their enthusiastic participation in the Belleville community and their gradual integration into Canadian society. Thanks to all of you who have supported this endeavour through your generous contributions of time and financial support.***



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***

## **SUMMER WORSHIP**



**THANK YOU** Worship & Music Ministry Team for leading our Worship Services on July 25 and August 1st!

**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.*



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

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**Psalm 107: 1-9**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;  
hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.  
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress;  
he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.  
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Psalm 145**

Praise. Of David.  
I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.



One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendour of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.  
The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.  
The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.  
The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

## **John 6: 1-21**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said,

'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

### **Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet—VU #245**

- 1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or  
snow or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.
  
- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment,  
nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

**HYMN: VU #238 - O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art) - VU #238, v. 1-2**

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. R

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**VU #608 - Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind**

- 1 Dear God, who loves all humankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up, and follow thee.
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.



5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire:  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

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## **VU #660 – How Firm a Foundation**

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you has been said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
- 5 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not — I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never — no, never — no, never forsake!"

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