

NEWS from the BRIDGE

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

AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

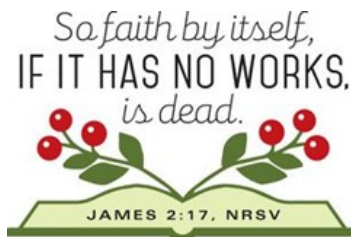


We premier our weekly online worship services on
YouTube, Sundays @ 10 a.m.

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



Sunday, September 5, 2021



James 2: 1-10 & 14-17

Think on this...

"Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly."

- The Late Rev. Dr. Robert H. Schuller

BIBLE STUDY NEWS...

**BRING FAITH TO LIFE BY ATTENDING OUR BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS,
EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8.**

During the first four weeks of September, we will study the SEASON OF CREATION by following our "SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT" curriculum.

We will be conducting Zoom sessions (online) for the first couple of Wednesday mornings (Sept. 8 & 15), and hopefully switching to a hybrid (in person + online) delivery beginning Sept. 22. Stay tuned for updates.

If you are interested and would like more information, contact coordinator, Frank H. @ 613-968-5825.

BSUC BOOK CLUB CELEBRATES 10+ YEARS!!

NOTE: If you are interested in attending this event, please call Carol Wolfgarth to register, due to COVID room capacity restrictions. (See phone number at bottom of this page).



Bridge Street Church Book Lovers' Club

Hello Everyone!

As we start getting back to our regular life, let's celebrate the 10+ years anniversary of the book club!

When: Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Quinte Living Centre, Craft Room

Topics: ① Celebration time for the 10+ anniversary

② Book Quiz with prizes

③ Potluck of Plots

members can give a 5 minute discussion on favourite books they read during this time of the pandemic

④ Planning session to develop a reading list for the 2021-2022 season.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Carol Wolfgarth, at 613-968-4776. See you there!



St. Mark's United Church

Fish Fry

Sunday, September 19th, 2021

11:30 am – 2 pm

TAKE OUT



ONLY

**Two Piece Dinner - \$16.00
One Piece Dinner - \$14.00**

**New Zealand Cod, Fries and
Coleslaw**

Please pre-order and pre-pay if possible.

Deadline to order is September 16th, 2021

Contact 613-968-4222 to arrange pick-up time and payment.

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YARD SALE

*Call the Office to
schedule a drop off
time for your
Donations
613-967-1511*

**Friday Oct. 1
and
Saturday Oct 2,
2021
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*Again this year
we will have a
drop-off for
Scrap Metal*



Free Admission

Masks are required to enter Church Yard Sale.

Please use available hand sanitizer.

Entry through front door, only. Limit of 25 shoppers.

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

Support for the People of Haiti

The United Church of Canada has launched a fundraising campaign to support the people of Haiti in recovering from a massive earthquake (August 14) and drenching tropical storm (August 16).

The United Church of Canada is in contact with local Mission & Service partners in Haiti, who are already on the ground in the areas where the damage is the worst. They are providing **emergency shelter, clean water and food** thanks to an immediate grant of \$10,000 made from previous donations to the United Church's Global Emergency Response fund.

As the immediate crisis ends, they will be providing support for rebuilding homes and businesses and helping survivors deal with the trauma and tragedy.

You can donate to help either online at

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/earthquake-haiti>

or through your church offerings. If you give online, be sure to make a notation to credit Bridge Street United Church's Mission & Service total. If you donate through your offering envelope or Interac e-Transfer, please indicate "Emergency Response—Haiti".

Note: As part of the United Church's Emergency Response Fund, 100% of your donation goes directly to emergency relief with 85% of your donation responding to this designated emergency and 15% responding to future emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage. Donations to Mission & Service enable the United Church to cover all of the costs of emergency response work without deducting any fees from your donation.



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 AUDREY COWAN who died July 28; Mark Winegar on the passing of his spouse, RICK WINEGAR, in August.

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
September 5, 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,

September 5 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common
LECTIONARY

James 2: 1-10 & 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7: 24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

HYMN: In Christ There Is No East or West—VU#606

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

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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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