

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 10, 2021

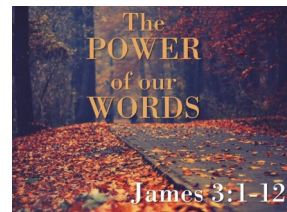


We premier our weekly online worship services on
YouTube, Sundays @ 10 a.m.

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



Sunday, September 12, 2021



James 3: 1-12

Think on this...

"For those who feel their lives are a grave disappointment to God, it requires enormous trust and reckless, raging confidence to accept that the love of Jesus Christ knows no shadow of alteration or change. When Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened', He assumed we would grow weary, discouraged, and disheartened along the way. These words are a touching testimony to the genuine humanness of Jesus. He had no romantic notion of the cost of discipleship. He knew that following Him was as unsentimental as duty, as demanding as love."

Brennan Manning,

The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt



At its meeting this past Thursday, your Governance Board endorsed the creation of an Advisory Group to assist our Intentional Interim Lead Minister in creating a policy regarding a return to “in-person” worship and gatherings at BSUC during the continued Covid-19 pandemic.

You are invited to contribute your understanding and opinions as to when, and under what circumstances/conditions, we should come together again.

You may do this by emailing Rev. David at interim.clergy@gmail.com prior to Wednesday of this coming week or by sitting in (via ZOOM) on the Advisory Group meeting.

It is anticipated that the Advisory Group will meet this coming Thursday in the afternoon, if that is a convenient day/time for participants.

PLEASE, LET YOUR VOICE BE KNOWN.

LET'S CREATE A PLAN TO COME TOGETHER!

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM NEWS...

Once again, the Finance Ministry Team conveys their thanks to the congregation for their financial support during this COVID pandemic.

They encourage you to support the mission and ministry of BSUC by giving a regular or special offering now and during the upcoming THANKSGIVING season.



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.

AREA UNITED CHURCH NEWS...

Drive-by Dinner **Friday** **October 1**

Reserve your pick-up time
between 4:00 & 6:00

Emmanuel United Church
458 Ashley Street, Foxboro

Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Baked Beans, Carrots,
Coleslaw, Roll
Apple Crisp

\$16 - Adults
\$5 - Ages 5-10

Reserve dinner
& Pick-up time with:
Bev Stewart (613) 969 1312



**Curbside pick-up: Drive up to side hall door, stay in
your car. Your dinner(s) will be brought to you;**

Food will be prepared for:

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY!

Pre-Pay or Pay at Pick-up (exact change if possible.)



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
September 12, 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 12 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common
LECTIONARY

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

HYMN: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom—MV #10

1. Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
Showing us what love must do.
2. Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.
3. Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

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HYMN: Take Up Your Cross—VU #561

- 1 Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 fill your weak spirit with alarm;
 Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up,
 and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
 nor let your foolish pride rebel;
 your Saviour once accepted death
 upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
- 4 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
 think not till death to lay it down;
 for only those who bear the cross
 may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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