

# 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 24, 2021



Sunday, September 26, 2021



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

Mark 9: 38 - 50

**DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**



*Think on this...*

**"Faith is walking face-first and full-speed into the dark. If we truly knew all the answers in advance as to the meaning of life and the nature of God and the destiny of our souls, our belief would not be a leap of faith and it would not be a courageous act of humanity; it would just be... a prudent insurance policy."**

*- Elizabeth Gilbert*

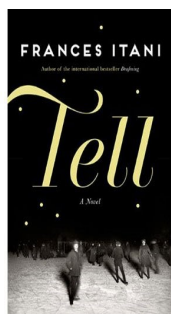
*Best Selling Author of*  
*"Eat, Pray, Love"*

## **BOOK CLUB NEWS, by Carol Wolgarth, Coordinator ...**

**The 10+ Anniversary of the Bridge Street Book Lovers' Club** was held on September 9th in the Craft Room at the Quinte Living Centre. There were 13 people present, and it was extremely successful! Everyone who attended had fun and suggested future books for the group to enjoy.

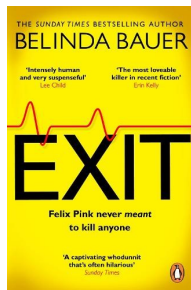
***As the autumn season comes upon us, let's enjoy some good reads in a cozy chair with a steaming, large, cup of tea. You are invited to join us at our monthly meetings when we will review the following books:***

**October 14, 9:30 a.m.** (location to be announced):



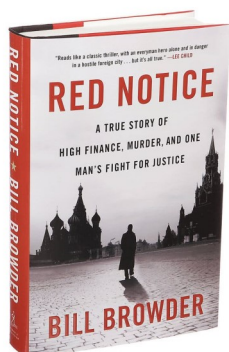
"Tell" by Frances Itani will be presented by various members. Told with Itani's signature power and grace, "Tell" is both a deeply moving story about the burdens of the past, and a beautifully rendered reminder of how the secrets we bury to protect ourselves can also be the cause of our undoing.

**November 11, 9:30 a.m.** (location to be announced):



"Exit" by Belinda Bauer will be presented by Bill Perry. Bauer is "Britain's most original crime writer". Now she returns with a heart-pounding, heart-breaking and often hilarious new crime novel in which it's never too late for life to go fatally wrong.

**December 9, 2021, 9:30 a.m.** (location to be announced):



"Red Notice" by Bill Browder will be presented by Marialice Fielding. A real-life political thriller about an American financier in the Wild East of Russia, the murder of his principled young tax attorney and his dangerous mission to expose the Kremlin's corruption.



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 26, 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](http://www.bridgestreetchurch.com)**.

**Available**

**Beginning**

**this Sunday,**

**September 26 @ 10 a.m.**

the Revised Common  
LECTIONARY

**Mark 9: 38 - 50**

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

**HYMN: - There's a Spirit in the Air—VU #582**

- 1     There's a spirit in the air,  
      telling Christians everywhere:  
      "Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
      living, working in our world."
- 2     Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
      tell the world what God has done:  
      God in Christ has come to stay.  
      Live tomorrow's life today!
- 3     When believers break the bread,  
      when a hungry child is fed,  
      praise the love that Christ revealed,  
      living, working in our world.

- 4 Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
- 5 When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world
- 6 May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay,  
live tomorrow's life today.
- 7 There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

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## **HYMN: In Loving Partnership We Come—VU #603**

- 1 In loving partnership we come,  
seeking, O God, your will to do.  
Our prayers and actions now receive;  
we freely offer them to you.
- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need.  
We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and faithful deed.
- 3 Loving community we seek;  
your hope and strength within us move.  
The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
are brought together in your love.
- 4 In loving partnership, O God,  
help us your future to proclaim.  
Justice and peace be our desire,  
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

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