

NEWS from the BRIDGE

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



AN INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE TRANSITION TEAM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021



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

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Sunday, October 3, 2021



Mark 10: 2-16

Think on this...

"Don't let me ever think, dear God, that I was anything but the instrument for Your story - just like the typewriter was mine."

- Flannery O'Connor

THANK YOU!!!

Campbell's Orchards and **Fosterholm Farms** for their recent donations of pounds and pounds of farm-fresh produce—tomatoes, corn and more — for **Bridge Street United Church's meal programs** - and to the **many volunteers** who helped to process all of these vegetables for use later in the year!!





Can you name something that you're thankful for?

If you can answer "yes" to this question, please consider acknowledging/honouring it by way of a special Thanksgiving Gift to our church.

~~ \$4,000 in THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS is needed to meet our financial obligations this year ~~

EVERY donation will help us reach this goal!

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Bridge Street United Church
Praising—Challenging—Nurturing
--Transforming in Christ--

Our Values ...

We value the power of Christ's transforming and redeeming love, which calls us:

Worship to be creative, courageous and joyful in praise

Hospitality to be welcoming, inclusive and respectful

Discipleship to work together toward spiritual growth and maturity in faith

Sacred Accompaniment to walk compassionately with others along life's journey, in the presence of Christ

Community to live out Christ's mission in response to the world

Our Vision ...

By God's grace, our faith community strives to be vibrant, inclusive and spiritually nurturing, inviting everyone into a mature, loving and sacred relationship with the living Christ.

Our Mission ...

Our mission is to live the Good News of Jesus Christ, reaching out beyond ourselves to share the transforming power of faith by offering spiritual nurture within the congregation, and providing community-rooted ministries that serve the local area and outreach that responds to the needs of the wider world.



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

October 3 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,

October 3 @ 10 a.m.

Mark 10: 2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.

But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

HYMN: - When Painful Mem'ries —MV #74

1. When painful mem'ries haunt each day
and dreams disturb the night,
when life is washed with shades of grey
and phantoms fill our sight,
Christ, stay beside us
and embrace the child who dwells within;
come, Healer, touch our lives with grace;
restore our lives again.

2. When dreams at last bring peace and rest,
and fear has lost control,
when, tried by struggle, we are blessed
with rightful mind and soul,
stay close beside us as before,
to guide us all our days.
Christ, take the lives that you restore
and fit them for your praise.

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HYMN: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life—VU #681

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
 where sound the cries of race and clan,
 above the noise of selfish strife,
 we hear your words of life again.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
 on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
 from paths where hide the lures of greed,
 we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 The cup of water given for you
 still holds the freshness of your grace;
 yet long these multitudes to view
 the strong compassion of your face.
- 4 O Jesus, from the mountain side,
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide,
 and tread the city's streets again,
- 5 till all the world shall learn your love
 and follow where your feet have trod,
 till glorious from your heaven above
 shall come the city of our God.

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