

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 8, 2021



Sunday, October 10, 2021



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

Matthew 6:25-33

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



Your church staff joins together in wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

In that spirit, we share this prayer. May it be as from your own lips!

O God, presider over the affairs of persons and places, move us to thanksgiving,
not only because of what we have, but also because of whose we are;
not only because of present blessing, but also only because of your continuing
providence;
not only because of this current moment, but also because of your promise of
eternity.

Let our thanksgiving be expressed not just in feasting, but also in sharing;
not just in passive enjoyment, but in active service;
not just in annual observance, but in daily attitude.

And because your concern for wholesome living embraces every person upon the earth,
we pray for ourselves and others, confident in your good intention;
grateful for your abundant provision;
and, hopeful that you will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To you be the glory, and to your Son, our praise.
Now and forever.

Amen and amen.





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.

BOOK CLUB NEWS...

Book Club meetings will be suspended until guidelines and protocols for group gatherings here at the church are established.

We will notify you of any changes to this suspension via this Newsletter.

Thank you for your patience, and enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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 10, 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 10 @ 10 a.m.**

the Revised Common
LECTIONARY

Matthew 6:25-33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

HYMN: - We Plough the Fields—VU #520

1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.*

2 You only are the maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give us daily bread. *R*

3 We thank you then, O Maker,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for,
our humble, thankful hearts. *R*

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HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation—VU #227

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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