

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 22, 2021



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

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



Sunday, October 24, 2021



Mark 10:46-52

Think on this...

"Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about."

- N.T. Wright,

***"Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection,
and the Mission of the Church"***



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SPREAD THE WORD!

On motion of the Governance Board, **in-person worship** at Bridge Street United Church **resumes on Sunday, November 7th @ 10 a.m.** for **members and adherents exclusively.**

To attend worship you must call the church office (613-962-9178) to register your intention before Thursday of the preceding week. This will be a weekly obligation.

You are asked to arrive 15 to 30 minutes prior to 10 a.m. in order to accommodate the check-in protocol.

PLEASE USE THE CHURCH STREET ENTRANCE TO THE SANCTUARY.

To be compliant with health guidelines and recommendations, the Governance Board directs that attendance at in-person worship will, until further notice, only be available to those persons who:

- are a member or adherent of B.S.U.C.,
- attest to being double vaccinated,
- agree to hold B.S.U.C. blameless in the event that they contract COVID-19,
- consent to a record of their attendance being kept,
- wear a face covering when in worship or communal space,
- refrain from physical interactions with others (i.e. hugging/handshaking),
- refrain from singing or verbalizing within the worship service,
- follow directions conveyed by designated greeters, ushers, etc., and
- sit in those designated areas that ensure appropriate social distancing from other attenders.

In support of a healthy and safe environment, those persons who are not compliant, or will not comply with the aforementioned conditions, shall, without prejudice, be denied entry at, or will be requested to depart from, a worship service.

For those individuals unable/unwilling to abide by the above-referenced conditions, B.S.U.C.'s online facilities will, as time and resources allow, present worship experiences electronically. Details concerning this undertaking are still in development. As such, there may be a time lag between the resumption of in-person worship and the offering of recorded services.

Should you have questions, please contact Rev. David (interim.clergy@gmail.com | 905-375-7369).



FROM THE GOVERNANCE BOARD ...

As B.S.U.C. continues to live out its mission, vision, and values, your Governance Board has been attentive to our community's evolving needs.

At its meeting on October 15th, and in addition to facilitating the return to in-person worship, existing Board membership vacancies were filled as per the provisions of the Board Policy Manual.

As such, the Governance Board is now comprised of:

Rev. Steve Spicer, Chair

Frank Hiebert, Vice-Chair

June Boudreau, member

Carolyn Cockerline, member

Gary Hannaford, member

Glen Kennedy, member

Bill Mills, member

Please join me in extending sincere thanks to all Board members for their willingness to serve, and especially to Frank, June, and Glen, who are newest to this work.

- The Rev. G. David King

Our Congregation's Thanksgiving Offerings

RECEIVED TO DATE: \$2,395

BUDGET TARGET: \$4,000

Methods of giving:

MAIL TO: 60 Bridge St. E., Belleville, ON, K8N 1L7

E-TRANSFER TO: admin@bridgestchurch.com

Thank you!

C-E-L-E-B-R-A-T-E G-O-O-D T-I-M-E-S...

HAPPY 22nd BIRTHDAY
GRACE FREELAND!



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 24, 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 24 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common
LECTIONARY

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

HYMN: - Open My Eyes, That I May See—VU #371

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear
 voices of truth thou sendest clear;
 and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
 everything false will disappear.
 Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
 Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
 gladly the warm truth everywhere;
 open my heart and let me prepare
 love with thy children thus to share.
 Silently now I wait for thee,
 ready, my God, thy will to see.
 Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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MV #79 - Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
 with a heart that's kind and tender.
 All my coldness and fear
 to your grace I now surrender. *R*
2. Write your love upon my heart
 as my law, my goal, my story.
 In each thought, word, and deed,
 may my living bring you glory. *R*
3. May I weep with those who weep,
 share the joy of sister, brother.
 In the welcome of Christ,
 may we welcome one another. *R*

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