

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 29 2021



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

DETAILS ARE PRINTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



Sunday, October 31, 2021



Revelation 21:1-6a

Think on this...

"Shame and blame should have no place in our body, mind, or spirit."

- Asa Don Brown





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 each week's service. 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: 3,560

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!

NEWS FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA...

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October 2021

Bridge Street Pastoral Charge
60 Bridge St E
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"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."
Mark 12:31 (NRSV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gifts to Mission & Service in 2020. In this time of pandemic, you not only sustained your previous year's giving but also increased it, and we are grateful. There are so many stories to share with you about how your gifts to Mission & Service are making a difference that it's hard to choose just one. But this one reflects many of the ways your gifts are helping to build a better world.

Three years ago, Arwa was a Palestinian refugee and a single mother who had just arrived in Montreal with her three children. Our Mission & Service partner Montreal City Mission helped her start a catering co-operative with other women, specializing in Middle Eastern cuisine. The catering business was going strong when COVID-19 struck. In response, Arwa started a sewing circle at Montreal City Mission to make masks for frontline workers and people in homeless shelters. In the first week, the group made and gave out 500 masks! "I was so happy to help people," says Arwa, whose extraordinary leadership skills have landed her a full-time job. "I hope to see more and more women getting the same chance to have this better life for their families." Because of your gifts, Arwa will be one of the people who helps other women get that chance.

If you haven't already shared the story of how Mission & Service made a difference in Arwa's life with your community of faith, please consider it. You can find it at [united-church.ca/stories/thank-you-believing-arwas-story](https://www.united-church.ca/stories/thank-you-believing-arwas-story).

There are many more stories of how we are building a better world together through Mission & Service. You can find them in the "Stories of Our Mission" section of [united-church.ca](https://www.united-church.ca), in our *God's Mission, Our Gifts* e-newsletter, and on The United Church of Canada's Facebook page. When you read these stories know that, like this letter, they are expressing our gratitude for your generosity and compassion.

You are truly an example of what it means to love one another! Please continue to be a part of our amazing ministry.

Blessings,

The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott
Moderator, The United Church of Canada

Sarah Charters
Acting Director of Philanthropy

P.S. God is still listening, and so are we. If you've sent in your Mission & Service givings for this year, we are grateful. Your support is making a real difference in this second year of pandemic. We're here for you if you need help with anything about Mission & Service—just e-mail ms@united-church.ca.

The Mission and Service of The United Church of Canada: God's Mission, Our Gifts La mission et le service de l'Église Unie du Canada: la mission de Dieu, pour nous, par nous

Certificate of Thanksgiving • Témoignage de reconnaissance à

Bridge Street Pastoral Charge
is recognized for giving/pour son don de
\$29,515

in 2020 for the Mission & Service of
The United Church of Canada

Through Mission & Service, we help save and transform lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world.



en 2020 à Mission & Service
de l'Église Unie du Canada

Mission & Service aide à sauver et à transformer des vies, à inspirer un sens et une raison d'être, et à bâtir un monde meilleur.

The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator • Le pasteur Richard Bott, modérateur
October/Octobre 2021

God's Mission, Our Gifts • La mission de Dieu, pour nous, par nous

AREA UNITED CHURCH ACTIVITIES...



Fall Favourites Bake Sale

Pre-order and pick up for safety.

Order deadline is **noon on Monday, November 1**; earlier orders preferred by phone to 613-779-0691, email to mshobbs@gmail.com or on paper to the church office.

Pickup on **Friday, November 5** between noon and 6 pm at St. Matthew's United Church, 25 Holloway Street in Belleville.

Payment by cash, cheque or e-transfer.

For more information call Mary Hobbs at 613-779-0691

Order: Name _____

Phone: _____ E-mail (optional) _____

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Pies			
9-inch \$10.00: 8-inch \$7.50			
Apple			
Pumpkin			
Raisin			
Tea Biscuits \$0.75/each	\$0.75/each		
Carrot Cake (iced)			
Approximately 4 x 6-inch \$4.00			
Loaves			
whole loaf \$8.00 half loaf \$4.00			
Pumpkin			
Cranberry			
Cookies			
half dozen \$3.00 dozen \$6.00			
Oatmeal Raisin			
Chocolate Chip			
Squares			
approximately 4 by 4 inches			
\$4.00			
Date	\$4.00		
Lemon	\$4.00		



Christmas BAZAAR

Saturday **Nov 13**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Emmanuel United Church

458 Ashley Street Foxboro

"Christmas Catalogue" Pick-up & Extra Order Desk (Planters & Sweets)

Shop on the Day
for "Must be Seen" items:

Knitting/sewing ~ Gift Baskets
Handicrafts ~ Surprise Table
Jams & Preserves (while supplies last)

Christmas Music while you Shop

Expect to provide proof of vaccination
and phone number for contact tracing only
so that you can be free to shop in the hall.

WESTMINSTER

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2021
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Admission \$1.00 (for Xmas Sharing & Local Food Banks)

Gift Baskets, Baking, Candy, Frozen Foods,
Preserves,
Crafts, Books, & much more

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN EFFECT
Handicap Access & Elevator, Lots of Parking

Westminster United Church
1199 Wallbridge-Loyalist Road
Belleville (613-968-4304)



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 grievers who are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, particularly:
the van de Hoef family on the passing of Steve's grandfather, of Tillsonburg;
Richard Woodley on the passing of his niece, Carol Ann Goerke, of Belleville.

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 31, 2021

with guest worship leader

The Rev. Phil Hobbs

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 31 @ 10 a.m.

the Revised Common
LECTIONARY

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Mark 12:24-33

Jesus said to them, 'Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.'

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.'

HYMN – Wherever You May Go - MV #216

Refrain:

Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

1. Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
we will travel side by side
and God's love will be our guide.

2. From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
when you need me, I'll be there,
you can trust my faithful care.

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HYMN – Just as I Am - VU #508

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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