

# Bridgewater United Church Council Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022

Present: David Walker, Blake Hirtle, Richard Greek, Rev. Jeff Chant, Edna Matheson

Regrets: Elizabeth Burrige

Item	Topic/Discussion	Action
1.	Call to Order	
	The Church Council Executive met April 25, 2022 in the church library. David Walker called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.	
2.	Opening Prayer	
	David Walker	
3.	Agenda	
	There was no agenda circulated for this meeting.	
4.	Correspondence	
	<p>Rev. Jeff Chant read his letter of resignation effective July 24, 2022 but the last day of leading worship will be June 5, 2022.</p> <p>Discussion occurred regarding plans to inform the congregation, staff and Region 15; changes to the schedule for services in May with vacation being deferred; and future planning.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Richard Greek/Blake Hirtle to accept Rev. Jeff Chant's resignation with regrets.</p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p>Expressions of appreciation for Jeff Chant's work and leadership were expressed as well as best wishes for his future endeavors.</p>	
5.	Adjournment	
	Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm	

Respectfully submitted,



Edna Matheson, Secretary



David Walker, Chair

## Rev. Jeffrey Chant

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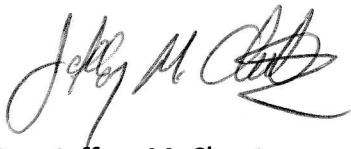
Dear Members of the Bridgewater United Church Council:

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that I am resigning from my position as Lead Minister at Bridgewater United Church. While I appreciate this will be a surprise to many, the combination of a new opportunity for me to serve the wider community and the great place Bridgewater United is in with digital ministries etc creates an opportunity for new ministry leadership and models to emerge.

BUD Ministries, both online and in partnership with New West Pine and Caledonia are working well and supported by a capable team. Our fundraising plans are well underway, and you are poised to launch a successful stewardship campaign in the fall. My last official day of employment will be July 24, 2022, however, I will be using my remaining professional development and vacation before that so my last day leading worship will be June 5, 2022.

When I was asked to lead service 6 years ago and then help you out temporarily, I never imagined it would turn into a loving, vibrant ministry that I have enjoyed immensely. Your willingness to try new models and ideas of ministry along with the creative freedom I have been given as a leader is a true gift. I believe there is a great opportunity now as the network is up and running and our relationship with Westside and Rev. Neil continues to deepen. As you discern your future ministry, please know you will remain in my prayers and always hold a meaningful place in my spirit.

In Christ's Service,



Rev. Jeffrey M. Chant