**Bridgewater United Church**

**January 27, 2019 3rd After Epiphany**

**Ministry Team:** *Reverend Jeff Chant and Angela Clifton*

**Organist & Choir Director:** *Wendy Fraser*

**Musical Guests:** *Rick Gunn and Regenesis* **Greeters:** *Bob Forbes, Marg Forbes* **Ushers:** *Diane Patten, Mary Gray***Audio Visual Technician:** *David Moran* **Sound Engineer:** *Shelley Moran*

*The asterisk (\*) indicates the congregation may stand, as they can. The print in* ***BOLD*** *is where the congregation participates.*

Prelude: Variations from Concerto Set 1, Op. 4 *written by George F. Handel*

**\*Gathering Song:** **God of Wonders** *played by* *Regenesis*

**\*Gathering Song: My Lighthouse** *played by* *Regenesis*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Invitation To Worship

\*Lighting of the Christ and Inclusivity Candles

\*Opening Song

Let Your Heart Shine Bright *played by**Reverend Jeff Chant*

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Songs

As Colours in the Sky *played by**Regenesis*

Sing a New World into Being *played by**Regenesis*

**\* Hymn And Gifts Received: # 138 MV – My Love Colours Outside the Lines**

Time With Children

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Minutes for Mission

“Hope Under the Rainbow”

Letter From The Moderator: The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott

Centering

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: Speak, O God *performed by**Regenesis*

Message

Silent Reflection

Special Music: Walk With Me *by BUC Combined Choir*

Affirm United Certificate Presentation

Prayers of the Community

**\*Hymn: # 154 MV – Deep in Our Hearts**

\*Extinguishing The Candles

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing: # 963 VU – May The Grace of Christ Attend Us**

\*Postlude: Fantasie for Organ *written by Giovanni M. Trabaci*



***The church bulletins are presented to the glory of God,***

***and in loving memory of Bill Hebb,***

***gift of Joan, Peter, Richard and John.***

***Flowers have been placed in the church in memory of Greg Ritcey,***

***on the anniversary of his passing. We give thanks for his many contributions to the life of Bridgewater United. Placed by the Ministry and Personnel Committee of Bridgewater United.***

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*Church Office Hours are Monday – Friday 9:30am – 1:00pm*

*Our Church is a* ***Nut-Free and Scent-Free Church***

**BRIDGEWATER UNITED CHURCH**

**WANTS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU!**

We try to make every effort to keep our congregation informed of the events that occur at Bridgewater United Church. It would be most helpful to Bridgewater United Church, if you followed the suggestions below to make sure that you are as up-to-date with news as possible.

1. Please pass along your email to the Church Office at buc@tallships.ca, so that you can be added to congregational emails regarding events, services and storm closures.

2. Check out our website at [www.bridgewaterunited.ca](http://www.bridgewaterunited.ca) for information about our Church, Event Calendar, Church Council Minutes, Church Bulletin, Worship Service Audio Recordings, Sermons and so much more.

3. Find us and like us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterUnitedChurch?ref=hl>

4. The Church Office wants to remind members of the congregation,

if the worship service is cancelled, an announcement will be placed on CKBW

(98.1 FM), on the church’s website at www.bridgewaterunited.ca and

the church phone message will state the cancellation by 9:00am.



This Week at Bridgewater United

**This Sunday: 3rd After Epiphany**

 **10:30am** Worship

 **11:30am** BUC Ways and Means Grocery Card Fundraiser

**Monday: 6:30pm** Scouts **8:00pm** 3rd Bridgewater Scout Group Committee

**Tuesday: 6:30pm** Hillside Pines Worship Service

**Wednesday: 6:30pm** Beavers **7:00pm** Senior Choir

**Thursday: 10:00am** Drumlin Hills Worship Service **6:30pm** Cubs

**Friday: 6:30pm** BUC Youth Group

**Next Sunday: 4th After Epiphany**

 **9:00am** Senior Choir **10:00am** Coffee, Tea and Conversation

 **10:30am** Worship and Sunday School

Congregational News

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3rd at 11:30am to review the Annual Report and hold elections. All are encouraged to attend.

2018 Official Income Tax Receipts are available in the Narthex in alphabetical order.

Are you interested in joining the membership of Bridgewater United Church? On Sunday, April 14th, we will be welcoming new members by Baptism, Confirmation or by Transfer of Membership from another congregation. Please contact the Church Office at (902) 543-4833 for more information.

A huge thank you is extended to Yvonne Hirtle and Diane Barry for their help with organizing and cleaning the Library so that it is a functioning space for all to use.

Located in the hallway leading from the Christian Education Centre, there is a HEARTSTART FRx DEFIBRILLATOR on the wall. This is an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be used with Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA.) SCA can occur to anyone, young and old, male or female, anywhere, at any time.

We are looking for new volunteers to read during Worship and Dove Kite Bearers. Please sign up TODAY in the Narthex. Your help is appreciated during our Worship.

We are looking for volunteers to help with delivery of Church Letters four times a year. We need to have them in place before Lenten/Easter letters go out. The areas include: New Germany (10 families) and Auburndale (8 families).

Fundraising Opportunities

BUC Ways and Means Grocery Card Sale will be held after Worship. Choose from $50 and $100 activated cards. Forms are available at both entrances.

February 17th is Scouting Sunday. Envelopes labeled “Scouting Sunday” will be available on February 17th, and with your assistance, our 3rd Bridgewater Scouting Group can continue to grow and flourish. Thank you.

Minute for Mindfulness

“Very truly, I tell you , unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” *~ John 12:24*

Faith Formation Special Projects

Faith Formation is busy throughout the year doing several special projects that help our Church Community and beyond experience their faith. These include but are not limited to, BUC Sunday School and Worship Nursery, BUC Youth Group, Send a Kid to Camp, Camping Sunday, Student Care Packages and Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference. We have decided that instead of requesting items leading up to the event, we are going to present our special projects for the year, and each month request certain items, so that it gives people an opportunity to get things on special. Thank you for all you do to help these projects.

Mission Trip

Anyone interesting in participating in a Mission Trip with Servants’ Heart Ministries to the Dominican in 2020, please attend an information meeting on Sunday, February 3rd at 11:45am in the Church Parlour.

Outreach Opportunities

“Souper Bowl Sunday” is February 3rd. Let us use all the publicity to remind us of the needs of others. What a great thing it would be if everyone in our Church brought a can of soup for the Food Bank in addition to their regular Food Bank contribution. The Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Bank continues to serve many people weekly.

Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Bank are greatly appreciated throughout the month. The Food Bank has highlighted monthly needs, but donations are not limited to them. For February, there is a request for canned vegetables (398ml) and toilet paper.

A Message From The Envelope Steward

If you would like church envelopes for your family or Sunday School child, look for the orange and blue forms at both entrances to the Sanctuary. Envelopes allow your church givings and your child’s Sunday School givings to be tallied into an end-of-the-year tax receipt. **Only use church envelopes marked 2019 (Blue).**

Observer Subscription

Would you like to renew or subscribe to The United Church Observer magazine? Each annual subscription is $25 which needs to be made payable to Bridgewater United Church no later than March 3rd. Founded in 1829, it is the oldest continuously published magazine in North America and the second oldest in the English-speaking world. It has won international acclaim for journalistic excellence and garnered more awards for writing than any other Canadian religious publication.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are in the Chapel of Bridgewater United Church. These prayer shawls have been knitted by a dedicated group of people from this congregation who knit these shawls and weave prayers into them. If you know of someone that would appreciate one of these shawls, be sure to get one from the Prayer Shawl cabinet. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is requesting monetary donations to purchase suitable yarn to create more prayer shawls. Please periodically dedicate a portion of your weekly offering to support this ministry of Bridgewater United Church. Thank you.