**Bridgewater United Church**

**July 15, 2018 8th After Pentecost**

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

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

**Greeters:** *Bob Reynolds, David Moran* **Usher:** *Jo-Anne Corkum, Bill Somers*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *Ewart Morse*  **Sound Engineer:** *Shelley Moran*

The asterisk (\*) indicates the congregation may stand, as they can.

The print in **BOLD** is where the congregation participates.

Prelude: God of Wonders *written by Victor Labenske*

**\*Choral Introit: # 122 MV – This Is the Day**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call To Worship

\*Christ Candle Lighting *read* *by Gary and Debbie Ramey*

**\*Hymn: # 48 MV – I Can Feel You Near Me God (Jump for Joy)**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 *read by Angela Clifton*

**Choruses And Prayer:**

 I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

 Tenders of the Light

 Cares Chorus

Minute For Mission: Hope under Occupation

**\*Hymn: # 145 MV – Draw the Circle Wide**

Time With Children

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory: Ancient Words *written by Lynn DeShazo*

**\*Offertory Response: # 542 VU – We Give You But Your Own**

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers Of Thanksgiving

Gift Of Music: O Holy Spirit

*sung by Shirley Vandertoorn, Laurel Cowie and John Glanville*

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:14-29

The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Silent Reflection

**\*Hymn: # 352 VU – I Danced in the Morning**

\*Extinguishing The Christ Candle

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing: # 215 MV – Peace Be with You**

Postlude: How Firm A Foundation *arranged by John Rippon*

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

***and in loving memory of husband Harry and sisters, Jenny and Marie,***

***gift of Gladys Veinot and son, Malcolm.***

***The July church radio broadcast is given to the glory of God,***

***and in loving memory of parents,***

***Gordon and Idella Cook and Allister and Evelyn Seamone,***

***brothers; Donald and James and sisters; Lucille and Helen,***

***gift of Everett and Margaret Anne and family.***

***The July church radio broadcast is given to the glory of God,***

***and in memory of Barbara Fulton, gift of her family.***

***Please join us for Cookies, Punch and Conversation,***

***hosted this week by Corrine Zinck and Diane Barry.***



**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.



*Bridgewater United Church*

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*Facebook:* [*https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterUnitedChurch?ref=hl*](https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterUnitedChurch?ref=hl)

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

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

**This Sunday: 8th AFTER PENTECOST**

 **10:30am** Worship and Children’s Activity Table

 **11:30am** Cookies, Punch and Conversation

**Next Sunday:** **9th AFTER PENTECOST**

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*Though there may be less activity, the expenses of the church continue during the summer period.* *Even though you may not be present on Sunday mornings, you can still make sure that your financial contributions are received by the Church. You may want to consider PAR (pre-authorized remittance), an automatic transfer of funds through your bank. If you are able, we'd love to have you join with us, worshipping God in the beauty of holiness during the summer.*

*If you have visitors, bring them along so they can experience the joy of our faith community.*

**CHURCH OFFICE VACATION** - Tracy will be on vacation from **August 7th through to August 10th.** Emails and phone messages will be checked daily. For pastoral care emergencies during this time, you can reach Angela Clifton at (902) 543-6854 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings or at (902) 527-2739, (902) 521-7040 or by confidential email at aclifton@eastlink.ca.

**WORSHIP CARPOOL** – A resident of Ridgewood would like to attend Worship Services here at Bridgewater United, but does not have a vehicle. We currently only need a volunteer from July 15th – August 15th. If you are interested in this Outreach Ministry, please contact Angela Clifton at (902) 543-6854.

**CHURCH CALENDAR** – During the months of July and August, we do not create a printed Church calendar for the congregation to take home, but please note that the Church Office updates the calendar on the Church website, [www.bridgewaterunited.ca](http://www.bridgewaterunited.ca), to make sure that all upcoming events are included.

**CHURCH GIVINGS** - If you would like church envelopes for your family, look for the orange and blue forms at both entrances to the Sanctuary. Envelopes allow your church givings to be tallied into a tax receipt. PAR is a monthly pre-authorized bank withdrawal by Bridgewater United Church directly, that can be increased or decreased at any time. All changes need to be presented to the Envelope Steward, Tracy Rafuse, five business days before the end of the month. PAR forms are available at both entrances. PAR cards are available at either entrance. PAR cards are placed in the plate during the Offering to specify your givings are through PAR.

**PASTORAL CARE NEEDS** – Please contact Angela Clifton; Parish Nurse, BN, RN, MEd, MA(Theo), at (902) 527-2739, (902) 521-7040 or by confidential email at aclifton@eastlink.ca with pastoral concerns or needs. She looks forward to coordinating our congregation with both emotional and spiritual support.

**SUMMER MUSIC** - We are looking for talent to provide music for offertories during July and August. This could be piano or other instruments or vocal. It may be a solo or a group effort, adults or children. Use your imagination! Please speak to our organist, Wendy Fraser after signing up. Thank you.

**WORSHIP READERS** – We are looking for readers for Scripture and the Christ Candle. Please sign up in the Narthex today following the service, it would be wonderful if we had all the slots filled for the summer. Thank you.

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE** – **We need coverage in one District before the end of July.** A District Representative is responsible to deliver church letters to the families in their District approximately four times a year, as well as report any changes or concerns with these families to the Minister.

 ~ District 41 – 8 families - Auburndale/Wileville/Midville Branch

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP NURSERY** – There is an activity table at the back of the Sanctuary for children and an unsupervised Nursery available during July and August for parents/guardians with small children during the service. There is a change table, play area and a speaker to hear the Worship Service. This is located off the Christian Education Centre (Gym).

**BUC MISSION TRIP** – We would like to get the Church Community involved in our Mission Trip to Sosua, Dominican Republic. For July, we are asking for boy items such as dinky toys, small balls, small Lego, playdough, and colouring books.

**BRIDGEWATER INTER-CHURCH FOOD BANK** – Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. There are monthly needs highlighted, but donations are not limited to these. **For July, there is a request for canned ham, chicken or tuna and macaroni and spaghetti.**

*Take time, be present and appreciate the small things….*

**ANCIENT CELTIC BLESSING** ~ Scoop up palmfuls of water and let it run from your hands with these blessing words: A palmful of the God of life, a palmful of the Christ of love, a palmful of the Spirit of wholeness. Life. Love. Wholeness.

**Sunday, July 29th - Gospel Night – Wesley United Church; 22 Drew’s Hill Road – 7:00pm** – Special guest performers. Light Refreshments. Free Will Offering. All Are Welcome.