**Bridgewater United Church**

**May 13, 2018 7th of Easter**

**Christian Family Sunday**

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

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

**Greeters:** *Gary Ramey, Debbie Ramey*  **Ushers:** *Mary Parks, Carolyn Lohnes*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *David Walker***Sound Engineer:** *Shelley Moran*

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

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

Prelude: Come Now, Almighty King *arranged by Phillip Kervenen*

Prelude: I Love to Tell the Story *arranged by Phillip Kervenen*

Video: “Super Heros”

**\*Choral Introit: # 179 VU – Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks (Verse 1)**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call To Worship

\*Christ Candle Lighting *read by David, Angela, Parker and Carter Doggett*

**\*Hymn: # 574 VU – Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love**

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:9-13 *read by Pam Hebb*

**Choruses And Prayer:**

 Shout to the North

 Jesus, Draw Me Close

 Closer

Video: “This Is Happy”

**\*Hymn: # 157 MV – I Am a Child of God**

Time With Children

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory: Love at Home *written by J.H. McNaughton*

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

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers Of Thanksgiving

Gift Of Music: This Is the Day That God Has Made *written by Richard Gieseke*

Scripture Reading: John 17:6-19

The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Silent Reflection

**\*Hymn: # 556 VU – Would You Bless Our Homes and Families**

\*Extinguishing The Christ Candle

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing: # 429 VU – May the Blessing of God Be upon You**

Postlude: Trumpet Finale *written by Domenico Gabrieli*

*CCLI #11287624*

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

***and in loving memory of my mother, Greta Lohnes,***

***and my mother-in-law, Myrtle Hebb,***

***gift of Elsie Hebb.***

***Flowers in the Sanctuary***

***are given in loving memory of Barbara M. Rhodenizer;***

***wife, mother, Gran and mother-in-law,***

***to the Rhodenizer family.***



**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***

**CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS ~ FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

1. South Shore Presbytery is offering a workshop for Office Administrators/ Secretaries, both paid and volunteer. Dr. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis, Professor at the Atlantic School of Theology will be the keynote speaker. The workshop will be held at Bridgewater United Church and the UCW will cater lunch.

2. Posts at the community garden project have been removed to make the site more pleasing esthetically. Trellises, etc. will be provided to use as a backdrop for climbing vegetables.

3. The Bridgewater Day Care is applying for a Space Conversion Grant available through the Department of Education to create a permanent and secure space in the playground for infants attending the Day Care.

4. If anyone wishes to regularly receive Council information (Minutes, Agendas, Committee Reports, Highlights, etc.), please contact Corrine Zinck at czinck@bellaliant.net to be placed on an email distribution list.

5. The next Church Council meeting will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. All are invited to attend Council meetings and can participate in discussion but may not have a vote.

**CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS ~ MARCH 25, 2018**

1. Sunday, April 15, 2018 is tentatively scheduled as a covenanting service for this year’s Council members.

2. Rev. David Hart, Bedford United Church, who spoke to this congregation at a recent service, has been nominated by Halifax Presbytery as a candidate for Moderator of the United Church of Canada.

3. In May, Rick Gunn, Music Director at Bedford United Church, will be coming to a service with his youth band.

4. Jaspro Services will be providing maintenance of the tile floors the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

5. Church Council and representatives of the Bridgewater Day Care and Wee Wisdom Nursery will be making a presentation soon to the Bridgewater Town Council. Property Valuation Services have assessed the space used to operate these two non-profit businesses for property tax and the church will be taxed on the space. The presentation is to request exemption from the property tax.

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7. The next Church Council meeting will be on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. All are invited to attend Council meetings and can participate in discussion but may not have a vote.

**This Sunday: 7th OF EASTER**

 **CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**

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

**Monday: 6:30pm** Scouts **7:00pm** Men’s Choir **7:00pm** UCW

**Tuesday: 10:00am** Pastoral Care Committee

 **4:30pm** Bridgewater Day Care Committee

 **7:00pm** Finance Committee

**Wednesday: 10:00am** Parents & Tots **4:00pm** Worship Committee

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

**Thursday: 6:00pm** Wee Wisdom Nursery School Parent-Teacher

 **6:30pm** Cubs

**Next Sunday:** **DAY OF PENTECOST**

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

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

We have much for which to be thankful. Throughout our lives, we have received gifts from others, including the gift of faith. In turn, we share our gifts with others in our family, our community and our world. The bequest and legacy-giving program of the United Church helps us to plan how we can share some of our accumulated assets with our Church. Through such things as a bequest, a charitable gift annuity, securities, life insurance, we can provide money for the future ministries of our congregation and/or other church ministries. Join us on May 24th at 5:00pm for a potluck and presentation by Roger Janes, Regional Stewardship and Gifts Officer for The United Church of Canada.

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE** – **We need coverage in three Districts.** 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 17 – 4 families – Lunenburg/Chester.

~ District 24 – 6 families - Hebb’s Cross/Conquerall Mills/Italy Cross

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

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS** – The UCW has been asked by "Holy Trinity Piecemakers" to join with them in knitting mittens for South Shore Regional School Board "Schools Plus Program.” This is a way of reaching out to students in our elementary schools. Over the summer months, we are asking knitters in our congregation to join us in this project of knitting mittens for children from grades primary to six. For more information call Ruth Rudderham at (902) 543-5124.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – On May 27th, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting at 12:30pm following a potluck luncheon in the C.E. Centre. The agenda items are: 1. Present information and make decisions regarding future Ministry needs at Bridgewater United Church; 2. Potentially suspend the Joint Needs Assessment report and potentially suspend the Search Committee. All Members and Adherents are encouraged to attend this Special Congregational Meeting but due to the rules/polity of the United Church of Canada, only those who are Confirmed Members of Bridgewater United Church are entitled to cast a vote. All are encouraged to attend.

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES** – Representatives are asked to pick up their letters for delivery to their Districts. This is an important letter regarding the Stewardship and Gifts Workshop on May 24th. Thank you in advance for your time.

**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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES AND PAR** – 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. Or, PAR is a monthly pre-authorized bank withdrawal by Bridgewater United Church that can be increased or decreased at any time. PAR cards are available at both entrances and are placed in the plate during Offering.

**HELPFUL TIPS FROM THE ENVELOPE STEWARD -** Church Envelopes allow your givings to be tallied into a year-end income tax receipt. You can designate where you would like your givings to be distributed. Local Expenses Designation helps with the overall daily upkeep of the building as well as personnel expenses. Mission and Service Designation is forwarded to The United Church of Canada to be deposited to their Mission and Service Fund which is used for Outreach projects. Building Fund Designation helps with repairs or upgrades that need to be undertaken to make sure our building is safe for all that use it.

**BUC MISSION TRIP** – We would like to get the Church Community involved in our Mission Trip to Sosua, Dominican Republic. As a Church Community, you can get involved with our monthly themes for donation. **For the month of May, we are asking for one loonie ($1.00.) One loonie will buy four diapers.** Thank you.

**BRIDGEWATER INTER-CHURCH FOOD BANK** – Monetary donations and donations of non-perishable food items are always appreciated throughout the month. For May, there is a request for canned beans, Molasses or Tomato (398 ml.) and canned chicken, turkey or ham but your donations are not limited to these.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – The last day of Sunday School will be June 3rd. Sunday School will start back up on September 9th. There will be an activity table at the back of the Sanctuary for children to use throughout the summer months.

**WORSHIP NURSERY** – There is a Nursery available 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.

**ALLERGY AWARENESS** – We want to make sure that all food present at the Sunday School Picnic is safe for all participants. We want to clarify that our Church is a **Nut-Free Church,** and this will be extended off-site as well. Thank you.

**Friday, May 25th – BUC Youth Group – Park View Education Centre – 6:00pm-9:30pm** - BUC Youth Group will be watching Sister Act: The Musical put on by Park View's Drama Society. We ask that you let the Church Office know if you will be in attendance so that we can get enough tickets. This will allow the Youth to go and experience a drama put on by their peers. Bring a friend!

**Sunday, June 10th – Worship Service and Sunday School Picnic** – We will be having our June 10th Worship Service and Sunday School Picnic outdoors at the Woodland Gardens behind the Desbrisay Museum. Please bring your own chair to sit on and there are washrooms on-site. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean-up. Please sign-up in the Narthex. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. **Please bring a salad or dessert to share.**

**BUC Ways and Means Grocery Card Fundraiser** - The Ways and Means Grocery Card Fundraiser #5 is set for May 27th to place orders and bring cash/cheques. Please support our church community again by placing your order for up to three months of your groceries. We do appreciate all buyers! You will receive the activated cards on June 3rd. Let’s keep this fundraiser growing.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if every child could have an opportunity to go to Sherbrooke Lake Camp? To attend a week of camp, it costs an estimated $360.00 per child when you are considering the true costs of camp including wear and tear of buildings and grounds. We currently have eight children registered to attend. Please designate, “Send a Child to Camp” on your Offering Envelope. Thank you.

A thank you is extended to everyone that donated items for the Summer Brunswick Street Mission. Thank you to Harold Conrad for always being so kind to drive the items to Halifax and to Randall Knox for helping to pack the vehicle.