**Bridgewater United Church**

**October 28, 2018 23rd After Pentecost Peace Sunday**

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

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

**Greeters:** *Jack Logan, Marilyn Logan* **Ushers:** *Carolyn Lohnes, Marlene Pater*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *David Walker* **Sound Engineer:** *Ewart Morse*

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

Piano Prelude: Rejoicing In God *written by Colin Curtis*

**\*Gathering Song: # 218 VU – We Praise You, O God (Verse 1)**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Invitation To Worship

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*Opening Songs

**\* Hymn And Gifts Are Received: # 154 MV – Deep in Our Hearts**

Time with Children

A Word from West Side United Church

Musical Offering: “River Running In You and Me” *sung by Juliana Stevaux*

Centering

Scripture Reading: John 11:1-6, 17,32-44

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message: “Come Out – An Act of Faith” *by Reverend Neil McEwen*

Musical Offering: Though Ancient Walls

*sung by the combined choir of Bridgewater United and West Side United*

A Word from West Side United Church

Prayers of the Community

**\*Hymn: # 169 MV – When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides**

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing:** **# 420 VU – Go to the World (Verses 1 & 4)**

Postlude: Voluntary in D Major *written by John Alcock*

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

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

***Harold and Hazel Knox and Clyde and Jean Uhlman,***

***gift of Randall and Brenda Knox.***

***We would like to send a warm welcome to Reverend Neil McEwen,***

***and the members of West Side United Church; Pentz,***

***who are sharing in worship with us today.***

***Please join us following the Worship service,***

 ***for tea and coffee and refreshments and a time of fellowship;***

***hosted by the Bridgewater United UCW.***



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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: 23rd AFTER PENTECOST**

 **PEACE SUNDAY**

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

**Monday: 6:30pm** Scouts

**Wednesday: 6:30pm** Beavers

**Thursday: 6:30pm** Cubs

**Next Sunday:** **24th AFTER PENTECOST**

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

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

Meet Our Custodian

Richard Graham is the custodian for Bridgewater United. He has been employed with us for 3 years. Richard was born in Middleton, but has lived locally since his teens. Richard, who is 31 years old, lives nearby in a house he shares with a married couple. His family, notably his sister, lives in Windsor. Richard enjoys reading, video games and is adept at fixing computers and other electronics. His talents in the music area see him playing the harmonica and listening to all varieties of music. Richard likes to walk, and as a result both he and his dog, Sam, get lots of outdoor exercise.

Opening and Affirming Congregation

In the Narthex, you will find a questionnaire box where you can leave your questions for the Affirming Ministry team regarding the Affirming Ministry process. We encourage you to explore what this means for us as a Christian community.

Minute for Mindfulness

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

Sit comfortably. Close your eyes. Breathe deeply three times. Relax. Be aware of the support you are receiving right now. The air you breathe, the chair you sit on, the safety of the space. Enjoy this awareness.

Outreach Opportunities

It’s time, once again, for the collection of good used winter clothing, bedding, towels and footwear. Please bring your donations in bags marked **“Brunswick Street”** to the Church Library weekday mornings **from October 29th to November 5th.**

Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Bank are greatly appreciated. The Food Bank has highlighted monthly needs, but donations are not limited to them. For November, there is a request for Canned Milk (370ml.) and items for school box lunches.

An Evening of Music

On Sunday, October 28th at 3:00pm at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church; Bridgewater, South Shore Chorale presents: another season's promise...sounds of the maritime spirit. Featuring songs by Stan Rogers. Tickets are $15; children under 12 free.

Congregational News

An AED, or automated external defibrillator, are small electronic devices that were designed to allow minimally-trained people to provide lifesaving defibrillation to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Do you know where Bridgewater United’s AED is? Become familiar with its location in the hallway leading to the C.E. Centre.

Angela Clifton; Pastoral Care Minister at (902) 543-6854, (902) 521-7040 or by confidential email at aclifton@eastlink.ca with pastoral concerns or needs.

Uplifting the Next Generation

Our Sunday School needs one more adult volunteer for our Grade 1-2, Grade 3-5 and Grade 6-12 classrooms and the Worship Nursery needs adult volunteers, to cover one to two Sundays a month. Please sign up in the Narthex. The Worship Nursery is available fifteen minutes before and after the Worship.

Sharing Your Gifts

In preparation for the Advent/Christmas season, the Church Office needs to have all Advent Candle, Dove Kite Bearers and Greeters and Ushers in place up to January 6th, 2019 by November 11th. Everyone is encouraged to sign up TODAY and we hope to see some new names on the list. Thank you for your cooperation.

It is that time of the year again when The Salvation Army is preparing for the Christmas Season. One of the ways that the community supports the ministry of The Salvation Army is through its annual Christmas Kettle Campaign. This would not be possible without the many volunteers, if you are interested, please call (902)543-0356.

We still need coverage in two 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 39 – 6 families - Aberdeen Road

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

Fundraising Opportunities

Join us on November 17th for the UCW Christmas Bazaar and Turkey-a-la-King Takeout Luncheon. Doors open at 10:30am for purchasing at the Bazaar tables. These will be: Baked Items; Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Bread, Candy, etc.; Trinkets and Treasures; Plants and Dried Flower Arrangements; Knitted items, Pickles, Jams and Jellies; and Crafts. Luncheon will be available for pick-up from 11:00am-1:00pm. $12. Tickets will be available after Church and for the next two Sundays, and weekday mornings at the Church office. Support from everyone in the Congregation will be very much appreciated. Items for sale can be brought to the Church on November 16th during the day and in the evening. Thank you for your continuing support.

Please find in the Narthex an order sheet for Wee Wisdom Nursery School’s fundraiser for Honey. Items include Liquid Honey, Honey Butter, Creamed Honey and much more. Cheques are to be made payable to Wee Wisdom Nursery School.