**Bridgewater United Church**

**September 30, 2018 19th After Pentecost Anniversary Sunday**

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

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

**Greeters:** *Randall Knox, Brenda Knox* **Ushers:** *Sam Elsworth, Mike Vandertoorn*

**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.*

Organ Prelude: Allegretto *written by Henry Purcell*

Piano Prelude: Come, Now Is the Time to Worship *written by Brian Doerksen*

**\*Gathering Song: 245 VU – Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet (vs. 1)**

Welcome and Announcements

\*Invitation To Worship

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*Opening Songs

**\* Hymn And Gifts Are Received: 232 VU – Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

Time With Children

Time of Gratitude

Musical Offering *by Jeffrey Oakes and Friends*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 124

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

Message *by Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett*

Musical Offering *by Jeffrey Oakes and Friends*

Prayers of the Community

**\*Hymn: 606 VU – In Christ There Is No East or West**

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing: 602 VU – Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vss. 1 and 4)**

Postlude: Trumpet Tune *written by George Frideric Handel*



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

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

***Reverend Reuben and Anna Humby,***

***gift of son, Wylie, Violet and family.***

**Our Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett**



*Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett is a dynamic preacher and educator*

*as well as an author of several books.*

*He believes passionately in the ministry of the local congregation*

*and sees his highest calling as helping people find and develop their personal calling.*



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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.



Fundraising Opportunities

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC IN SUPPORT OF BRIDGEWATER UNITED** - Mark Your Calendars! International musician and storyteller, Dave Carroll, will be at Bridgewater United Church in concert for an evening of Stories and Songs on October 20th at 7:00pm in support of Bridgewater United Church. Dave Carroll has written, recorded and released over 40 original songs, on the ECMA award-winning band, Sons of Maxwell’s ten CDs, has shared in multiple nominations and awards and has toured North America, Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. Intermission and Refreshments. Tickets are $25. Tickets are on sale in Bridgewater at Bridgewater United Church, Bridgewater Pharmasave and Buck’s Home Building Centre, Kinburn Pharmasave; Mahone Bay and Pharmachoice Kinley Drug Co; Lunenburg.

**UCW CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** – Please join us on Saturday, November 17th, for our UCW Christmas Bazaar and Turkey-a-la-King Takeout Luncheon. Donations to the Bazaar tables will be welcomed; Crafts, Jams ,Jellies and Pickles, Plants, Trinkets and Treasures, Knitted Items and Candy and Baked Items. Keep these in mind as you are going about your Fall activities. Your support is appreciated.

Sharing Your Gifts

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE** – 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

**WORSHIP READERS** – We are looking for readers for the Christ Candle Reading and Lighting. Please sign up in the Narthex today following the service.

**SENIOR CHOIR** – Do you love to sing? Our Senior Choir welcomes new members. They rehearse on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm and meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am. Please speak with Wendy Fraser; Organist and Choir Director.

**BUC MEN’S CHOIR -** All men of the congregation are invited to join us for singing and fellowship. For more information contact Bob Zinck at (902) 530-6297.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** – Musicians of all ages, please contact Wendy at (902) 543-6158 to play or provide occasional special music during our worship. If you know performers or groups outside our church community, pass along their names as well.

A Celebration of Music

Please join us **TONIGHT** at 7:00pm for our hymn sing and dessert fest. As well as singing some of our favourite hymns, we will have the opportunity to hear from talented musicians. Please note that donations are **NOT** a prerequisite for your attendance. All are invited to gather for a time of fellowship following the evening of music at our potluck dessert fest. Please bring a dessert to share if you can.

**This Sunday: 19th AFTER PENTECOST**

This Week At Bridgewater United

 **ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

 **10:00am** 3rd Bridgewater Scouting Popcorn Sale

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

 **11:30am** 3rd Bridgewater Scouting Popcorn Sale

 **1:00pm** Maritime Conference Fall Youth Forum Pick-Up

 **7:00pm** Memorial Hymn Sing and Dessert Fest

**Monday: 2:00pm** Unit 7 **6:30pm** Scouts

 **6:30pm** Wee Wisdom Nursery School Committee

**Wednesday: 6:30pm** Beavers **7:00pm** Faith Formation Committee

 **7:00pm** Senior Choir Practice

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

**Next Sunday:** **20th AFTER PENTECOST**

 **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

 **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

 **FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

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

 **10:30am** Worship with Holy Communion and Activity Table

Meet Our Music Director, Wendy Fraser

Wendy has lived most of her life in Nova Scotia, but was born in New Brunswick to parents, Reverend Ellis and Edna Boyd. She moved to the South Shore to Mahone Bay where her Dad was Minister at Trinity United. Wendy studied at Dalhousie University receiving her BMus.Ed., majoring in Organ and Vocal studies. She began her teaching career at Mahone Bay Consolidated School. She soon married a ' fine Scotsman,’ Peter Fraser, and they have raised three 'red heads' and are now retired with three grandkids. Wendy and her love of music keep her involved in musical activities such as a chorus member of the Maritime Opera Company, Accompanist and Board Member of the Bridgewater Music Festival and serves as the Maritime Representative on the UCC Music United Committee. As well, she has been composing music all her life, both piano and vocal, and was lead singer and keyboard player in three dance bands in the past. Wendy enjoys knitting , cross stitch and board games and holds a '29' hand in Cribbage.

*"I continue to thank God daily for life and breath;*

*and most especially for the life of my Mom, Edna Boyd now 98 years young.”*

Minute for Mindfulness

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

**CONSIDER THIS QUOTE** ~ *“I close my eyes, so I can see” ~ Paul Gauguin*

These are the words of a 19th century artist. How will you practise seeing today?

Congregational News

**THANKSGIVING LETTERS AND INTERIM STATEMENTS** –District Representatives are asked to pick up their Thanksgiving letters in the Narthex after Church today for delivery to your District. In your Thanksgiving letter envelope, you will find your 2018 Interim Financial Statement of givings to Bridgewater United Church. Please review this statement to ensure that your statement reflects your givings up until September 23, 2018. Also note, we in the Church Office respect the privacy of our Church Members, and when we decided to combine both the letter and the statement to save cost, rest assure that the compiling of these letters was strictly done by the Envelope Steward, Tracy Rafuse. Thank you.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES** – In the Narthex, please find a sign-up sheet that will provide the Church Office with an updated list of congregational members’ special occasions on file. Please take the time and fill that out today.

**GREETERS AND USHERS** – We are always looking for Greeters and Ushers to welcome those who are attending worship at our Church. If you are not on the list and would like to be involved, please contact Dale at (902) 543-6457. Thank you.

**MITTEN KNITTERS** - It's time to collect all those mittens that you have been working on all summer. They can be given to Ruth Rudderham by calling (902) 543-5124 or left at the Church Office weekday mornings over the next few weeks.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES, PAR AND PAR CARDS** – 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. 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; Pastoral Care Minister at (902) 543-6854, (902) 527-2739, (902) 521-7040 or by confidential email at aclifton@eastlink.ca with pastoral concerns or needs.

**VETERANS** – Please find a list in the Narthex to add your name or the name of someone you know in the congregation, who has served in the military to fight for our freedom. We thank them all.

Fellowship With One Another

**UNIT 7** – Members of Unit 7 are asked to meet at the home of Mary Parks; 76 Haven Drive, Bridgewater on October 1st at 2:00pm for our meeting. For more information please contact Marion Browne at (902) 543-5102.

Experiencing Worship Through Outreach

**Thursday, October 4th – Drumlin Hills Worship Service – Drumlin Hills; 558 Glen Allan Drive – 10:00am** – Congregational members are invited to participate in the Worship Service presented to the residents of Drumlin Hills.

Opening and Affirming Congregation

The Affirming Ministries Program is a network of United Church of Canada congregations and ministries that declare themselves to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. It asks each Ministry to take action. We encourage you to explore what this means for us as a Christian community.

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?** – 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. Thank you.

Outreach Opportunities

**BUC MISSION TRIP** – We would like to get the Church Community involved in our Mission Trip to Sosua, Dominican Republic in October 2018. For September, we are asking for School Supplies such as notebooks, rulers, sharpeners, crayons, white chalk, children’s scissors, Crepe paper, construction paper, chalkboard erasers, craft supplies and pencils. Thank you for your continued support of our Trip.

**BRIDGEWATER INTER-CHURCH FOOD BANK** – Donations of non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Food Bank are greatly appreciated. The Food Bank has highlighted monthly needs, but donations are not limited to them. For October, there is a request for Smooth Peanut Butter, Jam or Cheese Whiz. There is also a request for used Adult T-shirts to be used to make bags for groceries.

Uplifting The Next Generation

**SUPPORT 3rd BRIDGEWATER SCOUTING** – The 3rd Bridgewater Scouting organization relies on popcorn sales to help fund their program. The 3rd Bridgewater Scouts will be taking Scouts popcorn orders before and after Worship **TODAY** in the Narthex. Please contact Gwen at (902) 543-6954 for more information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** - Curriculum is provided to each classroom teacher, and the structure of the lesson is given to you. Craft ideas are given, and teachers only need to prepare supplies for them. We have co-teacher classrooms, so that the teachers can share the volunteering time. Contact Tracy at (902) 543-4833.

**WORSHIP NURSERY VOLUNTEERS** – We are looking for adult volunteers for the Worship Nursery so that our Church can provide an opportunity for our young families to have a time of peace and renewal. Please sign up today.

**DOVE KITE AND YOUTH SINGERS** - Sign-up sheets for Dove Kite Bearers and Youth Singers are on the table leading to the C.E. Centre. Our Youth Singers Group is open to youth in Elementary, Junior and Senior High. Making music and learning with multi-age children and youth can be fun and rewarding. Contact Wendy at (902) 543-6158 if you are interested in singing but can’t make the first practice.