**Bridgewater United Church**

**September 22nd, 2019**

**15th after Pentecost Creation Time III**

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

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

**Greeters:** *Linda Rowter, Dale Elsworth* **Ushers:** *Mavis Berkshire, Angela Bryan*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *Dave Doggett* **Sound Engineer:** *Randall Knox*

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

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

Prelude: Cantilene *written by Lani Smith*

Prelude: I Give You My Heart *arranged by Victor Labenske*

**\*Gathering Song:**

**Psalm 100 – Make a Joyful Noise – page 820 VU (Verse 1)**

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Opening Song:**

**# 26 MV - Your Love Is Amazing (Hallelujah)**

\*Invitation To Worship

\*Lighting of the Christ and Inclusivity Candles

**\*Opening Songs and Prayer**

**# 47 MV – Born in Human Likeness**

**# 85 MV – Take, O Take Me as I Am**

Minutes for Mission: “Singing for Inclusion”

**\*Hymn And Gifts Received:**

**# 510 VU – We Have This Ministry**

Time With Children

Celebrating 50 Years at Bridgewater Day Care Centre

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Centering

Special Music:

Are You A Shepherd? *written by Ruth Dick*

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the Community

**\*Hymn:**

**# 12 MV – Come Touch Our Hearts**

\*Extinguishing The Candles

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing:**

**# 219 MV – Ameni (x2)**

\*Postlude: The Voice of Praise *written by Chester Nordman*



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

***and in loving memory of father and grandfather, Peter Van Iderstine,***

***gift of Mandy, Catie and Caleb Hynes.***



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Facebook: <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**

**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.



**Vision Statement**

As followers of Jesus Christ, Bridgewater United Church is a church family that values each person as equal and unique loving expressions of God with gifts and talents to share. People of all ages, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, ethnic background, economic circumstance and those experiencing other barriers that limit inclusion are welcome to fully participate in all our ministries.

**Mission Statement**

Co-creating with the Holy Spirit, we celebrate God’s presence with vitality, hope and thanksgiving by providing Christian education and fellowship for children, youth and adults; nurturing and caring for ourselves and others; extending hospitality, and; supporting outreach within and beyond.

**Values**

We value energetic engagement in our:

 Spiritual Health

Generosity

Acceptance of all

Responsiveness to the world

Love for God, creation, self and others

This Week at Bridgewater United

**This Sunday:** **15th After Pentecost**

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

**Monday: 6:30pm** Scouts

**Tuesday: Floor Maintenance ~ No Access To C.E. Centre**

**Wednesday: 4:00pm** Inclusivity Committee **6:30pm** Beavers

 **7:00pm** Church Council

 **7:45pm** 3rd Bridgewater Scout Group Committee

**Thursday: 6:30pm** Cubs **6:30pm** Arts & Crafts Potluck at Ruth Rudderham’s

**Friday: 6:30pm** BUC Youth Group ~ Grade 6 to Grade 12

**Saturday: 10:00am-3:00pm** BUC Quilters ~ All Are Welcome

**Next Sunday:** **16th After Pentecost Anniversary Sunday**

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

 **10:30am** Worship with Guest Speaker, Sandra Nicholas

 and Sunday School

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

Sharing Your Gifts

Often, we become so structured that we forget to lean off that comfortable path for new challenges. When you offer yourself as part of the Worship Service, you connect to the Spirit. Take a chance and read and light our Christ and Inclusivity Candles during our Worship Services. Please contact the Church Office today!

A wonderful memory of the Men’s Choir is watching Halle and Sam swinging to the songs and smiling at the front of the Choir. Everyone always looks like they are having a wonderful time as Joan tinkles the piano keys. The Men’s Choir is looking for a new musical director and excitedly awaits that position to be filled. Please call the Church Office for more information if this wonderful Ministry calls you.

Celebrate With Music

The anticipation of an evening service with familiar hymns and the hopes of a lemon dessert to finish the evening, are all reasons to attend our Annual Memorial Hymn Sing and Dessert Fest on Sunday, September 29th at 7:00pm. A donation is not a prerequisite, just come enjoy the music. If you are able, please bring a dessert to share.

An Evening With Rawlins Cross

Do you recall the feeling when a favourite song trickles all the way down your spine to the tapping of your toes? Rawlins Cross will be performing at Bridgewater United on October 19th at 7:30pm. We have 90% of the tickets sold, so get yours now! $35.

Outreach Opportunities

Did you know that the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Bank serves over 500 people per month? Our Food Bank Sunday is held on the first Sunday of the month, but monetary donations and donations of non-perishable food items are always appreciated throughout the month. For September, there is a request for Cereal, Lunchbox Items and Dish Soap. Please be mindful of expiration dates. Thank you.

Fostering Faith Formation

Do you see yourself providing leadership within the Church? Does it make you curious to learn more about what a Licensed Lay Worship Leader is? Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett, from October 31st at 5:30pm to November 1st at 4:00pm, the Tatamagouche Centre in partnership with the United Church of Canada, is providing an Orientation for all who are curious about the LLWL program. Please contact the Church Office for more information and guidance.

The best stories every told have to come out of the mouths of children. They provide us with unfiltered views of the world and open our minds to things we tend to often forget. The Sunday School and Worship Nursery is an opportunity to create a place of love and acceptance and learn strong faith stories with one another. If you feel you could benefit from this environment, please contact the Church Office.

Providing A Welcoming Space For All

At Bridgewater United Church, we work hard to provide opportunities for all within our space. Please ensure that you leave the chairs marked with a Wheelchair logo empty along with the one directly beside it for those that require that space. When you see a Service Animal, do not distract it by touching and petting it, it is working, and this distraction can be harmful to its owner. Some people have difficulty travelling to Church, and often don’t want to ask others to pick them up. We have a Church Carpool that can be accessed by anyone who wants to worship with our Church Community. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

The Church Bulletin is made in larger print for persons of the Congregation every Sunday. As well, copies of the Choruses in large print are on the top of the Hymn Book self at the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like a larger print bulletin, please contact the Church Office before the print schedule on Thursday mornings.

B.U.C. Brigade Mission Trip 2020

On October 15th, 2018, the B.U.C. Brigade left on a Mission Trip to Sosua, Dominican Republic in conjunction with Servant’s Heart Ministries. The majority of their time was spent working at the Community Centre. This was a very educational and emotional trip for all. The group will be returning in 2020 and will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Pizza Delight on October 2nd at 4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm. $15. Tickets will be on sale in the Church Office and at Church. Thank you.

Minute for Mindfulness

How often in a day do you take a few minutes for pure quiet? The Church Sanctuary is open Monday to Friday, from 10:00am – 12:30pm, for anyone to take time for peace and meditation in a safe environment. Come and appreciate the down time.

“I do not fight against forces

but let the wind guide me through them with ease.

I flow from one situation to the next

and know that I will be in the right place at the right time.”