**Bridgewater United Church**

**September 29th, 2019 Anniversary Sunday**

**16th after Pentecost Creation Time IV**

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

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

**Greeters:** *Greg Gatchell, Anne Gatchell* **Ushers:** *Mary Gray, Sheila Wilneff*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *David Walker* **Sound Engineer:** *Randy Rafuse*

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

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

Organ Prelude: Trumpet Voluntary *written by Jeremiah Clarke*

Piano Prelude: In God’s Holy Presence *written by Walter R. Clarke*

**\*Gathering Song:**

**# 356 VU – Seek Ye First the Kingdom**

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Opening Song:**

**# 577 VU – I’ve Got Peace like a River**

\*Invitation To Worship

\*Lighting of the Christ and Inclusivity Candles

**\*Opening Songs and Prayer**

**# 701 VU – What Does the Lord Require of You**

**# 661 VU – Come to My Heart**

Video: “Iridesce: The Living Apology Project”

**\*Hymn And Gifts Received:**

**# 122 VU – All Glory, Laud and Honour**

Time With Children

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Centering

Special Music *sung by the Frelick Family*



Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

Special Music *sung by the Frelick Family*

Prayers of the Community

**\*Hymn:**

**# 154 MV – Deep in Our Hearts**

\*Extinguishing The Candles

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing:**

**# 214 MV – May God’s Sheltering Wings**

\*Postlude: Martial Air *written by Henry Purcell*



***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 and Violet and family.***



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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: 16th After Pentecost Anniversary Sunday**

 **10:30am** Worship with Sandra Nicholas and Sunday School

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

**Monday: 6:30pm** Scouts

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

 **7:00pm** Senior Choir

**Thursday: 6:30pm** Cubs

**Next Sunday:** **17th After Pentecost World Communion Sunday**

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

 **10:30am** Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School

District Representatives

This Outreach Ministry is very important as it provides a link to our congregational members and their Church and is an opportunity for the Church to reach those within our Church Community with a personal greeting and welcome. Please contact the Church Office immediately if you can volunteer to be a District Representative.

~ Nafthal Drive/Pinehurst Avenue/Miller Drive/ Porter Crescent (7 families)

~ Aberdeen Road (7 families)

Home Communion

The Pastoral Care Committee is looking for interested persons who would like to help with distributing Home Communion to members who are unable to attend Church. The next opportunity will be the week after October 6th. Please contact Angela Clifton at (902) 543-6854 or by email at aclifton@eastlink.ca.

Providing A Welcoming Space For All

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.

A Large-Print Church Bulletin and Large-Print copies of the Choruses are made every Sunday for Worship. If you would like a Large-Print bulletin, please contact the Church Office before the print schedule on Thursday mornings.

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.

*“With great amazement I delight in the magic that life can offer. Never knowing exactly where I may end up or how I will get there, I trust that everything will turn out well.”*

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 plays the piano. 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.

UCW Christmas Bazaar

UCW Christmas Bazaar with a Sandwich and Christmas Dessert Luncheon will be held on November 16th. Particulars will follow but keep in mind the Bazaar tables and what you might be able to contribute. They will be: Crafts; Candy and Baking; Knitting and Preserves; Plants and Dried Flower Arrangements; and Trinkets and Treasures. No white elephant articles or books. As in past years, UCW needs the congregation to make this a successful Bazaar. Your support will be appreciated.

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 October, there is a request for Peanut Butter, Jam, Cheese Whiz or Lunchbox Items. Please be mindful of expiration dates.

Fostering Faith Formation

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. The Sunday School is currently learning the Books of the Bible. We are reading Genesis. Engage in conversation about this Chapter and see where these youth will take you.

Celebrate With Music

Join us for our Annual Memorial Hymn Sing and Dessert Fest TONIGHT at 7:00pm. A donation is not a requirement, just come and enjoy the music.

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. 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.