**Bridgewater United Church**

**November 3rd, 2019 21st after Pentecost**

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

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

**Greeters:** *Brian Buck, Janice Buck* **Ushers:** *Dave Rushton, Sue Rushton*

**Audio Visual Technician:** *Ewart Morse* **Sound Engineer:** *Heather Fifield*

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

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

Prelude: Trio on the Fourth Tone *written by Jacques Boyvin*

Prelude: Echo Fantasie *written by Gerard Scronx*

**\*Gathering Song:**

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

**\*Opening Song:**

**# 122 MV – This Is the Day**

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Scripture Sentence: Isaiah 55:3** *(unison)*

\* Lighting of the Christ and Inclusivity Candles

**\*Opening Song and Prayer:**

**# 62 MV – There Is Room for All**

Minutes for Mission:

“Sharing Circle”

**\*Hymn And Gifts Received:**

**# 642 VU – Be Thou My Vision**

Time With Children

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Centering



Special Music:

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts *arranged by Albert Blackwell*

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

Prayers of the Community

**\*Hymn:**

**# 161 MV – I Have Called You by Your Name**

\*Extinguishing The Candles

\*Commissioning And Benediction

**\*Choral Blessing:**

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

\*Postlude: Gagiliarda for Organ *written by Giovanni Trabaci*



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

***and in loving memory of our son, Dale W. Madill, 1961-2017,***

***gift of his parents, Nita and Gordon Madill.***

***The November church website is given to the glory of God,***

***and in loving memory of Clifford and Lorna Blades,***

***gift of daughter, Diane Patten.***



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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: 21st After Pentecost Food Bank Sunday** **10:00am** Ways and Means Grocery Card Fundraiser

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

**Monday: 1:30pm** Unit 7 **6:30pm** Scouts

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

**Tuesday: 6:30pm** Hillside Pines Worship Service

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

 **7:00pm** Faith Formation Committee

**Thursday: 3:00pm** Wee Wisdom Nursery School Parent-Teacher

 **6:30pm** Cubs

**Next Sunday:** **22nd After Pentecost Remembrance Sunday**

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

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

District Representatives

This Outreach Ministry is very important as it provides a link to our congregational members and their Church. Please call the Church Office if you can volunteer to be a District Representative before our Christmas letters are ready for delivery. Thanks.

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

~ Aberdeen Road (7 families)

~ George Joudrey Rd./Whitley Dr./Jenny Dr./Jessie Ln. (Pine Grove) (8 families)

Ways and Means Ministry Fundraisers

Ways and Means Ministry Grocery Card Sale will be held today before and after Church. Choose from $50 and $100 activated Sobeys cards. Forms are available at both entrances. You will receive your cards today. Thank you for your support.

The Ways and Means Ministry will be holding a Pie Sale on November 30th with Un-Baked Apple ($8) and Mincemeat Pie ($10) to choose from. Orders for pies need to be made directly through the Church Office at (902) 543-4833 by **November 27th.** Only 200 pies will be made! We are looking for **1** volunteer to help make dough on November 29th at 1:30pm and **2** volunteers to help peel and slice apples on November 30th from 9:00am – 4:00pm. We appreciate your help no matter your skill level. Contact the Church Office to be added to the volunteer list today.

UCW Christmas Bazaar and Sandwich Luncheon

Join us on Saturday, November 16th, for our UCW Christmas Bazaar and "Sandwich and Christmas Dessert "Luncheon. Doors open at 10:30am. Luncheon will be served from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Bazaar tables will include Crafts; Knitting, Pickles, Jams and Jellies; Trinkets and Treasures; Baking and Candy; Plants and Dried Flowers. Donations to these tables will be appreciated and can be brought to the Church during the day or evening of **Friday, November 15th.** We are asking for no "White Elephant" items or books. Tickets for the Luncheon are $12 and are available today and next Sunday after Church, and from UCW members and the Church Office.

A Note From Property Committee

We are currently looking for someone to shovel the Church walkways throughout the winter months. This would involve clearing the entrances following a snowstorm. Phone Randall at (902) 521-4005 or Blake at (902) 543-9813 for more information.

Schools Plus Mittens

Thank-you to the eleven knitters who supplied 146 pairs of mittens, 12 knitted caps and one scarf for the "Schools Plus" program in the Lunenburg County Schools. This winter, children with warm hands, will appreciate your contribution.

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. Some people have difficulty travelling to Church, we have a Church Carpool.

A Large-Print Church Bulletin and Large-Print copies of the Hymns and 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.

Faith Formation Special Projects

The Faith Formation Committee supports many wonderful aspects of our Faith Community. Faith Formation Sunday will be on Children’s Sunday on November 17th. So, with your assistance, please consider giving to this Outreach, so our Faith Formation Committee can continue to grow and flourish. Thank you.

Continuing with their motto, “A Random Act of Kindness,” the BUC Youth Group will be creating **Blessing Bags** for Souls Harbour Bridgewater. Throughout the year, we talk about the importance of seeing the needs of others before ourselves. If you would like to help with this Outreach Ministry, we are looking for **30** pairs of warm socks, **23** travel deodorant, **19** toothbrushes, **19** toothpaste, **30** Clif Bars, **8** Disposable Razors, **30** Travel Shaving Cream, **28** Packages of Gum, **25** Travel Body Wash, **25** Travel Shampoo and **30** mittens by December 13th. Thank you.

Outreach Opportunities

Did you know that the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Bank serves over 500 people per month? Monetary donations and donations of non-perishable food items are always appreciated throughout the month. For November, there is a request for Canned Milk or Lunchbox Items. Please be mindful of expiration dates.

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 accept the time it takes me to find wholeness.*

*Healing begins inside and flows outward like beams of light.”*