



Bridgenorth United Church

Quarterly News

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A note from Anne

I have to confess I have pumpkins on my porch... Pumpkins that are mis-shapen from the cold and snow...

There are very sad looking mums in my urns...but everyday when I return home my heart is gladden by my neighbours' beautiful pine tree all lit up for Christmas...the sparking coloured lights seem to drive the darkness away...and reminds me that Advent is upon us and Christmas is coming...I invite you warmly... BRING you family and friends...invite your neighbours who may be alone at Christmas to our Advent Services which begin with Communion on the first Sunday of Advent December 1st...followed by White Gift Sunday (8th) in which we ask for contribution for our Food Bank (food & cash gratefully received)

I look forward to the Choir's Carols by Candlelight 7 p.m. on December 15th. It is wonderful for me to sit with the congregation and enjoy the wonderful music and readings...Christmas Calm 7p.m. on December



22nd is a service for those who may be grieving...or for those who need "a quiet night-a holy night". Many people return year after year...Led by Anne and Ian on guitar...

Everyone is invited to the Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. A short, child friendly service of music and story...Soon 2020 will be up-

on us and we pray to God for peace within us, around us and between us and out into the world...Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and may these blessings go with you into the New Year. Anne



CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT B.U.C.

The children's programs are in full swing. A fine **Nursery** is available where parents can be with their babies and toddlers while enjoying the ser-

vice. **Junior Church** is for elementary school ages held in their own chapel with a focus on action while they learn from the theme of "Stories of Jesus".

Job Opening!!

Do you like making money, meeting interesting people in the community, being the center of attention at council meetings etc?? All but the first of these awaits you in the role of "Communications Committee Chair" on the BUC council!! We're looking for someone with the superior skillset of Paul Bodrug

who is reluctantly leaving the position. If you think you have what it takes to fill his shoes, then do call him at 705-657-2622

Pointsettia orders

Pointsettia Orders will be available again this year, In Memory (or Honour) of our Family and/or Friends. We will be taking Orders following Church, on Sundays Dec. 8 and Dec. 15th. Sue Liczkowski. will be available on Sunday Dec. 8 and Sharon Baptie available Dec. 15, following the Church Service.

The cost this year, is the same as last year \$25, per plant. There will be Rrd, white and a very few pink available. The plants will be in the Church the weekend of Dec. 22nd, and people may take them home following the Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24th.

If you have any questions, or are unable to order those 2 weeks, you can call Sharon Baptie @ 705-292-5803 (The final order will be called into Johnston's Greenhouse on Dec. 16th, so orders will need to be in by that date.)

Polarfest Spaghetti Dinner

Join us Saturday February 1. The evening will include musical entertainment with guest musicians

and singers! Dinner to be served from 5 PM through to 7 PM, the whole event being from 5 PM to 8 PM. Adults, \$10, children 7 and under, \$5.

Video Study "Embracing a Life of Meaning" by author Kathleen Norris Sat. 10:30 a.m.

There are three sessions remaining in our Video series which include "Community Matters"; "Place Matters" and "We Matter". Kathleen Norris gives a brief introduction and then listen in on a group of people who response to "What Matters" to them... and how God has fit into the creases of joy and sadness in them lives... to what matters in their lives...and the place God fits into the creases of our lives...Hope you might be able to come...the conversation has been wonderful

Lenten Study will be "Beyond Belief" led by Marianne Borg...wife of Marcus Borg is a new study...featuring never before seen material of Marcus Borg teaching...will begin the first Saturday of Lent...February 29th...for six weeks...Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m



Outreach and Justice

In October we had 26 clients, 66 individuals. We started distributing the mittens, hats and scarves to the food bank clients the first week of November.

Jean Winters and her knitting group donated 2 large

bags of hand knit hats, scarves, mittens and afghans for our food bank clients. Thank you, Jean!

We have been giving the clients Christmas registration information sheets to register for food hampers and toys from the Salvation Army. The sheets are on a table in the narthex.

The student representative, Ava, from St Martin's School contacted Patty. Starting the last week of November, the students will be collecting groceries for the Bridgenorth Food Bank. They have a theme for each week:

Week 1 – canned vegetables and fruits

Week 2 – canned meat and fish

Week 3 – Christmas themed food items

Week 4 – hygiene items

Each week they will be delivering the bins of collected items to the food bank.

The LCBO has decided to discontinue their charity coin collection boxes in all stores in Ontario.

Thank you letters:

Pro-Tech Pools & Spa - \$100.00

Bridgenorth Girl Guides – groceries

Sibylle Sterling - hats and mitts donations for distribution to food bank clients in November

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Chemong Public School – they had a dance and the admission fee was a food item for the Bridgenorth Food Bank. They donated 8 bins of food!

Ennismore Foodland – \$5 and \$10 brown bags of groceries. Thank you to Ian and Sandi Deslauriers for picking up and helping to sort the bags.

In Our Prayers

Des Doran, Les Crouse, Joan Cook, Kate Sproule,
Carl Winters, Jean Seabrook

Congratulations to Wayne and Linda Guppy,
who celebrated their 50 wedding anniversary on
Nov. 8th!

UCW

Mark your calendar, ladies, for the Wednesday
Dec 11 coffee hour and UCW Christmas Luncheon
At 10 am Coffee Hour will meet at the church for a
time of fellowship, reflection and discussion led by
Sandi Deslauriers. Please bring a few of your
Christmas goodies to share with the group.

Following Coffee Hour the UCW Christmas Lunch-
eon will be held at Chemong lodge starting at
noon. Ladies can either order from the menu or
have the \$25 buffet.

Note: Attendees will pay for their own meal and
gratuities. The roll call is an donation of a toiletry
item for the food bank. All ladies are welcome to
come to either or both events. Invite a friend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!			HAPPY BIRTHDAY!		
	dd	mm		dd	mm
JULIAN, Jeff	01	12	ROSS, Larry	01	01
GADSBY, Doreen	04	12	DUNITTS, Wendy	06	01
DENNISON, Madeline	09	12	STEINSKI, Kelly	07	01
MILLEN, Charles	10	12	WINTERS, Carl	07	01
PARKER, Jamie	10	12	STEWART, Emily	08	01
BENNETT, Jessie	13	12	PARKER, Holden	13	01
HARDILL, Sylvia	16	12	WATERS, David	14	01
SARGINSON, Bill	16	12	CROWDER, Doreen	16	01
WALKER, Carol	16	12	ROBINSON, Brent	17	01
RITCHIE, Joanne	19	12	BROWN, Linda	21	01
CRAIG, Dennis	20	12	DORAN, Betty	21	01
DERRICK, Mary	22	12	CHRISTOPHER, Diana	22	01
SWEET, Debbie	22	12	LICZKOWSKI, Ray	22	01
DUNITTS, Roger	24	12	BODRUG, Paul	22	01
GENGE, Don	26	12	CRICHTON, Ila	23	01
RENDER, Dr. Ray	26	12	LOCKHART, Rob	23	01
MCCARRELL, Mike	27	12	STERLING, Sibylle	23	01
WHEELER, Keith	27	12	MILLER, Joanne	24	01
MCCARRELL, Nicole	28	12	PARKER, Steve	29	01
FROST, Sylvia	30	12	BATTEN, Vera	30	01
LINTON, Dianne	30	12	FRALEIGH, Beth	30	01
GOWANS, Annie B	01	01	PIERCEY, Gloria	30	01
MCGRATH, Pauline	01	01	KIRTON, Stuart	31	01
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!			HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!		
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SPERRY, Gil & SPERRY, Joyce	24	12	LATOURE, Patty & LATOUR, Joe	19	01
PAISLEY, Robert & PAISLEY, Nancy	28	12			