

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: January 21, 2018

Meetings This Week Here at the Church:

Committee Fair following worship TODAY

UCW Executive meets Monday January 22, 7:00 pm

Lectionary Group meets Tuesday, January 23, 10:30 am. Theme: "Whose Authority?" (Mark 1:21-28) All welcome!

UCW Kitchen Cleanup & Inventory takes place Tuesday January 23, 9:00 am

Fall Learning Event Brainstorming Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 10 am, CE Room.

Coffee & Friends meets Thursday January 25, 9:15 am. The topic will be 'tell Us about your family pet if you had one or tell us about an animal experience.' All are welcome.

Thanks to all your many generous donations, a total of \$5,123.20 has been raised from the 2017 Advent Appeal in support of Hein House at the Ruddy Shenkman Hospice in Kanata! Well done! SOSA Committee

Stewardship Committee Fair: TODAY after the worship service, plan to visit displays in the Main Hall featuring the work of the BCUC Committees and learn how you could become involved with an area that interests you.

Cans & Bottles: Next Sunday please bring your empty beer & wine bottles and soft drink cans for recycling in support of the Youth Fund.

Help Please: We need volunteers to sign up at the Welcome Centre for **Greeting/Ushering** on Sunday mornings. Volunteers for the **Welcome Centre** are also needed. And we need Youth/Children and/or Adult volunteers to sign up for **Lighting the Christ Candle** on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is across from the office.

2018 Ecumenical Breakfast, St. Martin de Porres Saturday, January 27th. We urgently need volunteers -- Friday evening to set tables (tables & chairs will already be up!) and Saturday shift workers for working with the food, clearing tables, greeters and clean up. Also we still need a few to provide muffins. Sign up sheets are in the main hall after service and if you sign up early, you will get your first choice!

Our recipient group is OCAPDD Silver Spring Farm, with our donations going towards purchasing a shed and creating a raised garden bed for people using wheelchairs/walkers, living in the two residences there. Hope you drop by our table.....

Today's bulletin covers have been generously donated by the Kim family to honour Jacob's 15th birthday.

Sunday January 14 covers were sponsored by Betty Lynn Schwab in loving memory of her father Herbert F. Viney

Men's Club Coffee Hour will meet for the first time in 2018 on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 10:00 am in the Main Hall. Come and join your friends for some coffee (or tea) and Timbits. Coffee hours for the next three months will be held on Feb. 20th, Mar. 15th, and April 19. Mark these dates on your calendar.

Upcoming Worship Services:

Season of Epiphany

Jan 28, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Epiphany / Stewardship 2 / Family Ministry
Sermon Focus: "Whose Authority?" (Mark 1:21-28)

Feb 4, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Epiphany / Stewardship 3 / Celebration Lunch
Sermon Focus: "Whose Healing Power?" (Mark 1 :29-39)

Feb 11, 2018 – Transfiguration Sunday / All-Ages Worship
Theme: "It's Good to Be Here!"

Season of Lent:

Feb 14, 2018 – Ash Wednesday Service – 6:00 pm

Feb 18, 2018 – First Sunday in Lent / Communion
Sermon Focus: "Jesus: The Spirit Person" (Mark 1:9-15)

Mark your Calendars – **Celebration Hymn-Sing Sunday** will take place on February 25. Details to follow in the next few weeks.

2017 Annual Reports & 2018 Activity Plans should be submitted to the office as soon as possible in advance of the AGM set for Sunday March 4.

Crib Nursery Keys Missing: Does anyone know where both the master key and the key on the rack behind the door have gone? Please let the office know if you have them. Thanks.

The Friendship Club which meets Mondays at the church for a noon meal, entertainment and fellowship is looking for more people to come and share in the warmth of friendship. For information please call Donnie Duval at 829-3635.

Bulletin Covers: The sign up sheet for 2018 bulletin cover sponsorships is on the bulletin board across from the office. A donation of \$25 goes toward sponsoring 200 bulletin covers for a Sunday service.

Zambia Partnership Visit 2018! Support BCUC participants Hazel Smith, Doyle Smith and Lorrie Lowes. Rev. Hillary Merritt, Josh from North Gower and Sarah from Kitchissippi will also be joining the trip.

* Hazel's Soaps can be purchased from the office for \$4 each. Diffuser bracelets are also on sale for \$15.

*"Be You", a new CD from our own Rory Gardiner, can be purchased in the office! Rory is donating the entire price of \$10 each to the Mission Exposure Fund in support of Young Adult Global Partnership Visit to Zambia.

*MAPLE SYRUP! Camp Otterdale has generously provided their own Maple Syrup for sale in support of the Partnership Visit to Zambia. \$12 for a 500ml bottle. See Lorrie after church or the office during the week.

Lent Study – We will discuss the last three chapters of Gretta Vosper's book, "With or Without God" on Monday, Feb 19, 26 and March 5, 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Speak with Rev. Kim for more information.

Knox United Church, 25 Gibbard Ave. will be hosting an **Art Show** on **Sunday January 28th** from 11 am to 4 pm. This is to celebrate Knox United Church's 55th anniversary and the artistic talents of the Knox Congregation.