

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 24, 2017

Meetings this week at the Church:

UCW Executive meets Monday September 25, 7:00 pm

Lectionary Group: Tuesday, Sept 26, 10:30am. Theme: "A New Way of Thinking" Text: Exodus 17:1-17. All are welcome.

Men's Club Dinner will be held Tuesday September 26, 5:30 pm

Victoria's Quilts meets Wednesday September 27, 7:00 pm

AN INVITATION FOR STUDY

Are you interested in discussing and studying biblical texts? Are you curious how Rev. Kim would explore the basis of her sermon for Sunday? Do you enjoy open conversations about the Bible beyond its literal meanings? Come and join the **Lectionary Group** every Tuesday at 10:30 am until noon in the Shalom Room.

Men's Club Steak Dinner: Building Blocks of Mental Performance

Tuesday, September 26, 2017: Gather at 5:00; Steak Dinner at 5:30; Speaker at 6:15, home by 8:00

The September speaker is **Doug Smith**, a local boy who played for the Ottawa 67's. At 18, he was the first round pick by the NHL Los Angeles Kings, and he played 11 seasons with various teams before suffering a catastrophic injury that ended his career. He beat the odds and is now a successful motivational speaker and author. Doug will speak on the **Building Blocks of Mental Performance**.

Tickets will be on sale after the church service on Sunday, Sept. 24th. If you are unable to purchase your ticket then, please call David Stafford (613-592-0269 or davidstafford@sympatico.ca) **by noon on Sunday the 24th.** Due to the high cost of steaks we have had to raise the price for this dinner to \$15.00. **There will be a maximum of 40 tickets available for this event.**

BellRinger Thanksgiving issue will be published **October 8.** Please have materials to the office by **Monday September 25** for preparation of the newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar!! The 3rd Annual Asian Dinner and Silent Auction will take place on Friday, **October 13th** with seatings at 5pm and 7pm. Ticket sales after the service **TODAY.** Prices: Adults \$18; Children 3-12, \$7; 2& under – free. Donations of items for Silent Auction are welcomed. Please contact Bert Donnelly: 613-435-8152. **We are in need of volunteers. Sign-up sheet posted across the office.**

Special Congregational Meeting (Roof): Sunday September 24th

Following a motion passed at the AGM in March, a Special Congregational Meeting will be held after the service TODAY to discuss a recent professional assessment of our roof that was completed by Roof-Tek Consulting. Information will be provided at the meeting about the current state of the roof and the estimated cost of replacing it based on the materials that are available. Digital or hard copies of Roof-Tek's assessment and estimate can be obtained through the BCUC office.

Please bring a contribution for a finger-food potluck that will be available during the meeting. Child care will be provided.



David's Flowers: Please drop by after this morning's service to pick up a bouquet and make a donation. All funds raised go to support the Roof Fund. Revenue to date is \$2,268.15

Nominations Open for Nepean's Canada 150th Anniversary Medal

As we celebrate 150 years of Canadian confederation, Chandra Arya, Member of Parliament for Nepean, would like to recognize people who have made a difference in our community or have excelled in their personal/professional lives. He would also like to recognize the exceptional leaders of today and tomorrow - our youth. Nepean's Canada 150th Anniversary Medals will be awarded to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service to the community in the riding of Nepean. If you would like to nominate someone for one of these prestigious medals, complete details, including eligibility requirements and the application forms, can be found at www.ChandraArya.ca or in the Church Office. The nomination period will close on October 10, 2017.

Ways to Help at BCUC:

Ushers/Greeters needed week by week. Please help by signing up on the sheet at the Welcome Information Centre.

The Welcome Centre needs helpers too. Their signup list is at the centre.

Coffee Makers for refreshments after Sunday worship each week. Please volunteer by sending an e-mail to pierre.dugas@rogers.com

Crib Nursery Help & Candle Lighters: Please sign up across from the office if you can help on a Sunday morning.

Family Ministry Event: Ottawa Fury Soccer Game!

Ottawa Fury FC is hosting a Faith Day on Sunday October 1st at TD Place and BCUC has been invited! Tickets for the 2:00 PM game against the Charleston Battery are available for only \$15, and admission includes a post-game concert featuring my Church Music's Hear Your Heart, and a Q&A and autograph/photo session with Ottawa Fury FC Players.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Jordan or Erin Berard for more information (jordan.berard@sympatico.ca).

United Together in Caring: Six west-end Ottawa United Churches are coordinating efforts to raise money for Hospice Care Ottawa, specifically to support the construction of the Ruddy Shenkman Hospice in Kanata. We, at Bells Corners, are one of those churches. The goal is to jointly raise at least \$50,000 for Hospice Care Ottawa with fundraising events wrapping up by the end March 2018. All money raised will be directed to fund a room in Hein House which will help to highlight the importance of community involvement in hospice programmes and operations.

Here are two fundraising events sponsored by Stittsville United Church which may be of interest to you.

Bridge/Euchre/Lunch Event on October 12th. The event will start at 11:00am with coffee and muffins. Cost for the day is \$20 per person including lunch. There will be door prizes! If you wish to attend please call the church office at 613 836 4962.

Fashion Show and Sale by Swirlicious on Sunday October 29th in the afternoon at Stittsville United Church. Swirlicious is a home-based business that specializes in fashionable accessories and apparel including jewellery, hats, scarves and more!

BCUC will be fundraising for the hospice as our Advent Project. Stay tuned for more information. Thank You.

Upcoming Worship Services:

Season of Creation:

A team of BCUC folks submitted worship planning resources to *Gathering* which are now published. The resources will be used for the Season of Creation (September 10- October 8 inclusive). Thanks to the team composed of Nicole Beaudry, Peggy Aitchison, Sue Morrison, Jan Pound, Abe TeGrotenhuis, Lorrie Lowes and Rev. Kim Vidal.

Oct 1 – Creation Time 4 / World Communion Sunday / All-Ages Worship
“Wear your Name Tag” Sunday

Sermon Focus: “A New Way of Thinking” (Exodus 17:1-17)

Oct 8 – Creation Time 5 / Thanksgiving Sunday

Sermon Focus: “Remember and Celebrate” (Deuteronomy 8: 7-18)

Oct 15 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost / Service, Outreach and Social Action (SOSA) Sunday. Guest Preacher: Rev. Steve Zink, OWECC Coordinator

Sermon Focus: “In Search of Beauty and Truth”

Oct 22 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Focus: “Whose Image is on Your Coin?” (Matthew 22:15-22)

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

* **Hazel's Soaps** can be purchased from the office for \$4 each. Come and see her new ones for fall 2017!

***“Be You”**, a new **CD** from our own **Rory Gardiner**, is available for purchase in the office! Rory is donating the entire price of **\$10 each** to the Mission Exposure Fund in support of the upcoming Young Adult Global Partnership Visit to Zambia. We are grateful to Rory for his continued generosity – and for the great music!

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Ottawa Presbytery Pastoral Care & Oversight Triennial Visit

Members of the Ottawa Presbytery Pastoral Care & Oversight will come to engage us in a conversation about the joys and concerns we have as a faith community. This will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this special meeting. A list of questions that will guide us in our conversation is available in the narthex. See you there!

Choirs at BCUC

Grace Notes (Ladies Choir): rehearse Wednesday mornings at 9:30am

Sanctuary Choir: rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:10pm. New members are most welcome. Please speak to Abe or send a note to music@bcuc.org about anything you may be curious regarding music at Bells Corners.

CGS and Bell Canto: As you plan after-school activities this Fall, I hope you'll set Thursdays aside for choir at BCUC! Info: erin.berard@sympatico.ca
We meet every Thursday.

CGS (Christian Generation Singers), (K-Gr.4) rehearse from 6:00 – 6:40pm in the Music Room.

Bell Canto (Gr. 5 and up) rehearse from 6:45-7:30pm in the Shalom Room. Each group sings in church about two times per month, often singing together during all-ages services. There are family-friendly meals before choir rehearsals. This was a great Family Ministry success last year – offering time for socializing for kids and parents alike, a respite from meal prep for some, and the singers were well-fed and full of energy to practice! The meals begin shortly after 5:30pm and a donation is collected.

Calling all **Trivia** buffs! Join us on Saturday October 28 for an evening of fun, facts, prizes, and refreshments in support of the Partnership Visit to Zambia. The evening will also include a **Silent Auction** and a Best Costume Contest for those who are feeling in the spirit of Hallowe'en. The cost is \$10 per person. Put together your own team of "know-it-alls" or take your chances and join a team. See Lorrie for more details or to register.

CFUW Kanata Annual Fall Author meeting will be hosting Frances Itani as their guest speaker. The meeting is Wednesday October 4, 2-4 pm at Beaverbrook Library in Kanata. All are welcome to attend. Information: Cathy Faubert: 596-8921