

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 18, 2018

Meetings This Week Here at the Church:

Genealogy: continuing the search takes place Sunday March 18, 7 pm.

Lenten Study: Monday March 19, 6:30 pm

Lectionary Group: Tuesday – 10:30am. Theme & Text: “Jesus: The Movement Founder” (Mark 11:1-11)

M&P meets Tuesday March 20, 7:00 pm

Book Club meets Wednesday March 21, 1:30 pm

Church Board meets Wednesday March 21, 7:00 pm

Notice of Vacation: Rev. Kim is on vacation from March 11-18 visiting family & friends in San Francisco. For pastoral care concerns, please talk to Lorrie or call the office.

Easter Memorial Flowers: Donations for memorial flowers will be received following this morning’s worship service and next Sunday. Look for Ross & Gail at their table along the corridor outside the office.

Genealogy: continuing the search! Sunday, March 18, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at BCUC Join us for further exploration of genealogy through three presentations and discussion on software, research pitfalls and techniques. Contact: David Stafford davidstafford@sympatico.ca 613-592-0296 for more information

Lent Study –We will discuss the last chapter of Gretta Vosper’s book, “With or Without God” on March 19, 6:30 pm for tea and treats before discussion. All are welcome.

Easter Issue of BellRinger: Please submit materials for the newsletter by Monday March 19 for publication Sunday April 1.

Refuge NOW are happy to announce the Ibarguen Potes family – father, mother, 5 year-old son and 4 month-old daughter - will be arriving in Ottawa Wednesday, March 21st! Please check list of household requirements posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board to sign up for donations. The list will be picked up Sunday, so sign up asap. Thanks.

Cans & Bottles Recycling: Please bring your empty beer & pop cans and wine & beer bottles next Sunday for recycling to raise funds for Youth activities.

LENTEN PROJECT 2018 SOSA is inviting you to donate to two very worthy causes. The money collected will be divided equally to support the educational needs of each initiative. The first is to the **Zambia Partnership** for the purchase of materials needed at the Chipembi School to which Hazel and Doyle Smith and Lorrie Lowes will be going. The second is to support Susan Young from our congregation who will be climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in July to raise funds for **CODE (Canadian Organization for Development through Education)**. They are doing this to draw attention to the need for resources to promote children's literacy development in Africa, in the Caribbean and among first nations, Inuit and Metis in Canada. In both cases the funds collected will not be used for the personal expenses of the participants but for educational materials and awareness of the needs of both organizations. Envelopes for your donation can be found in the pews or on the table in the Narthex. **Make cheques payable to Bells Corners United Church with SOSA Lenten Appeal on the memo line. To date: \$585**

Thank you for support.

Upcoming Worship Services: Season of Lent

March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday

Sermon Focus: “Jesus: The Movement Founder” (Mark 11:1-11)

March 29, 2018 – Maundy Thursday Gathering at 6:00 pm

March 30, 2018 – Good Friday Service at 10 am.

April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday & Communion / All-Ages Gathering

Sermon Focus: “Jesus: The Wisdom Teacher” (John 20:1-18)

A/V Upgrade Project: Thanks to the Congregation for approving the purchase of a permanently mounted projector for the Sanctuary. We hope to have it installed for Easter Sunday, April 1. To proceed with the purchase we need approximately \$1,500 in additional funds. Please consider a donation with cheques payable to BCUC, A/V fund in the memo line.

A/V Upgrade Committee

Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) AGM is TODAY, 2:30 – 5:30 pm
Registration - 2:30 pm and the meeting at 3 pm. Thanks to St. Gabriel's
Parish, 55 Appleford St., Ottawa for hosting the event. The keynote speaker
will be author & City of Ottawa Councillor Jody Mitic.

Book Club meets Wednesday March 21, 1:30 pm to discuss *The Naturalist*
by Alissa York. Everyone welcome. Info. Gerry 828-8482

Mark your Calendar!!!! Progressive Learning Circle Event Recently, a new
BCUC group was formed called Progressive Learning Circle (PLC) under the
umbrella of Worship/CE Committee. The intent of this group is to organize
an annual learning conference that will offer participants an opportunity to
be engaged and learn from exceptional theologians, scholars, authors or
motivational speakers who will address relevant topics of faith, history,
theology, praxis and spirituality from a progressive perspective.

This year, PLC has invited topnotch New Testament scholar, Bernard
Brandon Scott, distinguished Professor Emeritus of New Testament at the
Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma, who has accepted our
invitation. Scott will engage the participants with his interpretation of the
Parables of Jesus on **September 21-22, 2018** here at BCUC. Please plan to
attend this learning adventure.

Registration Costs: Full Event - \$75; Early Registration (by July 31st) - \$65;
Students (with ID)- \$35; Single Lecture - \$40 (please indicate which session).
Refreshments provided. A full description of the conference / registration
form is available on the narthex table or in the church office. **Please make
cheques payable to Bells Corners United Church with a note PLC on the
memo line.** Information: Rev. Angela Bailey or Rev. Kim Vidal.

Zambia Partnership Visit May 9 -31, 2018! Support BCUC participants Hazel
Smith, Doyle Smith and Lorrie Lowes, Rev. Hillary Merritt, Josh from North
Gower and Sarah from Kitchissippi!

- **Bake Sale: March 25** following the service. Pick up some sweet and
savory baked goods before Easter!
- **Hazel's Soaps - Spring Sale:** Soaps can be purchased from the
church office for 3 / \$10 or \$4 each, while supplies lasts.
- **“Be You”:** Rory Gardiner is donating all of the \$10 cost of his CD
which can be purchased in the office.
- **Maple Syrup:** For \$12 you can purchase a 500 ml. bottle of Camp
Otterdale’s own Maple Syrup. See Lorrie after church or the office
during the week.

Sunday Morning Help Please: Signup at the Welcome Centre if you can help
on a Sunday morning. Thank you.

- Greeting/Ushering
- Welcome Centre

“Shake, Rattle ’n Dance Hospice Fundraiser: Join us for an evening of
dancing, games, retro refreshments, and classic rock with the *Retro Rats*
Show Band on **Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 pm** at the **Kanata Legion** (70 Hines
Road, Kanata). Tickets are \$25/person and are available by calling Stittsville
United Church at 613-836-4962 or by emailing suchurch@primus.ca. All
proceeds will go to Hospice Care Ottawa as part of the “United Together in
Caring” Campaign to raise a combined total of \$50,000 for the Ruddy-
Shenkman Hospice along with other area United Churches.”

Solva Senior Living Consultants is presenting a workshop **‘Rightsizing for
Seniors’** on Wednesday April 4, 12-3pm at Centennial Library, Bells Corners.
For more information or to register please contact info@solvaseniorliving.ca
or call 613-421-6073.

On Monday, March 19, at 7 pm, **The Oasis in Kanata**, a place for caregivers
of people with mental illness, presents “Mood and Anxiety Concerns” with
Dr. Meagan Gallagher from the Centre for Interpersonal
Relationships. Free. All welcome. Glen Cairn United Church, 140
Abbeyhill. Details at www.TheOasisKanata.ca. Visit us on Facebook.