

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 25, 2021

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe First Nation. We pay respect to the elders past and present and honour all indigenous people's reverence of this land throughout the ages. May we live in peace and friendship to sustain the earth and all its people. All my relations.

Onsite worship services have resumed. Please contact the church office by e-mail or telephone to register by 11am on Friday mornings. We will now be able to accommodate at least 50 people and look forward to welcoming you once again.

Current Office Hours: During July and August there will be an office administrator in the office to assist you on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-12 noon. Liam will be onsite at varying times.

**** During Portico construction please use the kitchen door for access to the church. Ring the doorbell and we will come to help with your requests.**

Rev. Lorrie Lowes is on vacation for the month of July, returning to work on August 9.

Summer Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday, July 20 at 10: 30 am via Zoom. Theme and Text: "A Plea for God" (Lamentations 5: 15-22). Let Rev. Kim know if you are interested in joining. Zoom link will be emailed to you. All are welcome!

INTERAC E-TRANSFER: To transfer funds directly to BCUC through your online banking service, first set up BCUC as an Interac e-Transfer payee using 'treasurer@bcuc.org' as the email address.

Then, for each transaction to send money, please enter the dollar amount, select your bank account for withdrawal of funds and select BCUC as the payee.

In the Message line, add your Name and the Purpose of the Funds, if other than a regular donation, and, for a charitable receipt add your envelope number or home address.

Note: a security question & answer is not required as BCUC has enabled Auto deposit of your funds into the BCUC Operating Account.

Final Step: Review your transaction details to ensure they are complete & correct before pressing SEND.

Thank you for your donation.

Prayer Circle continues in the summer. Join us from the comfort of your homes or wherever you are. Pray with us at 8 pm every Wednesday. If you have any prayer requests, please send them to Rev. Kim.

BCUC Service Hymns on YouTube: Abe has uploaded more than 60 of our recorded hymns to our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFE6OK4raCHsZZglhjojFMw/videos) for all to enjoy!

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES: (In the comfort of your home!)

Text format of the worship service will be emailed to you.

Audio and video recordings will be posted on our website at bcuc.org.

Tune in via Telephone anytime: 613-820-8104

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: "Voices of Lament in the Book of Lamentations"

July 25 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Focus: "My Eyes Are Worn Out from Weeping"

(Lamentations 2: 11-19)

August 1 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Focus: "Return to Us, O God!" (Lamentations 5: 15-22)

August 8 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Focus: "New Mercies Every Morning" (Lamentations 3: 22-33)

Grocery Gift Cards Available for Purchase: Please help support fundraising for BCUC by purchasing grocery gift cards. The office has the following grocery cards available for purchase:

Loblaws - \$50, \$100 & \$250

Metro - \$50 & \$100

Sobeys/FreshCo/IGA - \$50 & \$100

If you call or e-mail the church office with your order we will meet you at the door. Please ring the doorbell and we will exchange your cash or cheque payable to BCUC with 'gift card' in memo line for the cards. **The office is open Wednesday & Friday mornings in the summer months and other varying times.**

BCUC Men's Club meets weekly over ZOOM at **10:00 am on Fridays**. Usually a note with the link is circulated. If you did not receive the note, and would like to join in please contact the church office for details.

***Looking ahead to Fall....** We hope to have the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 20 if health protocols allow. If this plan will not work out, the church is also booked for a Saturday October 16 Outdoor Market as we enjoyed in 2020. So, go ahead and make jams and jellies and crafts. We will be having something for the community and ourselves to share for fellowship and fundraising this fall. More details to follow.*

Credit/Debit/Gift Card Tabs are available for purchase in the office. A package of four costs \$5.00. These tabs can be attached to your cards for easy access when hidden in wallet slots.

CONTINUE TO GIVE! Thank you for your continued love and support to BCUC! Please remember that costs of maintaining the church and paying salaries still need to be met. Your generosity is much appreciated. The following options are available:

- E-transfer
- Drop off offering envelopes or cheques in the mail slot located in the kitchen door or mail them to BCUC.
- For non-PAR users, consider using PAR – call the office for more information.
- Donate through canadahelps.org
- Contact the church office about donating Securities.

Our staff continues working hard to provide the best worship services and contact with congregation members possible in these current times of lockdown. Your ongoing financial support is critical to us maintaining a strong, active as possible, church. Thank you!

Camp Awesome will not be happening at local churches this summer. Camp Awesome @Home was held in 2020. This year they have partnered with some other organizations to present an eco-faith based virtual day camp. Here is some information from the registration form.

<https://maisontuckerhouse.wufoo.com/forms/wild-wonder-camp-2021-registration/>

Wild Wonder Camp is an online eco-faith partnership project between Camp Awesome (United Church of Canada), Greening Sacred Spaces, Country Fun Nature Camp (Tucker House), with support from CanaDiana Unlimited environmental educators. To learn more about our partners, please visit the Wild Wonder website (coming soon!) or individual organization sites.

The program uses the Zoom platform, with a minimum of two screened and trained camp counsellors leading activity sessions for ages 5-12. The camp will provide inclusive faith-based learning using stories and lessons from the Bible, and environmental education themes on understanding, appreciation, and exploring nature as part of God's good Creation. There will be outdoor challenges and experiments, guest presenters, and traditional camp activities (online!)

The Camp Awesome Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CampAwesomeEOOR> listed the themes for each week and stated

Camp includes earth science experiments, stories, art, and lessons from the Bible on respecting all people and the planet.

Some of your campers will remember Raven Miller from her years of experience as a counsellor and Leader in Training at Camp Awesome. She can be contacted for more information at wildwondercamp@gmail.com

I hope you make lasting memories this summer, whatever it may hold.
Tamara

Jigsaw Puzzles: A stash of puzzles has been here for a year now waiting for a Garage Sale. Since there will be no spring sale and we are in lockdown, the puzzles have been placed on a table in the back hallway and you are welcome to come by during office hours and borrow a puzzle or two (most are 1,000 pieces). You may also wish to donate puzzles you have done and are ready to give away.

Copies of the **Memories Book** can still be purchased. If you did not order a copy before please contact the office to get one now. You will enjoy the stories!

KEEP INFORMED! Visit the Bells Corners United Church Facebook page? If you have a Facebook account, please follow us and like our BCUC page. Information is posted on a regular basis. You can also subscribe to our YouTube page! Watch one of our church services and click subscribe!

Please visit our website bcuc.org where you will find both audio and video recordings and text format of the worship services, Sunday School resources and weekly announcements and updates.

Long Term Care Facility Residents

Please keep the following people in your prayers

<i>Beth Begbie</i>	<i>Thornccliffe Place, Nepean</i>
<i>Harold & Bea Blackwell</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Ida Blackwell</i>	<i>Carleton Lodge, Nepean</i>
<i>Jack Calderwood</i>	<i>The Westwood, Ottawa</i>
<i>Betty Clarke</i>	<i>Carlingview Manor, Ottawa</i>
<i>Ken Davidson</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Bill Dormer</i>	<i>Saint-Vincent Hospital, Ottawa</i>
<i>Jack Fraser</i>	<i>Park Place Seniors' Suites & Retirement Residence</i>
<i>Marion Helgason</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Doug MacKechnie</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Barbara McFall</i>	<i>Lynwood Park Lodge, Nepean</i>
<i>Dave Peck</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, Nepean</i>



<i>Margaret Ritchie</i>	<i>Barrhaven Retirement Community, Nepean</i>
<i>Thelma Seguin</i>	<i>Robertson House, Nepean</i>
<i>Sherrill Shaver</i>	<i>Garden Terrace, Kanata</i>
<i>Eula Smith</i>	<i>Symphony Senior Living, Kanata</i>
<i>Jim Walker</i>	<i>The Courtyards on Eagleson, Kanata</i>
<i>Pat Westmaas</i>	<i>Harmer House, Nepean</i>
<i>Bill Wilson</i>	<i>Redwoods, Nepean</i>

If you know of other congregation members who should be included in this list, please call the office with details.