

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 8, 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. We are no longer requiring pre-registration since up to 58 people can attend Sunday worship.** We ask that you visit the BCUC website and look for the list of questions to answer before coming to the service. If you answer 'no' to all the questions you are welcome to come.

Current Office Hours: Until after Labour Day there will be an office administrator on duty 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 will be returning to work on August 9.

NOTICE OF VACATION & STUDY LEAVE:

Rev. Kim will be taking a week off to relax from Aug 9-15 and continuing on for a study leave from Aug 16-22 as she begins her training for the Backstory Preaching Mentorship Program. Rev. Kim will be returning to work on Aug 23. For all pastoral care and other ministerial concerns, please contact Rev. Lorrie Lowes.

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.

Summer Bible Study Group wrapped up its final session on the book of Lamentations last Tuesday, Aug 3rd. Rev. Kim extends her sincerest thanks to those who have attended the study.

Lectionary Group will resume its weekly Tuesday meeting starting September 14, 2021, 10:30 am via Zoom. Details will be posted soon.

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!

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

August 8 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost / Final Sunday for the Sermon Series
Sermon Focus: "New Mercies Every Morning" (Lamentations 3: 22-33)

August 15 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

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. Men's coffee will return on Friday mornings, 10am week after next and meet outdoors for the first while.

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.

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 have been 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.