BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 5, 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 preregistration 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.

Office Hours after Labour Day: Starting Tuesday, Sept 7, our officer hours will be Monday through Friday, 9 am -12 pm; 1-4 pm.

** The Portico construction has now been completed and please use the front door from now on. Ring the doorbell and we will come to help with your requests.

Note of Thanks & Appreciation to our Summer Student:

Liam Eaton, had his last day as our summer student, on Friday, Sept. 3rd. We are grateful for his work with us. We wish him well as he attends Algonquin College this year.

Worship/CE meets Wednesday September 8, 7pm via Zoom.

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.

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

Thank you for your donation.

Chipembi Church/Community House Project!

At last, everything is in place to begin building an amazing meeting place in the village of Chipembi in Zambia! This building, adjacent to the church, will provide offices for the church leaders as well as washrooms and a large multi-use room for meetings and community programs like adult literacy lessons, sewing lessons, as well as youth and young adult activities. Fundraising for this project will be taking place in both Canadian partner churches — Bells Corners UC and Emmanuel UC — both here in Ottawa. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$22,000 CDN.

You can help by buying a virtual "brick" for \$5.00 – or by buying several! We will need about 4,400 of them to reach our goal. Let's help make this dream a reality and change the lives of the people in Chipembi. Watch for more information about this project and updates on our progress, coming soon!

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. 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 <u>YouTube channel</u> for all to enjoy! https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFE6OK4raCHsZZglhjojFMw/videos

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

September 5 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: "Who Deserves the Crumbs?" Mark 7: 24-37

Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost:

September 12 – Creation Time 1

Sermon: "When Fine Print Matters!" (Mark 8: 27-38)

September 19 – Creation Time 2 Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Annual Union Cemetery Memorial Service – 2 pm. Rev. Kim Vidal leading

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 - Will start meeting at the church at 10:00 am each Friday. Coffee, tea, and Tim Bits to be served. Contact: David Stafford at 613-592-0296 or email at davidstafford@sympatico.ca

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.

Photo Directory:

It has been so long since we've been able to be together! Will we recognize each other as the doors open? A new photo directory might help. We began plans for this project before the Covid-19 lockdowns and so had to put it on hold. As things are beginning to open up, we are ready to start again.

Photograph sittings are being scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, October 21st Friday, October 22nd

Thursday, October 28th Friday, October 29th

Saturday, October 23rd

Saturday, October 30th

Please contact the church office to book your time.

Prints will be available for purchase well ahead of Christmas gift-giving. All who participate will receive a copy of the new directory when it is complete (no purchase required).

Contact Rev. Lorrie 613 820 8103 (office) or by email or you can Nicole Beaudry 613 829 4330 for more information.

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.

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 front entrance 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

Beth Begbie Thorncliffe Place,
Nepean Harold & Bea Blackwell Stillwater Creek,
Nepean Ida Blackwell Carleton Lodge, Nepean
Jack Calderwood The Westwood, Ottawa
Betty Clarke Carlingview Manor,
Ottawa Ken Davidson Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Bill Dormer Saint-Vincent Hospital, Ottawa

Jack FraserPark Place Seniors' Suites & RetirementResidence Marion HelgasonStillwater Creek, Nepean

Doug MacKechnie Stillwater Creek, Nepean
Barbara McFall Lynwood Park Lodge,
Nepean Dave Peck Valley Stream Manor,
Nepean Thelma Seguin Robertson House, Nepean
Sherrill Shaver Garden Terrace, Kanata
Jim Walker The Courtyards on Eagleson,
Kanata Pat Westmaas Harmer House, Nepean
Bill Wilson Redwoods, Nepean

If you know of other congregation members who should be included in

this list, please call the office with details.

