

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**Acting Chair, Church Board:** Jordan Berard

**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9-noon & 1-4pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 28, 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.*

#### **Meetings This Week at the church or by Zoom:**

**UCW Executive** meets Monday November 29, 7:00 pm.

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday November 23, 10:30 am via Zoom

Theme & Text: Prepare the Way / John the Baptist (Luke 3: 1-6)

**Worship/CE** meets Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 pm via Zoom.

**SOSA** is holding a retreat on Thursday December 2, 9:30 am

**Coffee & Friends** meets **Thursday morning, 9:15am**. This will be the last week before resuming in January. If you are looking for conversation and friendship, come along and join the group. For details call Bev Wilcox at 613-829-1180.

#### **Are you planning to attend the Onsite Christmas Eve Service?**

Since we are still in pandemic times and know that attending the Christmas Eve Service is an important part of our Christmas celebration, we ask that you **register as soon as possible** by contacting the church office by telephone or by email. A list will be kept as we plan for the service. Watch out for more details in the upcoming weeks.

**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.

**2022 Canadian Church calendars**, United Church edition, will be available for sale from the office starting on **Friday November 19** for **\$7 each**. A bulk order placed through UCW Presbyterial meant a per copy saving which can be passed on to you.

**Cans & Bottles Recycling** this Sunday November 28. Please bring your empty beer and wine bottles for recycling to raise funds for Youth Activities.

**A Chevrolet key fob** has been found under a pew in the corridor outside the music room. It also has a brass house key. It may have been there for some time, but if it is yours please come by the office and claim it.

**Memorial Flower Donations:** To provide an opportunity for families to remember loved ones who have passed, we are providing a virtual poinsettia memorial donation option for Advent again this year. Funds will be used to buy flowers for the sanctuary for Christmas and to create a fund for sanctuary flowers throughout the year. As in the past, you may make a minimum donation of \$10. A virtual flower display with the loved ones' names will be included in the online version of the service week by week **from Nov 28 until December 19**. Please send your request, noting the memorial you wish, to the Church Office **by December 17**. For payment, the following are options:

- Drop off your request with either cash or cheque through the mail slot at the kitchen door
- Mail in your request with a cheque noting 'Christmas flowers' to the Church Office
- Look for donation forms on the narthex table when you come for Sunday worship. You may make your donation and leave it in an envelope on the offering plate.

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

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

**Video recordings and text will be posted on our website at [bcuc.org](http://bcuc.org).**

**Tune in via Telephone anytime: 613-820-8104**

**Season of Advent:**

**Nov 28** – First Sunday of Advent / Hope-Green - Communion / Agape Meal  
Sermon Focus: "Advent's Imagination: Notice, Attend, Look!"

(Luke 21: 25-36)

**Dec 5** – Second Sunday of Advent / Peace-Blue

Sermon Focus: "Advent's Yearning: Prepare the Way!" (Luke 3: 1-6)

**Dec 12** – Third Sunday of Advent / Joy-Pink

Sermon Focus: "Advent's Expectation: Justice Overload!" (Luke 3: 7-18)

**BCUC Men's Club** meets at **10:00 am on Fridays** at the church. Coffee, tea and Tim Bits are served. Contact: David Stafford at 613-592-0296 or [davidstafford@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidstafford@sympatico.ca)

**For Sale in the Office:**

The following items may be purchased by visiting the office:

\* **Credit/Debit/Gift Card Tabs** are available. A package of four costs \$5.00.

These tabs can be attached to your cards for easy access when hidden in wallet slots.

\***Lanyards** for wearing on your wrist to hold your keys are available for \$5 each.

\***Deli Items:** Please visit the church office if you would like to purchase some jam/jelly/chili sauce or jam gift crates. These items are left from the Outdoor Market.

**Sacred/Frame Drumming at BCUC:** Friday mornings a group meets to share drumming. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Betty Lynn Schwab at 836-4780 or [bettylynn@theschwabs.ca](mailto:bettylynn@theschwabs.ca)

**\*\*Onsite worship services are offered Sunday mornings at 10am.** We ask that you visit the BCUC website and look for the list of questions to answer before coming to the service. If you can answer 'no' to all the questions you are welcome to come.

**The West Ottawa Ladies' Chorus** would like to invite you to our free online Christmas concert. It will be **posted Dec. 3** at 7:30 p.m. and will be available for viewing at <https://westottawaladieschorus.ca/> throughout the Christmas season.

**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 or Rev. Lorrie.

**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

You may pay with cash or cheque payable to BCUC, with 'gift card' in the memo line.

**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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The construction of the **Church/Community Building in Chipembi, Zambia** is proceeding! We've had a wonderful start to our fundraising for this partnership project thanks to some generous donations from members at BCUC in memory of loved ones and money raised previously in anticipation of a building project. **At last count we had raised over \$11,000! You can Help!** Buy a virtual "brick" - or many! - at \$5 each. Gather your family, your friends, your choir, your Sunday School class... raid your piggy bank, hold a fundraiser, return bottles... Use your imagination! **Make your donation to Bells Corners United Church (Zambia Partnership Fund).** Let's make a difference in this small community!

The Galilee Centre in Arnprior is offering a variety of events during the Christmas season. To see details of upcoming events, visit the website: [www.galileecentre.com](http://www.galileecentre.com)

**Glen Cairn United Church Christmas Cookie Walk** is online this year. Place your online orders at <https://www.gcuc.ca/> by November 26th. Curbside pickup only at 140 Abbeyhill Drive on Saturday, December 4th at 2021. For more information, please contact the church office at 613-836-4756.

The **2021 Gifts with Vision catalogue** has arrived with so many opportunities to make a difference in someone's life any time of year without leaving home. Copies of the catalogue are in the office but you can also visit [giftswithvision.ca](http://giftswithvision.ca) to choose ways to support the work of Mission & Service within the United Church of Canada.

**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](http://canadahelps.org)
- Contact the church office about donating Securities.

**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](http://bcuc.org) where you will find 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>Thorncliffe Place, Nepean</i>
<i>Harold &amp; Bea Blackwell</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Ida Blackwell</i>	<i>Carleton Lodge, Nepean</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>Kathy Eaton</i>	<i>Starwood, Nepean</i>
<i>Jack Fraser</i>	<i>Park Place Seniors' Suites &amp; Retirement Residence</i>
<i>Geoff Gale</i>	<i>The Ravines, Ottawa</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>Thelma Seguin</i>	<i>Robertson House, Nepean</i>
<i>Sherrill Shaver</i>	<i>Garden Terrace, Kanata</i>
<i>Jim Walker</i>	<i>The Courtyards on Eagleson, Kanata</i>
<i>Pat Westmaas</i>	<i>St. Pat's Home, Ottawa</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.*