

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 12, 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:

Victoria's Quilts meets Monday December 13, 1:00 pm.

Lectionary Group meets Tuesday December 14, 10:30 am via Zoom

Theme & Text: Mary & Elizabeth (Luke 1: 39-55)

UCW Unit 4 meets Tuesday December 14, 2:00 pm

Church Board meets by Zoom on Wednesday December 15, 7:00 pm

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 by December 20**. Please contact the church office by telephone or email. A list will be kept as we plan for the service. Watch for more details in coming weeks.

Abe, Katrina & Heidi wish to thank our dear BCUC community for such care expressed and donations made in memory of Susan and Curtis. The outpouring of love and support has been a great comfort to us all.

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, are available for sale from the office for **\$7 each**.

2022 Givings Envelopes are available on the table in the Entryway for you to pick up at your convenience. They are arranged by envelope number.

Mitten Tree: Once again there is a mitten tree in the Entryway for you to cover with mittens, toques etc for winter. Donations will go to organizations that supply warm clothing for needy children.

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.

'Keep Christ in Christmas' magnets are available for purchase from the office for \$5 each. Put one on your car or your frig or anywhere where a magnet can be attached.

Financial Management Report to September 30:

	YTD September 2021	Estimated year end 2021	Budget 2021
Expenses	\$332,000	\$425,000	\$445,000
Revenue	\$244,000	\$375,000	\$445,000

If givings are increased by 10%, year end would see revenues meeting expenses for the year. Thank you for supporting the work of our church.

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.

Tune in via Telephone anytime: 613-820-8104

Season of Advent:

Dec 12 – Third Sunday of Advent / Joy-Pink

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

Dec 15 – Service of Healing (for those feeling blue in this season)

Text and Audio recording only (bcuc.org)

Dec 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent / Love

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Sermon Focus & Text: Mary & Elizabeth (Luke 1: 39-55)

Invitation from Glen Cairn United Church: Joint worship service with BCUC and Kanata United, **Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021 at 10 am.**

Masking and proof of vaccination required. Live-streamed on YouTube at 10:00 am. Link on website: <https://www.gcuc.ca>

FAMSAC Christmas Support: In case you have been wondering about hampers for those in need this Christmas, for the second year now FAMSAC is giving grocery gift cards instead of hampers due to COVID restrictions.



Sunday December 19: You are invited to an **Advent Candlelit Labyrinth Prayer Walk**. Walk with God through the twists and turns of the indoor labyrinth which may represent the twists and turns of your life. This is a very personal journey, so you may bring your pain, your joy, your anxiety, your yearnings... all of your feelings to look for healing, support, celebration or whatever you need during this Advent time. If this is your first experience, instructions will be provided.

COVID precautions will be in place to keep everyone physically safe. Max 3 people walking at the same time (unless you are a family/group). Bring your mask and proof of double-vaccination. If you wish for special accommodations (eg wheelchair, support animal) please let me know in advance. Please register in advance for your preferred hour: 5:30-6:30 or 6:30-7:30 or 7:30-8:30 or 8:30-9:30

email: beade@vif.com call: 613-878-7060

website: labyrinth22@weebly.com

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/ chili sauce/relish, items remaining from the Outdoor Market.

****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.

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

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

The West Ottawa Ladies' Chorus would like to invite you to our free online Christmas concert, 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.

Sole Centered Footcare is planning to offer a footcare clinic on **Saturday January 8** at BCUC. If you would like to book an appointment please call 343-558-0909 or visit www.solecentered.ca for details of services being offered.

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

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 notes that some of our recorded hymns have been enjoyed by many people worldwide!

1st – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky is approaching 5,000 views!

2nd - It Only Takes a Spark at almost 3,500!

3rd - Draw the Circle Wide is getting close to 1,000!

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 \$11,800! 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 **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 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

- 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 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

Beth Begbie

Thornccliffe Place, Nepean

Harold & Bea Blackwell Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Ida Blackwell

Carleton Lodge, Nepean

Betty Clarke

Carlingview Manor, Ottawa

Ken Davidson

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

<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 & 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.