

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**Ministers:** Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**Music Director:** Abe TeGrotenhuis

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

**Church Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9am – 12noon

### ANNOUNCEMENTS: February 6, 2022

#### 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.*

**\*Current Office Hours:** The church office is **open Monday – Friday, 9am – 12noon.**

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday, February 8 at 10:30 am via Zoom. Theme & Text: "Beatitudes on the Plain" (Luke 6: 17-26)  
All welcome to attend!

#### **Words of Thanks:**

*Dear Friends: I am humbled by your kind words and thoughts in your tribute to me in last Sunday's worship service. I thank all who made this a memorable event. William (Bill) Johnson*

**Onsite Worship Resuming:** It has been decided to reopen for onsite worship beginning **Sunday February 13.** Please review the questions on the website before coming to ensure that you are well.

**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](mailto: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.

**Stewardship Campaign 2022** is taking place on the Sundays of Jan 23, 30 and Feb 6. Thank you once again for your continued support through your time, talents and treasures to the life and work of BCUC. You may send your returns by e-mail, through the kitchen mail slot or by regular mail.

**STEWARDSHIP APOLOGY:** I indicated last week that I would be emailing a list of your current church activities as documented in our Church database program.

Some were sent, with the heading, BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH TIME AND TALENT, but my mail server thought I was sending spam, and wouldn't allow me to send them all.

I still have the Time and Talent data, and if you would like a copy of this information, please let me know, and I'll send it. to you

I have no access to any financial information.

Regards

Bill McGee, Stewardship Coordinator

[wfmcgee@sympatico.ca](mailto:wfmcgee@sympatico.ca)

**Coffee & Friends will resume on Thursday February 17, 9:15 am.** Please come prepared to discuss books you have read over this time of pandemic. If you are looking for conversation and friendship, come along and join the group. For details, call Bev Wilcox at 613-829-1180.

## **THE HAPPINESS PROJECT – A Mental Health Support Initiative**

As we all know, the pandemic has taken a toll on our mental health. Since this is a topic not often raised in faith communities, our church has teamed up with Christ Church Bells Corners and St. Martin de Porres Church to form a mental health support group. We're calling it **The Happiness Project**. For more information, please contact Michael Hammond at

[happinessprojectottawa@gmail.com](mailto:happinessprojectottawa@gmail.com). Please follow the group on:

Website:

[happinestottawa.weebly.com](http://happinestottawa.weebly.com)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/happinestottawa>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM-zqe8Ntgi72LPUGHetpFA>

We have upcoming events and we're inviting you to come and join us. Mark them on your calendar!

**February 6, 2022, 2 pm** – Teaching Education in Action: What to do, when you don't know what to do. In collaboration with the Suzuki Association of Ontario. Guest Speaker: Michael Hammond

This event is a pay-as-you can event with a suggested donation of \$10-20. The proceeds of the event will be shared 50/50 with the [Do It For Darin Foundation](#) supporting youth mental health, and the Suzuki Association of Ontario. To register:

<https://suzukiontario.org/events/#id=101&wid=801&cid=1791>

**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.

**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.

**Jigsaw Puzzles:** Puzzles in a variety of sizes are on a table in the entryway and you are welcome to come by during office hours and borrow a puzzle or two or to donate puzzles you may have received for Christmas, have done and are now ready to give away. A new stash has been found, so come by and have a look!

## **AN APPEAL TO HELP TYPHOON ODETTE VICTIMS IN CEBU, PHILIPPINES**

The Finance Committee of Grace-St. Andrews United Church in Arnprior (269 John St N, Arnprior, ON K7S 2P3), where the Rev. Ronnie Magno is presently serving, in partnership with the Cebu Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, is making an appeal to consider helping as you are able, to victims of typhoon Odette in the Philippines from January 16th until February 13, 2022. If you wish to donate, please MARK ON THE MEMO LINE "TYPHOON ODETTE ". CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO "GRACE - ST. ANDREW'S". You may also donate through e-transfer with this email address: [office@gsachurch.ca](mailto:office@gsachurch.ca)

### **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 Epiphany:**

**Feb 6** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany / Stewardship 3

Sermon Focus: "Deep Waters" (Luke 5: 1-11)

**Feb 13** – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon Focus: "Blessed Are You Here and Now" (Luke 6: 17-26)

**Feb 20** – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon Focus: "You Want Me to do What?" (Luke 6: 27-38)

**BCUC Men's Club Coffee Morning** Friday gatherings are currently via Zoom.

Contact: David Stafford at 613-592-0296 or email

at [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.

If you would like to listen to BCUC choir anthems from recent years, this is the link to the entire archive which is updated regularly...

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d7m3zZp1QNtTadLk8H3k-Fwc8grrjZda?usp=sharing>

**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

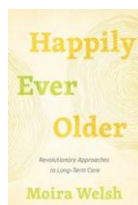
Metro - \$50, \$100

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

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

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 \$12,500! 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!

**Trinity Justice Committee Presents Happily Ever Older: Revolutionary Approaches to Long-Term Care**



Join us on **Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom** for a talk with **Moira Welsh**, investigative journalist for the Toronto Star. Moira will discuss her book, and the broader issues affecting long-term care. Feel free to invite friends and family. [Please pre-register here](#). The Zoom link will be emailed out, prior to the event.

**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.**

St. Basil's Parish, Ottawa  
Conversations for Our Times Series  
Rescheduled Event

**HEALING IN ALL DIRECTIONS:  
STORIES OF RECONCILIATION**

**SR. EVA SOLOMON, CSJ**

**Feb 6, 2022 2:30 p.m. EST**

A member of Henvey Inlet First Nation, Sr. Eva is a Sister of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie. She has dedicated her ministry of more than 60 years to healing, education, dialogue, and reconciliation.

A portrait of Sr. Eva Solomon, CSJ, a woman with dark hair, wearing glasses and a blue jacket over a patterned top, smiling.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsc-CuqTlpGt1gfvbn8mzA52Z6QzicwLeh>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.**

**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.**

**We are a group of volunteers who are helping the Afghans who helped our Canadian Forces Ottawa and many are currently looking for housing as they have now received their Canadian documents.**

They have begun settling the Afghan refugees and some of the families are large. I think they are moving 10 families out of the temporary housing this week. Here is the wish list: Please note we are not asking or accepting clothes and are only providing furniture to the families

We also ask items be washed, clean and not torn.

1. Everything Kitchen (pots, pans, cutlery, toasters, microwaves, spatulas, dishes, glasses, mugs etc) Kettles for boiling water is a big thing.
2. Beds - Mattresses and **Box springs** - singles, bunkbeds, double and queen size (singles are in huge demand as the families are quite large) cribs. We are not accepting king size beds at the moment.
3. Bedding - sheets, blankets, pillows, pillowslips
4. Dressers -
5. Sofas and living room chairs
6. Dining Table and chairs
7. Lamps
8. Desks (not large ones please)

In short - just about everything but clothes and king size mattresses. Drop off is across from St. Elias Greek Orthodox on Ridgewood Avenue. Warehouse is not always open so it would be best to contact me to arrange drop-off time.

People can contact us at [Afghanmove2022@gmail.com](mailto:Afghanmove2022@gmail.com) or telephone Mary Logan directly @ 613 853

**\*\* Bells Corners United Church will accept donations which will be taken to the warehouse from time to time. Please contact the church office for more information**

## **Long Term Care Facility Residents**

*Please keep the following people in your prayers*

<i>Beth Begbie</i>	<i>Thornccliffe Place, Nepean</i>
<i>Harold &amp; Bea Blackwell</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Ida Blackwell</i>	<i>Carleton Lodge, Nepean</i>
<i>Irene Bossons</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor</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 &amp; George 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>Helen Gordon</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor</i>
<i>Carl Halchuk</i>	<i>Park Place, Nepean</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.*

