

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Ministers: Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: February 20, 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**. *Note that the office will be closed Monday February 21 for Family Day.**

Lectionary Group meets Tuesday, February 22 at 10:30 am via Zoom. Theme & Text: 'The Transfiguration of Christ According to Luke'. All welcome to attend!

Onsite Worship Resuming: Onsite worship is now available. Please review the questions on the website before coming to ensure that you are well. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Adoption of BCUC COVID-19 Policy – At its meeting held on Feb 16, 2022, the Church Board adopted a policy concerning our response to the ongoing COVID-19 issue. The policy is posted on the website for your information.

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.

The **BCUC Annual General Meeting** will take place on Zoom on **Sunday March 6th at 11:15 AM**. The purpose of this meeting is to review and receive the 2021 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements and to approve the 2022 Annual Activity Plan, Budget and Nominations Report, and various other items of importance.

To ensure the congregation is informed and ready to discuss, and that new business items are given an adequate amount of time for deliberation, members are encouraged to notify the Board of their intent to introduce any new items of business, or new motions (on topics outside of annual plans, budgets, nominations and items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting), by e-mailing Jordan Berard before noon on Friday February 25th. A mover and a seconder for motions, as well as any background material that can be distributed to the congregation at least one week before the meeting, will also be appreciated.

The proposed Agenda, 2021 Annual Report, Financial Report, and other documents will be circulated to the congregation by e-mail by Sunday February 27th. If you need printed copies of any of the documents please contact the office and we will arrange for you to have them.

A Zoom link for the AGM will be circulated a few days before the AGM.

Coffee & Friends will meet Thursday February 24, 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.

Broadview renewal time is here!! Please support our award winning national church magazine by renewing your subscription at \$25, payable to BCUC by cheque, cash (preferable) or by e-transfer, or by starting a new subscription. *Broadview* makes a great gift as well as providing stimulating reading material on a broad range of topics relating to our daily Canadian lives. The magazine struggles, as do all print media. Your support is vital to its continued existence. For information please contact the church office.

Stewardship Campaign 2022 is officially completed. Thank you once again for your continued support through your time, talents and treasures to the life and work of BCUC. You may still send your returns by e-mail, through the kitchen mail slot or by regular mail.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES: (Onsite & 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 Epiphany:

Feb 20 – 7th Sunday after Epiphany

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

Feb 27 – Transfiguration Sunday / All-Ages Worship Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Season of Lent:

Sermon Series: “The Way of Being”

March 2 – Ash Wednesday (details to be announced)

March 6 – First Sunday in Lent / Communion / Annual General Meeting

Sermon Focus: “Being Human” (Luke 4: 1-13)

BCUC Men’s Club Coffee Morning resumes onsite on Friday mornings on March 4 at 10am. Zoom invitation for Feb. 25 is

<https://algonquincollege.zoom.us/j/7852899427?pwd=clhsWjZtRUoxanRaS21SVXZhnVd2QT09>

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

at 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.

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.

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.

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.

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/1d7m3zZp1QNTadLk8H3k-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!

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.

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 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

Beth Begbie Thorncliffe Place, Nepean
Harold & Bea Blackwell Stillwater Creek, Nepean
Ida Blackwell Carleton Lodge, Nepean
Irene Bossons Valley Stream Manor
Betty Clarke Carlingview Manor, Ottawa
Ken Davidson Stillwater Creek, Nepean
Bill Dormer Saint-Vincent Hospital, Ottawa
Kathy & George Eaton Starwood, Nepean
Jack Fraser Park Place Seniors' Suites & Retirement
Residence
Geoff Gale The Ravines, Ottawa
Helen Gordon Valley Stream Manor
Carl Halchuk Park Place, Nepean
Marion Helgason Stillwater 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
Bill Wilson Redwoods, Nepean



If you know of other congregation members who should be included in this list, please call the office with details.