

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 13, 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.**

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday. Don't forget to spring forward one hour on Saturday night. See you soon!

Lectionary Group meets Tuesday, March 15 at 10:30 am via Zoom. Theme & Text: Parable of the Barren Fig Tree (Luke 13: 31-35) All welcome to attend! Send email to Rev. Kim

Church Board meets Wednesday, March 16 at 7 pm via Zoom.

NOTICE OF VACATION: Rev. Lorrie will be on vacation from March 14-27, 2022. Please contact Rev. Kim or the office for any concerns that need Rev. Lorrie's attention.

Ukraine Crisis *United Church Mission and Service partners are responding to the rapidly unfolding crisis in the Ukraine. Shelter, clean water, food and medical attention are urgently needed. You can help by donating online at united-church.ca, by phoning 1-800-268-3781 ex. 2738 or by sending a cheque to The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy United - Emergency*

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.

Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4. Please mark "Emergency Response - Ukraine" on the face of your cheque.

HYMN-SING is back! Would you like your favourite hymn sung in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a joyful occasion? With a suggested minimum donation of \$30, your hymn request will be featured in one of the Sunday services from March 13 until June 5. Proceeds from this fundraising will be used for a "Welcome Back Family Picnic" sometime in June! Please send your name, hymn request and dedication to the office via email. Donations can be made by e-transfer, cash or cheque, payable to BCUC with the note: "Hymn-Sing". Thank you for supporting this initiative.

BellRinger Lent/Easter Issue: It has been too long since we have had a church newsletter. We are aiming to create one for publication on April 8. If you will **submit items to the office by March 21**, we will be able to share details of what is happening in the congregation despite months and months of limited activity.

Memorial Flower Donations: To provide an opportunity for families to remember loved ones who have passed, we are providing a virtual Easter flowers memorial donation option for this year. Funds will be used to buy flowers for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday 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 and the memorial will be included in the online version of the services

on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Some live flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary. **Please send your donation, including your memorial request, to the Church Office by April 4.** 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 to the Church Office
- Email your request to the Church Office, and pay via e-transfer – mark your transaction “Easter Flowers” in the message line of the e-transfer (not preferred since there is a charge/transaction)

2021 Tax Receipts have been sent to the congregation electronically and by regular mail for those without computer access. If you need your receipt printed please contact the church office and we will mail it to you. Also, if you did not receive your receipt please contact the church office to have it resent or check your Spam folder.

****Onsite Worship is Back **** Please review the questions on the website before coming to ensure that you are well. We look forward to seeing you soon. And we are invited to sing, albeit through masks but it does bring joy!

Coffee & Friends meets Thursday mornings, 9:15 am. If you are looking for conversation and friendship, come along and join the group. For details, call Bev Wilcox at 613-829-1180.

BCUC Men’s Club Coffee Morning meets onsite Friday mornings at 10am.
Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

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.

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 Lent:

Sermon Series: “The Way of Being”

March 13 – Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: “Being Vulnerable” (Luke 13: 31-35)

March 20 – Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: “Being Truthful” (Luke 13: 1-9)

March 27 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: “being Prodigal” (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

Our **BCUC Lenten Project for 2022** is to provide much needed food items and cash donations for FAMSAC. Over 50 years ago BCUC partnered with Christ Church Anglican and St. Martin de Porres Church in Bells Corners to form The Family Service of Churches or FAMSAC which has been helping supplement groceries for families in our community ever since. During Lent SOSA is requesting cash or food donations which can be dropped off at the Church office during office hours of 9-12 Monday to Friday. Any food items are always welcome but of special need are:

- pancake mix & syrup
- green & yellow beans
- cereal
- school snacks - juice boxes
- nut free granola bars
- fruit cups
- canned fruit
- canned meat (chicken, ham)
- canned pasta (e.g. Chef Boyardee)
- baked beans (no meat)
- cookies
- rice

Cash donations can be made by giving a cheque made out to BCUC to the office or sending an e-transfer directly to BCUC with SOSA Lenten Project in the memo line.

For more information about FAMSAC call 613-820-5428 or send an email to: info@famsac.ca. FAMSAC is located at: 2194 Robertson Road, unit 21 (in the mall near the Scottish and Irish store)

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.

Wondering what the United Church of Canada is doing and saying about your area of interest? Sign up for a related newsletter at <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>:

E-ssentials	Essential news on events, campaigns and social action
Embracing Spirit	Ministry initiatives, new ways of being church and networks
Living in Right Relations	Reconciliation and Indigenous justice news
UCC Bookstore News	Upcoming publications and exclusive promotions
United in Learning	Upcoming webinars and programs for lay and clergy.
Concern for Climate Justice	Resources, actions, and opportunities to learn about climate justice.
Guaranteed Livable Income	Learning resources and updates on GLI initiatives
Intercultural Ministry	Initiatives, programs, and resources
United Action for Justice	Justice work of the church and related worship and education resources

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.

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 well. The building now has a roof! Now begins the work on the inside - wiring, plumbing, interior walls and finishing - all important (and expensive) parts of the process toward making this the building the community of Chipembi needs. Our most recent report shows that the funds we sent in the fall (\$8,300 CDN from each of the two Ottawa churches) are now nearly depleted. We will be sending another instalment in the near future to ensure that progress continues. Your support has been amazing! - and we hope your generosity will continue so that this project and other, much needed ones can be completed.

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!



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>

FINDING THE MOTHER TREE

A public talk and discussion with author Dr. Suzanne Simard on the urgent need to rethink our relationship with the natural world.

Saturday March 26, 2022, 7:00 pm at Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Avenue, Ottawa

- The audience will be invited to contribute to an open discussion about how to protect Canada's forests.
- Book-signing will be available with copies of *Finding the Mother Tree* for sale onsite.

Tickets available on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/finding-the-mother-tree-a-public-talk-and-discussion-tickets-274789852847>) \$27.54 in-person attendance; \$16.93 virtual
COVID protocols will be in place - including masking and proof of vaccination for in-person attendees.

This is the inaugural event for the newly formed Southminster Community Forum. More information at <https://www.southminsterunitedchurch.com/southminster-community-forum>

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.

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.



3191 Riverside Dr.

Book Nook Sale

Saturday, March 26th

10:00 AM to Noon

Large selection of used books

(during the Ottawa Organic Farmers Market).

Masks are required and physical distancing is expected.

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- 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.

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 1576

**** 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 & 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 & George Eaton</i>	<i>Starwood, Nepean</i>
<i>Jack Fraser</i>	<i>Park Place, Nepean</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>Bill Johnson</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>Kathryn Waddell</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek</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.