

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

3955 Old Richmond Rd., Nepean, ON K2H 5C5

Website: www.bcuc.org **Email:** office@bcuc.org

Facebook: @bellscornersunitedchurch

YouTube: Bells Corners United Church

Ministers: Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Music Director: Abe TeGrotenhuis

Office Administrators: Ruth Timms, Ellen Boynton

Acting Chair, Church Board: Jordan Berard

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 27, 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, March 29 at 10:30 am via Zoom. Theme & Text: Mary Anoints Jesus (John 12: 1-8) All welcome to attend! Send email to Rev. Kim

Pastoral Care meets on Wednesday March 30, 3:00 pm

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.

Cans & Bottles Recycling this Sunday, March 27: Bring your empty wine and beer bottles and cans for recycling to raise funds for youth activities in our church.

Please note that copies of the **2021 BCUC Annual Report and the 2022 Activity Plan** are now posted on the church website for you to read. Look under the 'About' button at the top of the home page.

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.

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 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.

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)

****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, still 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. **Payment is due by April 8.** *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 27 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

April 3 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: “Being Bold” (John 12: 1-8)

April 10 – Palm Sunday

Sermon Focus: “Being Daring” (Luke 19:28-40)

HELP Ottawa & CCBC Adult Education

“Opening Up Again” – Your Joys, Concerns, & Challenges

After two years of pandemic measures, the “opening up” of our environments is greeted with mixed emotions. Come and share your views and listen to others as we begin to “open up again.”

Join us on Zoom and invite your friends to one or both group discussions.

Monday, March 28 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84197588531>

Tuesday, March 29 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88342539230>

For additional information, contact Colleen Mayo
Community Facilitator, Healthy End of Life Project (HELP) Ottawa
colleen.mayo@carleton.ca

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)

Hello everyone,

My name is Rachelle Gagnon and I am the volunteer coordinator at FAMSAC. I'm reaching out to all of you today as FAMSAC is looking for a telephone volunteer.

A telephone volunteer assists with making appointments for our clients to pick up/deliver their food orders. This opportunity involves working the phones (from home) for 1 week (4 days) out of every 5/6 weeks. The volunteer must be comfortable talking with people on the phones as well as comfortable working on a computer (data entry). Training will be provided by members of FAMSAC.

In order to volunteer with FAMSAC, a prospective volunteer will need to complete an application form, have a "Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check" completed, and provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19. The criminal records check can be completed online (Ottawa Police Services) and costs approximately \$20.00 for volunteers (FAMSAC would provide a letter that will allow the applicant access to the reduced cost).

If you have any questions or require any more info on either position, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Rachelle Gagnon

volunteer@famsac.ca

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
social action

Essential news on events, campaigns and

Embracing Spirit

church and networks

Living in Right Relations

UCC Bookstore News

promotions

United in Learning

and clergy.

Concern for Climate Justice

learn about climate justice.

Guaranteed Livable Income

initiatives

Intercultural Ministry

United Action for Justice

worship and education resources

Ministry initiatives, new ways of being

Reconciliation and Indigenous justice news

Upcoming publications and exclusive

Upcoming webinars and programs for lay

Resources, actions, and opportunities to

Learning resources and updates on GLI

Initiatives, programs, and resources

Justice work of the church and related

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.

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.

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/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.

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.

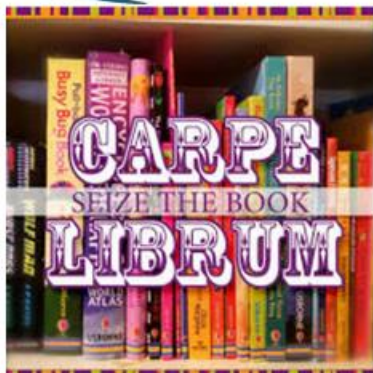
This is the inaugural event for the newly formed Southminster Community Forum. More information at
<https://www.southminsterunitedchurch.com/southminster-community-forum>

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. 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.

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>Thorncliffe 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.