

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9am - 12noon, 1-4pm

### ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 24, 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.*

**The Seekers** meets Monday, April 25 at 2-4 pm, Main Hall. Please read pp. 1-49 (Introduction & Chapter 1) of Bart Ehrman's book, *Jesus Before the Gospels: How the Earliest Christians Remembered, Changed, and Invented their Stories of the Savior*. For more info, talk to Rev. Kim.

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday, April 26 at 10:30 am via Zoom. Theme & Text: Jesus & Peter (John 21: 1-19). All welcome to attend! Send email to Rev. Kim

If you need help with your **spring yard work** please contact **Connor Fowler** who is offering to help. Telephone: 819-329-2899 or e-mail: [christina.fowler74@gmail.com](mailto:christina.fowler74@gmail.com)

**Cans & Bottles Recycling** will take place Sunday April 24. Please bring your empty beer & wine cans and bottles for fundraising to support Youth activities.

**BCUC Men's Club Coffee Morning** meets onsite Friday mornings at 10am. **Exception this week is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April same time.** Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

**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.

**VEGETARIAN SPRING ROLLS Anyone?** Taking orders for frozen or cooked vegetarian spring rolls. Call the office to place your order or sign up on the board across the office.

Frozen - \$22/dozen; \$11/half doz. Fried - \$24 / dozen; \$12 / half doz.

Order pick up during the Spring Garage Sale – May 7, 9 am-1 pm. Look for Rev. Kim. Proceeds: BCUC General Fund.

#### 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](http://bcuc.org).**

**Tune in via Telephone anytime: 613-820-8104**

Season of Eastertide: "The Way of Being"

**April 24 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter / Low Sunday**

Sermon Focus : "Being Thomas" (John 20: 19 - 31)

Onsite and Livestream at 10 am

**May 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter / BCUC Anniversary and Membership Sunday**

Sermon Focus: "Being Peter" (John 21: 1 - 19 )

Onsite and Livestream at 10 am

**May 8 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Christian Family Sunday**

Sermon Focus: "Being Shepherd" (John 10: 22 - 30)

Onsite and Livestream at 10 am

**Broadcasts will be available for future viewing**

**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](http://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.*

**Furniture Storage Request:** If you have empty garage space that you would be willing to offer for short term storage of furniture for Ukrainian refugees please contact David Stafford at [davidstafford@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidstafford@sympatico.ca) or 592-0296

**\*\*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!

**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 **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.

**Harmer House Adult Day Program is recruiting a Volunteer Van Driver**

Dates: Monday to Friday

Hours: 8:30 till 10:00am and afternoons 2:00pm to 3:30pm

If you are looking for an exciting way to give back in your community, and have the confidence to navigate the West end of Ottawa while helping seniors get from their homes to the program...then this role is for you!

Our clients do have some form of cognitive impairment and we are willing to train the right candidate how best to support our clients!

We require a clean drivers abstract, Vulnerable Sector Police Check, Full G Licence, experience transporting people is considered an asset.

Transportation is the number one barrier seniors are not able to participate within community programs. Help knock down that barrier with us!

Send your expression of interest to Jenna Eady Program Coordinator, [dayprogram@harmerhouse.ca](mailto:dayprogram@harmerhouse.ca) or call 613-726-8882 ext. 223 for more info.

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](mailto:info@famsac.ca). FAMSAC is located at: 2194 Robertson Road, unit 21 (in the mall near the Scottish and Irish store)

West Ottawa Ladies Chorus presents their Spring Concert *We Rise Again* virtually on Friday April 29, 7:30 pm. It will be under the direction of Sosun Suh and accompanied by Peter Brown. Visit [www.westottawaladieschorus.ca](http://www.westottawaladieschorus.ca) to join the concert. Concert is free, donations are gratefully received.

### **BCUC Spring Garage Sale, Saturday May 7**

After not having a garage sale for three years, people are eager to come out to shop and see their neighbours. We may have to mandate masking or limit number of people on site at one time to safely hold the sale, but time will tell. To date we have the following people as contacts for the sales areas listed below. If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions please contact the following:

White Elephant: Yvonne McCartney 343-552-1403 (Household items and seasonal sporting goods)

Plants: Nicole Beaudry & Gerry Okolowsky 829-4330 (Gerry says to pot up your spare garden plants and houseplants for sale on the day!)

Books & Media, Games & Puzzles: Larry Ryan 613-794-2910

Baking: TBC

Children's Books & Toys: Monica Peck 868-3569

Women's & Children's Clothing: Jean Brown 825-3398

Linens: Bev Wilcox 829-1180

Furniture: TBC

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!



**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.

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>

**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.

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**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

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

**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.

#### **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.

**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.

**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)

**\*\* 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, Nepean</i>
<i>Betty Clarke</i>	<i>Carlingview Manor, Ottawa</i>
<i>Marg Creates</i>	<i>The Redwoods, Nepean</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, Nepean</i>
<i>Geoff Gale</i>	<i>The Ravines, Ottawa</i>
<i>Helen Gordon</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, Nepean</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>Norah Pacey</i>	<i>Hillel Lodge, Ottawa</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</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.*