

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 15, 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.

Meetings this Week Onsite & by Zoom:

UCW Unit 2 meets Monday May 16, 2pm at the church.

UCW Executive meets Monday May 16, 7:00 pm at the church.

Lectionary Group meets Tuesday, May 17 at 10:30 am via Zoom. All welcome to attend! Send email to Rev. Lorrie.

Church Board meets Wednesday May 18, 7pm by Zoom.

SOSA meets Thursday, May 19, 10 am at the church.

NOTICE OF STUDY LEAVE:

Rev. Kim will be on Study Leave from May 16-23, 2022. She's attending the Festival of Homiletics online and the closing ceremony of the Backstory Preaching Mentorship Program where she has been currently enrolled.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make our 'comeback' 2022 Spring Garage Sale a success. Total revenue from sales on the day was \$4,527 with at least \$150 more coming from various sales in following days. Leftovers at day's end mostly were delivered to the Salvation Army Thrift Store with some also taken to the Mission Thrift Store. Some items were set aside for delivery to the warehouse for Afghan families coming to Canada and some books were taken to the Centennial Branch of the library for their

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.

fundraising sales. It was wonderful to see one another again after so long being apart. May this be the beginning of a return to a more normal life at BCUC.

Mark your calendar!

PENTECOST PICNIC - June 5, 2022 – 10 am

Join with our BCUC Family in an **ALL-AGES OUTDOOR SERVICE** followed by a **BBQ Lunch and Games**. We would like to include a "talent show" to the June 5th picnic. Please let Abe, Erin or the Office know if you have a song, reading or juggling act you would like to share with us. This is NOT a POTLUCK EVENT. Food & cold beverages will be provided from the proceeds of the Hymn-Sing Requests. Please contact the church office to let us know you're coming! Hope to see you and your family there!

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. Or you may fill in a prayer request form and drop it in the Prayer Chalice in the narthex or the Prayer Box at the entranceway. Continue to pray for one another.

The Seekers will have a break on May 16 & 23 and will reconvene on **Monday, May 30 at 2pm** in the Main Hall. Please read Chapters 6-8 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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES: (Onsite & In the comfort of your home!)

Text format of the worship service will be emailed to you and will be posted on our website at bcuc.org.

Worship Service Onsite and [Livestream](#) at 10 am

Broadcasts will be available for future viewing

Tune in via Telephone anytime after Monday afternoon: 613-820-8104

Season of Eastertide & Pentecost: "The Way of Being"

May 15 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Sermon Focus: "Being a Friend" (John 13: 31-35)

May 22 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

May 29 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Sermon Focus: "Being United" (John 17: 20-26)

On-line registration is OPEN.

Camp Awesome will be at Bells Corners United Church July 11-15.

- Teens ages 14 and 15 are wanted to participate in the Leader in Training Program
- Tweens ages 12-13 ready for a new camp experience can register for the CACrew. Part of the day will be spent with the other campers and part will be spent learning new skills, assisting with special service projects and small group time.
- Children ages 4-12 can come for the first time as campers or return after a two year absence.
- Older teens ages 16 and above are needed as counselors. Participation in the Leader in Training program is not required.

Please contact the church office if you wish to have a copy of the Camp Awesome Summer Camp Guide to provide you with lots of information about things as they will be this year. The cost, new hours and the link to register are inside as well as the application form that can be printed and dropped off at the church, if you would prefer this method.

Financial assistance is available through a bursary. We want your children to be able to participate in Camp Awesome. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance. If you have any questions please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you

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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.*

If anyone wishes to **donate to Ukraine**, Gerry Okolowsky will match donations, up to \$1,000. Please make your donation to BCUC with Ukraine in the memo line and Gerry will be notified of your donations.

BCUC Men's Club Coffee meets onsite Friday mornings at 10am.

Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

Camp Chipembi 2022: Once again, this year, we are supporting the vacation bible school to be held in August 2022 at Chipembi Zambia. This year's camp will be a 5-day camp for 100 children and youths. Everyone at the camp gets a t-shirt, and each day they receive a nutritious lunch. We are currently selling sponsorships for lunches, and t-shirts.

You can sponsor in any of the following ways:

Send a kid to Camp Chipembi (t-shirt & 5 lunches) - \$35

Any number of t-shirts - \$10 each

Any number of lunches - \$6 for one day or 5 days for \$25

You can sponsor any of the above in the usual ways: an e-transfer (to 'treasurer@bcuc.org'); or a cheque (to Bells Corners United Church) in an envelope mailed or dropped off at the church. Please indicate in the comments field or on a note what you are sponsoring and that it is for Camp Chipembi. Tax receipts will be provided.

Riverside United Church, 3191 Riverside Dr.

Book Nook Sale, Saturday, May 21st - 10:00 AM to Noon

Large selection of used books (during the Ottawa Organic Farmers Market).

Masks are required and physical distancing is expected.

****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!
Coming Soon! The annual Tulipathon, a walk for Multifaith Housing, takes place on **Sunday, May 29th**. SOSA is looking for walkers and sponsors for this event. This is a picturesque, pleasant 2 km walk around Dow's Lake. If you are interested in either joining us on the walk, or to sponsor a walker, please contact Barbara Bole Stafford (bbole@sympatico.ca) or (613) 592-0296.

HYMN-SING: 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 the **"Welcome Back Family Picnic"** Sunday June 5! 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.

Greetings!

Do you know a girl between the ages of 7 and 15? One who might enjoy meeting new friends, swimming, canoeing, singing, doing crafts and generally having a lot of fun with other girls her age? One who is looking for an overnight camp experience this summer?

Why not tell her about **Camp Kalalla!** We are a faith-based girls' camp, located 45 minutes north of Ottawa, near Alcove, Quebec. Our dedicated and experienced staff works hard to make sure that our campers feel comfortable and have fun in our lovely, lake side setting in the Gatineau Hills. We have a camper programme for girls from 7 to 14, and there is still space in our excellent leadership training programme for girls who are finished Grade 10.

We are also accepting applications for staff positions! See our website www.kalalla.com for more information about dates and registration, as well as applications to be a staff member. We'd love to hear from you!

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, \$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 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

- 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. 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 arrange a drop-off time.
People can contact us at 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>Thorncliffe Place, Nepean</i>
<i>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>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, 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.