

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 9, 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:

Lectionary Group meets on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 10: 30 am, Shalom Room.

Theme: "The Persistent Widow & the Unjust Judge" Text: Luke 18:1-8.

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.

Worship Service with Communion – Stillwater Creek Retirement Home, Thursday, October 13 at 10:30 am.

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

Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY – October 30 – 10 am. If you want to transfer your membership to BCUC, please speak with Rev. Kim.

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.

NOTICE OF STUDY LEAVE / VACATION – Rev. Lorrie is on study leave and vacation from October 3-16, 2022. Please speak with Rev. Kim for any ministerial concerns.

It's time for the **50th Annual Honeython in support of Camp Kalalla**. Copies of the order form may be picked up from the church office or welcome centre or requested by e-mail. Orders are to be mailed with payment by cheque or sent electronically with payment by e-transfer. **Deadline for orders is November 1.** [Order form](#) Leslie Wade will be onsite with the honeython display and to answer your questions again on Sunday October 16. People can call her at 613-596-2350 if they have any questions re ordering

OCTOBER THANKSGIVING CALENDAR: Did you know that you can support both our church and one of our main outreach programs (the Ottawa West End Chaplaincy) by participating in our Thanksgiving Calendar? It can be a fun way to raise awareness of our many blessings and at the same time raise funds for the ongoing work of our church.

Calendars are on the table in the narthex, at the Welcome Centre and in the office. For more information please contact Peggy Aitchison (613-270-0478) or the church office.

Men's Club Dinner: The BCUC Men's Club is organizing a Dinner for Tuesday, October 18 at 5:00 pm to hear about recent affordable housing projects in

Ottawa. \$20.00 per person. See the Office for tickets or contact David Stafford at davidstafford@sympatico.ca for reservations. The menu is: Pork tenderloin with mashed potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables, and Strudel for dessert. Ladies welcome!

Photo Directory Signup Time!! Daytime or evening bookings are available from **Monday October 24 to Saturday October 29**. Contact the office to book a time or look for the signup sheets when you get your coffee on Sunday morning. There is no obligation to buy photos - but lots of options to do so if you wish. Photos will be ready for Christmas gift-giving. Everyone who has their photo taken will receive a directory free of charge. Bring your family! Bring your pets! Let's celebrate this faith community.

Volunteers Needed: We need a set of volunteers to operate slide and broadcasting stations for Sunday morning services. The most important is the projector operator for our live Sunday service with readings and hymns on screen.

The live broadcast system upstairs is pretty straightforward (once it's running) and involves slides, camera(s) and sound booth integration. There is a sign-up sheet on google drive for you to reserve your Sundays at a console.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GqbM0Yv-JtOmhbGrBK-7WIF-29Te0pStCidK80V3_rQ/edit?usp=sharing

The Trustees of the **Harmer House Memorial Fund** are looking for a volunteer to join our trustees. We have members from Christ Church Anglican, St. Martin de Porres Roman Catholic and from Harmer House. The trustees meet once, maybe twice a year, to review the investment portfolio and determine any payouts to Harmer House. The fund is used to provide extra money to Harmer House to pay for projects that will improve the quality of life for residents, but which are not allowed within the regular budget. If you are interested in becoming involved on behalf of BCUC, please contact Ross Mutton at 613-820-6995 or rmutton@sympatico.ca (Chair)

****Join Us for Onsite Worship**** Please review the questions on the website before coming to ensure that you are well. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Upcoming Worship Services Onsite and Livestream at 10 am

Broadcasts will be available for future viewing

Tune in via Telephone any time after Monday afternoon: 613-820-8104.

Text format of the worship service will be emailed to you and will be posted on our website at bcuc.org. Sunday sermons can be found under the header 'Worship at Home' button the following week.

Season of Creation Time:

October 9 – Creation 5 / Thanksgiving Sunday / All-Ages

Sermon Focus: "Creation implores: Cherish Me!" (Philippians 4: 4-9)

Stewardship Campaign:

October 16 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship 1 / Theme:

"Celebrate our Many Gifts / Give thanks for our Life and Mission as Good Stewards" (SOSA & Pastoral Care)

Sermon Focus: "When God Knocks: How will you respond?" (Luke 18: 1-8).

October 23 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship 2 / Sacrament of Baptism / Theme: "When Score-Keeping Doesn't Work!" (Luke 18:9-14).

NEW THIS FALL!! Mark your calendar! After eight years of holding the Stewardship Campaign in January/February every year, the Stewardship Committee, with the Board's approval, will hold the Stewardship Campaign 2023 **starting on October 16, 2022**. We are hoping for returns by October 30, 2022. This will help the Finance Committee in putting together a budget for 2023. The Time and Talents portion of the campaign to update the Church database will be held at the same time. Please look forward to receiving your Stewardship material in the mail or email.

The Committee Fair will be held a few Sundays before the AGM in February 2023. And, we hope, soup and sandwiches at the same time.

Choir Practice: Choir rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 7:15pm so please arrive at 7pm to gather music, organize and chat.

All singers, long time members or newly interested, older or younger are welcome. Let's sing! If you are interested in participating through other modes of music, please speak to Abe or send a note to music@bcuc.org.

In-Person Youth and Children's Choir practices for those in Kindergarten to Gr. 12 will be held with **two groups** - the Christian Generation Singers (CGS) made up of the younger members, practicing from 6:00-6:45pm and the youth voices, the Bell Canto Singers, joining for some of their rehearsal, then carrying on until 7:15 pm. Please contact Erin at berarderin@gmail.com for more information.

Coffee and Friends will begin its fall term on **Thursday October 27, 9:15 am**. All are welcome! Information: Bev Wilcox 829-1180.

BCUC Christmas Bazaar is on **Saturday November 19, 9am – 1pm**. This is the season for preserving, so make some extra for the Deli. Knitting and crafts made over the summer will be welcomed as well. Donations may be dropped off at the church beginning the end of October or earlier if you must. For offers of help or questions please contact the Co-Chairs: Tina Fowler christina.fowler74@gmail.com or 819-329-2899
Chris Brown furnyking@hotmail.com or 282-5903

The Happiness Project, the mental health support group shared by the three Christian churches in Bells Corners, is hosting a concert to raise humanitarian funds for Ukraine. The concert will feature the **Hogtown Brass Quintet** (who have performed previously at BCUC) along with other special musical guests. The concert will take place at St. Martin de Porres Church on **Saturday, November 5 at 7:15 p.m.** Tickets are available through the church office or after Sunday service. Adults \$25, Seniors \$20 and Families \$50. For more information, please contact Michael Hammond at 613 447 2111.

The SEEKERS Group is holding a **Learning Event** this fall to discuss John Shelby Spong's book, "Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy" on 5 consecutive Mondays - Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5, 2 pm in the Shalom Room. Masking is required. A printed study outline is available on the narthex table. Contact Rev. Kim for more info.

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.

Sunday Fellowship Time: We need volunteers to prepare tea and coffee. Please visit the spreadsheet below to sign up for a Sunday or two. We have waited a long time to socialize after worship. E-mail Pierre (pierre.dugas@rogers.com) and he will send you a link to the sign-up sheet. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sOHGCwqvcO9-EYmwdiknIU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

St. Paul's United Church, 3760 Carp Rd. is holding an Outreach for Matthew House event on Oct. 14 & 15th from 11am – 1pm. They are looking for clean household items in good condition, small appliances, newer flat screen TV's, working vacuum cleaners etc. If you need assistance with pickup or have questions please call 839-2155 and leave a message for the minister, Rev. Debbi Roi.

Woodroffe United Church holds its Fall Bazaar on Saturday October 22, 9am -1pm. All are welcome.

Stittsville United Church Chili Cook Out Dinner on Friday, Oct. 21st from 5:00-8:00 pm. Cost - \$15 per adult, \$10 for children 12 and under.

There will be several varieties of chili served along with corn bread, buns, green salad with choice of dressing, giant Rice Krispy squares, coffee, tea and hot chocolate with marshmallows. Takeout dinners will also be available. Plans are underway for fun galore! There will be organized games for the children with prizes, and a singalong around propane firepits with Allison Houston. A variety of pies will be for sale to take home - \$15 per pie. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the church office at 613-836-4962. Tickets will also be available at the door. Hope you can join us for an evening of great food, games, music, fun and fellowship. ***This is an outdoor event – please bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather – let's hope it's a warm evening.***

Annual Fall Bazaar – Saturday, October 29, 9:30 am – 2 pm Carleton Memorial United Church's annual Fall Bazaar is on Saturday, October 29, 9:30 am to 2 pm! We will have jewelry, crafts, original art work, unique gifts, books, plants, a silent auction (closes at 1 pm), and much, much more! Stay for a delicious treat too, we will be serving coffee, tea, snacks, lunch, and desserts. All funds raised will be to benefit our continued work in the community through our church goals. Wheelchair accessible, free parking. www.cmuc.ca/event/annual-fall-bazaar/

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.

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.

Long Term Care Facility Residents

Please keep the following people in your prayers

<i>Beth Begbie</i>	<i>Thornccliffe Place, Nepean</i>
<i>David Bell</i>	<i>Peter D. Clarke, 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>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>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.