

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**Ministers:** Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**Music Director:** Abe TeGrotenhuis

**Office Administrators:** Ruth Timms, Ellen Boynton

**Chair, Church Board:** Rotating

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 4, 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:**

**Seekers** meet Monday December 5, 2pm in the Shalom Room. Final meeting with Teatime Fellowship and discuss Parts 9 &10 of Spong's *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy*.

**Property Management** meets Monday December 5, 7:30 pm

**Lectionary Group** meets on Tuesday, December 6, 10: 30 am, Shalom Room  
Theme & Text: Desert Blooms & Rejoices! (Isaiah 35: 1-10)

**Worship/CE** meets Wednesday December 7, 7pm by Zoom.

**The Interfaith Committee from Jami Omar Mosque, Christ Church Anglican Church, St Martin de Porres Catholic Church and Bells Corners United Church** is holding the second **Winter Gear Drive**. We are asking for donations of new mitts, hats, scarves and socks for men, women and children. The drive is from November 20th to December 15th. Financial donations are welcome and will be used to purchase mitts, hats, scarves and socks. Donations can be left at the church office or in the box outside the sanctuary. Thank you for participating.

**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.

**Woman's gray coat**, Niccolini size 12, was mistakenly taken November 18th and returned to the church. Would the person whose coat it is please pick it up from the church and return the coat that belongs to Frank Pope?

**Photo Orders** which you made for the directory are in the office for pickup at your convenience. Photo directories will be available in the new year.

**Wrap It Up! Holiday Market** will be held at BCUC on **Saturday December 17, 10am – 2pm**. This popular event, held for several years in the past, is a fundraiser for the Zambia Chipembi outreach project. Please contact Wendy Morrell at [wendy.morrell@sympatico.ca](mailto:wendy.morrell@sympatico.ca) if you or someone you know would like to book a sales area for the day.

**SPRING ROLLS ANYONE??** Did you miss Kim's Spring Rolls at the Christmas Bazaar? Take heart! They will be available at the upcoming Wrap it Up Vendor's Market at BCUC. We are now taking orders. Order Sign-Up on the bulletin board across the office. Pick up - December 17 from 10 am to 2 pm. Proceeds will be divided between the Operating Fund and the Chipembi Project.

**Muffin donations for Market Day** will be welcomed. Please bring your donated packages of muffins with your name, tel. no. and special ingredient information to the office and they can be frozen until sale day. If you need pickup please call Wendy at 299-9499.

**SOSA Advent Appeal** this year is support for the **Zambia Partnership Project**. The building at Chipembi is so close to being complete and the plan is for the official opening in March. Let's see what we can do to help it to completion.

**Remember your loved ones who have passed this Advent & Christmas.**

Make a minimum donation of \$10 (cheque or cash only). A virtual flower display will be included in service from Nov. 27 to Dec. 25. Live flowers are on display in the Sanctuary. Please send your request, noting the memorial you wish, to the Church Office until December 18.

**Christmas Eve** is just a few weeks away and we are getting ready for another wonderful **Pageant!** The one we have chosen for this year allows for last minute characters, as usual, but also has some speaking and dancing parts that require a bit of practice in advance. Would you like to take part? We need kids for sure - and adults are also welcome. **Contact Rev. Lorrie or Cathy Dowsett** for more information and to sign up!

**The Mitten Tree** is back again. Bring mittens and toques to decorate the tree and then items will be added to the Winter Gear Drive box as items are distributed to needy people.

**\*\*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.

**Advent Season:**

**December 4** – Advent 2 / Peace

Carol-Sing at 9:45 am with Sandra Dean & Brian Lipsett

Sermon Focus: "So You Think John Can Preach?" (Matthew 3: 1-12)

**December 11-** Advent 3 / Joy

Carol-Sing at 9:45 am with Sandra Dean & Brian Lipsett

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**December 14** – Service of Hope, Healing & Renewal

5 pm – Healing Tea with Judith Campbell

6 pm – Service in the Shalom Room

7 pm – Advent Labyrinth Walking

**December 18** – Advent 4 / Love

Sermon Focus: "Dreaming with Joseph" (Matthew 1: 18-25)

**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](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GqbM0Yv-JtOmhBGrBK-7WIF-29Te0pStCidK80V3_rQ/edit?usp=sharing)

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

We have been asked to give our financial position now and a year-end estimate. This is based on information to the end of October in our Operating Fund.

	Year-to-date October 2022	Estimated Year-end 2022	Budget 2022
Expenses	\$365,700	\$432,700	\$471,541
Revenues	\$338,600	\$418,600	\$442,700

We estimate a deficit of about 4 percent. Expenses are slightly below budget because committee spending has been kept in check. Oil cost is much higher, but electricity expense is lower than expected. And the Envelope Givings are only about 75 percent of that predicted in the budget, but are increasing as Church attendance increases. Room rentals have had a banner year, and are double to triple that budgeted during the pandemic. Securities donations are expected to be lower because of market conditions. But, if you are able to increase your givings by 10 percent for the rest of the year, we expect to enter 2023 in reasonable financial shape. This will enable Bells Corners United Church to continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ here and elsewhere.

Ross Mutton, Treasurer

Bill McGee, Financial Management

**West Ottawa Ladies Chorus** presents their concert *'Believe..in hope..in peace..in love'* on **Friday December 2, 7pm and Saturday December 3, 3pm** at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 20 Young Rd. Kanata. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. (Advance tickets can be ordered at [www.westottawaladieschorus.ca](http://www.westottawaladieschorus.ca))

The **Ottawa Carleton Choristers** will present their concert *Ponder...Peace* at BCUC on **Friday December 9, 7:30 pm** with a freewill offering. All welcome.

**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.

**Coffee and Friends** meets Thursday mornings, 9:15 am. All are welcome! Information: Bev Wilcox 829-1180.

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

**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.

**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](mailto:pierre.dugas@rogers.com)) and he will send you a link to the sign-up sheet. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sOHGCwqvcO9-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

**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](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.

### **Long Term Care Facility Residents**

*Please keep the following people in your prayers*

*David Bell*

*Bea Blackwell*

*Ida Blackwell*

*Irene Bossons*

*Peter D. Clarke, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Carleton Lodge, Nepean*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

<i>Betty Clarke</i>	<i>Carlingview Manor, Ottawa</i>
<i>Marg Creates</i>	<i>The Redwoods, Nepean</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>Norah Pacey</i>	<i>Hillel Lodge, Ottawa</i>
<i>Dave Peck</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, Nepean</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.*