

## 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 11, 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, December 13, 10: 30 am, Shalom Room  
Theme & Text: Joseph's Dream (Matthew 1: 18-25)

**Are you feeling blue or find it difficult at this time of the year? Join us on Wednesday, December 14 – for a Service of Hope, Healing & Renewal**

5 pm – Healing Tea with Judith Campbell

6 pm – Worship Service in the Shalom Room

7 pm – Advent Labyrinth Walking – Main Hall

Please let Rev. Kim or the office know if you are attending.

*The Christmas Party at The Haven on Sunday, Dec. 4 was wonderful. The Salvation Army carollers provided joyful music, accompanied by Captain Laura Van-Schaick on violin, Paul Whynacht, minister from Manotick United, told a heartfelt Mary story, the Hill family from Barrhaven United were Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, and shepherds, and Kathryn/ Mary from Knox United provided the live set! The cookies were not only lovely to look at, they were delicious! Each of the 98 apartments received a bag in addition to those enjoyed at the Party. The gifts of course were a big hit with the*

**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.

*children and their parents! Thank You to all who contributed to this annual event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We could not do it without you.*

**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. **Please respond to allow printing of your personal information by December 15.**

**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.

**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. 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 & Christmas Season:**

**December 11-** Advent 3 / Joy

Carol-Sing at 9:45 am with Sandra Dean & Brian Lipsett  
Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**December 18** – Advent 4 / Love

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

**Saturday, December 24** – 6:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, December 25** – 10 am – Christmas Day Service & Communion

**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)

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.

**2023 Givings Envelopes** are out on a table in the corridor arranged in numerical order. You may pick yours up at your convenience.

**A 'heads up' re 2022 Tax Receipts:** Last year was the first time electronic tax receipts were sent and it worked well. Here is information to prepare for this year.

- If we have an email address on file for you, we will send your tax receipt by email by default to reduce waste.
- If you aren't sure what email address we have for you or you would like to update your email address, you can phone the office and find out.
- If we have an email address on file for you and you prefer a paper tax receipt, that's alright too. Just let the office know.
- To ensure that your preferences are respected, please let us know before the end of January.

'Keep Christ in Christmas' frig magnets are available for purchase from the office for \$2 each. You may also choose to put one on your car, your front door or anywhere magnetized.

**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.

**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*

*Betty Clarke*

*Marg Creates*

*Kathy & George Eaton Starwood, Nepean*

*Jack Fraser*

*Geoff Gale*

*Peter D. Clarke, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Carleton Lodge, Nepean*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Carlingview Manor, Ottawa*

*The Redwoods, Nepean*

*Starwood, Nepean*

*Park Place, Nepean*

*The Ravines, Ottawa*

<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.*