

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 18, 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.

*****Wrap It Up! Holiday Market** will be held at BCUC **this Saturday December 17, 10am – 2pm**. This popular event, held for several years in the past, is a fundraiser for the Zambia Chipembi outreach project.

SPRING ROLLS ANYONE?? They will be available for pickup (**frozen only**Note the change**) at the BCUC Wrap it Up Holiday Market. Pick up - December 17 from 10 am to 2 pm. Proceeds will be divided between Operating Fund & the Chipembi Project.

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.

Knitted Nativity Scene: We are all enjoying the knitted nativity scene which is at the Welcome Centre, but we don't remember who donated it. If you have that information please contact the church office. Thanks!

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

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.

Christmas Eve is very near 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 or join in the rehearsal on Sunday during the Sunday School part of the service.

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-EYmwdiknIU5GUYNPQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

'Keep Christ in Christmas' fridge 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.

BCUC Men's Club Coffee meets onsite Friday mornings at 10am. Friday December 30 will be cancelled. Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

****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 18 – Advent 4 / Love

Sermon Focus: "The Stuff of Dreams" (Matthew 1: 18-25)

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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>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>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.