

## 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 25, 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.*

**Office Hours:** Next week the church office will be open **Friday December 30, 9-noon & 1-4pm**. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday January 3. For an emergency please call Rev. Lorrie at 613-816-7048.

**WE DID IT!!** Thanks to all the generous donations to the SOSA Advent Appeal and an AMAZING VENDOR MARKET, we have surpassed our goal to raise \$6,000 to complete the Church Office/Community Building in CHIPEMBI, Zambia! There is great excitement in the air on both sides of the world as we prepare for the opening celebrations in March.

*Our Zambia Partnership, a covenant among the three congregations of BCUC and Emmanuel UC in Ottawa and the Chipembi Congregation of the United Church of Zambia, continues to grow and strengthen. The opportunity for some of our folks to travel there this spring will help to forge the kind of relationships that build true partnership and mutual Christian love amongst people in very different cultures and contexts. It makes such a difference when the work we do and the money we raise benefits people we know and care about. Thanks for your continued support!*

**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.

**THANK YOU FROM THE KIM FAMILY:** Rev. Kim and family extend their sincerest thanks and appreciation for all the Christmas greetings, presents and prayers. Your love and support are very much appreciated. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

**\*\*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](http://bcuc.org). Sunday sermons can be found under the header 'Worship at Home' button the following week.

#### **Christmas Season:**

**Saturday, December 24 – 6:30 pm** Family Christmas Eve Service with Pageant (\*Note service time)

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

**Sunday, January 1 – 10am** Worship Service with Jessica Knoyle as pulpit supply.

#### **Season of Epiphany:**

**Sunday, January 8 –** Baptism of Jesus Sunday

Sermon Focus: "Immersed in the Waters of Love" (Matthew 3: 13-17)

**Choir Practice will resume Thursday January 5, 7:15pm.** New members welcome!

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

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

**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!

**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-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

**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)

**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](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.

**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*

<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 &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.*



***2022 Advent Flower Memorial Donations***

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>In Memory of</i></b>
Peggy Aitchison	Ian, my Husband & Brenda, my sister
Eithne & Charlie Barker	Gregory J. Barker
Darrell Barnes, Nancy & Darlene	Lynne Barnes
Alan & Betty Bentley	Family Members
Alison & Bert Bridgewater	Our Parents
Audrey Campbell & Jane	Wilfred Campbell
Olly & Ron Chuchryk	Carolyn & Ellis Barclay
June Cuthbert	Loved Ones
Sarah Donaldson	Dorothy
Marion & Pierre Dugas	Mom & Dad
Joan & Geoff Gale	Family
Ruth & Ian Howes	Our Loved Ones

David Hughes, Sally & Victor Lujetic	Shirley Hughes	Barbara & David Stafford	Our Parents, Relations & Friends
Glenna Jackson	My Loved Ones	Desna Sulway	Vernon, Our Parents & Siblings
Bill Johnson & Avril Milne	Our Daughter, Emma	Abe, Katrina & Heidi TeGrotenhuis	Susan, Velma and Curtis
Kim Family	Young Hoon Kim & Efraim Vidal Sr.	Linda Ward	Family & Friends Lost This Year
Ron Knox	My Wife and Best Friend Ellie	Denis Watson	Cynthia Watson
Daniel Lanoue	Alice Recker & Peter Lanoue	Jean Watson	Loved Ones
Bob & Dianne Lee	Loved Ones		
Camille & Brian Lipsett	Lloyd & Ruby Miller		
Lorrie & Neil Lowes	Our Parents		
Bill & Judy Mann	Our Parents		
Jim & Diane Maxwell	Loved Ones		
Yvonne McCartney	David, Family and Friends		
Doris & Scott McElligott	Don		
Nora & Bill McGee	Our Parents		
Linda Miller	Husband – Donald Miller		
Bernice Miller Crawford	Precious Family Members		
Wendy Morrell	John Morrell		
Wendy Morrell	Edna Stewart		
Rick & Sue Morrison	Loved Ones		
Rick & Sue Morrison	Teachers Who Have Shaped Our Lives		
Ross Mutton	Gail, and Our Parents		
Jan & Norm Pound	Our Parents		
Shirley Reid	My Husband Allan Reid		
Beth Sharp	Dave, Mum & Dad		
Elsa & Ross Snider	Loved Ones		
Chris & Hugh Spence	Our Parents		