

## 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: January 22, 2023**

### 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:

**Trustees** meet Monday January 23, 10am

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday January 24, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room.

Theme: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-12)

**Victoria's Quilts** meets Wednesday January 25, 7pm

**Lunch & Trivia Event**, a fundraiser for the Zambia Partnership, takes place this **Sunday January 22 at 12 noon** following morning worship. Tickets, reserved through the office, are \$20 each. Children under 16 with an adult are free. Come and share a meal, laugh and learn at trivia and bid on a new 'treasure' at the Silent Auction.

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

**Coffee & Friends** meets **Thursday mornings, 9:15am**. All welcome! Information: Bev Wilcox 613-829-1180

**2023 Givings Envelopes** are available on a table in the entryway for pickup 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.

**Turkey Pies UCW Fundraiser** will be available for pickup noon - 4pm on **January 24,25 & 26**. All pies have been pre-ordered. This is just a reminder for pickup and payment of \$5 each.

**Celebration Hymn-Sing Sunday is back!** Sunday, **February 12**, 10 am with Soup & Sandwich lunch after the service courtesy of the Stewardship Team.

A suggested minimum donation of \$30 per hymn selection is suggested.

Proceeds will be used to provide lunch for our picnic on Pentecost Sunday (May 28), following the service.

Please complete the request form and submit it, along with your donation (*cash, etransfer or cheque made payable to BCUC with the note: Hymn-Sing*) to Ruth Timms or Ellen Boynton in the church office.

You are also welcome to simply donate without sponsoring hymns. For more info, please call the office. Deadline for submitting request is February 8. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**THE SEEKERS** – invites you for a learning event in Lent.

We are going to discuss the book, *Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas* by Elaine Pagels. Purchase your own copy and start reading now. More details to follow. To register or for more info, speak with Rev. Kim.

**\*\*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.

**Season of Epiphany:**

**January 22** – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**January 29** – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon Focus: "Blessed Are You" (Matthew 5: 1-12)

**February 5** – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon Focus: "Salty Radiance" (Matthew 5: 13-20)

**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.

**BCUC Book Club's** next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 15th**, when we will be discussing the novel "*Her Turn*" by Katherine Ashenburg. From the publisher: "*Her Turn* is an immensely readable, joyful novel about fidelity and forgiveness that explores one woman's second act in life, and the ties that still bind her to the first." Come and join an eclectic group of readers and discover some new titles to add to your reading list. For further information, contact Jan Pound (613-828-0548) or Ruth Abbott (613-829-2868).

**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.

**COMMITTEE FAIR**

**Sunday 5 February** during Coffee Time (11-noon) in the Main Hall. Come and visit your friends and find out about what is going on at BCUC 'behind the scenes'

Such as:

**Keeping everyone informed:** Communications: BCUC Web site, 'BCUC Happenings'

**Caring for our Church Family's spirituality:** Worship and Christian Education, Pastoral Care, Family Ministry

**Caring for our wider Community:** Bells Corners, Nepean, Ottawa, Canada, and the World

**Caring for our Church Building:** Property Management, Trustees

**Caring for our Church Community financially:** Stewardship, Financial Management

**Providing Opportunities for Companionship and growth:** Choirs, Men's Club (Fri), Coffee and Friends (Thurs), UCW, Coffee Time (on Sundays), Nominations, Lectionary Study

**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.

**CONTINUE TO GIVE!** Thank you for your continued love and support to BCUC! Please remember that costs of maintaining the church and paying salaries always 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.*