

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**YouTube:** Bells Corners United Church

**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: February 5, 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:

**UCW Executive** meets Monday February 6, 7pm

**Property Management** meets Monday February 6, 7:30 pm

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday February 7, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room.

Theme: Do not be Afraid (Matthew 10: 26-33)

**OWECC** meets Tuesday February 7, 7:15pm

**M&P** meets Wednesday February 8, 2pm

**Worship/CE** meets Wednesday February 8, 7pm

**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, e-transfer 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.

**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.

**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, Learning events, etc.

**2022 Charitable Tax Receipts** have been distributed electronically or by mail as requested. If you have questions please contact the office.

**Coffee & Friends** meets **Thursday mornings, 9:15am.** All welcome!

Information: Bev Wilcox 613-829-1180

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

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 21.** Mark your calendars for this year's Pancake Supper. Details will follow.

**Volunteers Required! Do you have a gift for working with children? The Haven needs student support.** Can you help with **French** for students at all levels? Assistance provided Wednesdays 5:30—7:30pm. Sessions are in person at the Community Room, 435 Via Verona.

**Math** assistance is required for students in grades 9-12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-7:30 in person at the Community Room, 435 Via Verona.

**Contact:** Adrian Benjamin [comm.engagement@multifaithhousing.ca](mailto:comm.engagement@multifaithhousing.ca)

**THE SEEKERS** – invites you for a learning event in Lent. The group will meet on Monday (March 6, 13, 20, 27) and April 3 at 2 pm in the Shalom Rm.

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. Information sheet available at the Committee Fair (PLC Table). To register, 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](http://bcuc.org). Sunday sermons can be found under the header 'Worship at Home' button the following week.

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

**February 5** – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

**February 12** – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany / Celebration Hymn-Sing Sunday

Reflection: God's Eyes Are on the Sparrows (Matthew 10: 26-33)

**February 19** – Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**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-EYmwdiknIU5GUYNPQ3bIFRnnAD04A/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/1GqbMOYv-JtOmhBGrBK-7WIF-29TeOpStCidK80V3\\_rQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GqbMOYv-JtOmhBGrBK-7WIF-29TeOpStCidK80V3_rQ/edit?usp=sharing)

**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).

**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 & \$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.

**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.

**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>Betty Bentley</i>	<i>Starwood, 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.*