

## 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: February 19, 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 Joint Units Meeting** will be held on Monday February 20, 7pm at the church.

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday February 21, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room.  
Theme: "Temptations" (Matthew 4: 1-11)

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, February 21, 5:30 & 6:30 sittings

**Ash Wednesday Service:** 6pm in the Shalom Room

**Victoria's Quilts** meets Wednesday February 22, 7pm.

**Notice of Study Leave:** Rev. Kim will be on Study Leave from Feb 13-20 to prepare for the upcoming Lenten Book Study. For pastoral care concerns and other urgent issues required of a minister, please contact Rev. Lorrie.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 21.** Two sittings, **5:30 & 6:30 pm.** \$10/per person or \$50 for a family of six. Come at 5:15 for Waiting Music by the BCUC Band. Menu: Pork & Halal beef sausages, pancakes, real maple syrup! Funds raised will go to support the BCUC Operating Fund. Tickets on sale on February 19 after the service or from the office.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**15 two, 15 four, .....**

**If you recognize that you are a cribbage player!** Find yourself a partner and sign up to join the fun on **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the Main Hall.** This event is meant for all ages and is free to take part in. Maybe your partner will be your grandchild, maybe it will be your neighbour, maybe it will be your parent. This is a fun event where we will play lots of games instead of being eliminated after a loss. Please sign up on the sheet by the office or by contacting Tamara at 613-292-6990.

The **BCUC Annual General Meeting** will take place **onsite and by Zoom** on **Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM.** The purpose of this meeting is to review and receive the 2022 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements and to approve the 2023 Annual Activity Plan, Budget and Nominations Report, and various other items of importance.

To ensure the congregation is informed and ready to discuss, and that new business items are given an adequate amount of time for deliberation, members are encouraged to notify the Board of their intent to introduce any new items of business, or new motions (on topics outside of annual plans, budgets, nominations and items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting), by e-mailing the office before noon on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>. A

mover and a seconder for motions, as well as any background material that can be distributed to the congregation at least one week before the meeting, will also be appreciated.

The proposed Agenda, 2022 Annual Report, Financial Report, and other documents will be circulated to the congregation by e-mail by Sunday February 26th. If you need printed copies of any of the documents please contact the office and we will arrange for you to have them.

A Zoom link for those not able to attend the AGM in person will be circulated a few days before the AGM.

**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

**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 on the narthex 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. Sunday sermons can be found under the header 'Worship at Home' button the following week.

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

**February 19** – Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

#### **Season of Lent:**

**February 22** – Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 pm Shalom Rm.

**February 26** – First Sunday in Lent / Communion Sunday

Sermon Focus: "Temptations" (Matthew 4: 1-11)

**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)

This is a **note from CGIT Camp Kalalla** to say a big THANK YOU for all of your support with our Honeython fundraiser which closed just before Christmas. Through your participation and generous donations, we were able to raise much needed funds which will mainly go towards program equipment, program development and camperships, as well as the replacement of some infrastructure whose useful life has come to an end. CGIT's roots are faith-based, and Camp Kalalla has always appreciated the close relationship we have had with the churches in the Outaouais area. We are interested in revitalising our communications with churches, eager to know how Camp Kalalla can support you in your own goals, community life and outreach work, as well as communicate to you our own goals and hopes in those areas.

We would love to share what happens at camp, so you have a clearer image of what you are supporting, and so we can work with you to spread the word about our awesome programs! We would love to hear from you about ways we could work together and promote goals you have in your own communities. You can reach us at [campkalalla@gmail.com](mailto:campkalalla@gmail.com).

Over the coming weeks and months, we aim to send out brief updates and snapshots of camp life (with our camp program for girls aged 8-15, and our leadership training program for 16 year old girls) and the wonderful 110-acre site in the Gatineau that we steward so that you can come to know us better. If you need any information in the meantime, please email us at [campkalalla@gmail.com](mailto:campkalalla@gmail.com) or pop over to our website at [www.kalalla.com](http://www.kalalla.com). Our registration form for summer 2023 has just been posted!

Thank you again for your support in the Honeython—it means so much to us!  
Very warmly, CGIT Camp Kalalla Camp Committee.

**35 Piece Jigsaw Puzzles:** If you have any puzzles this size and would be willing to donate them, please bring them to the church office. This size of puzzle would be helpful to a dementia patient. Thank you.

**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>

**Kanata United Church** will be opening their **Book Drop** on Saturday, April 1 - Friday, April 24. Drop-off hours are 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM. Please see [www.kuc.ca](http://www.kuc.ca) for more information! Book Fair dates are Wednesday, May 3 - Saturday, May 6, 2023. Hours will be 3 PM - 8 PM Wed - Friday, and 9 AM - 4 PM Saturday"

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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*

*David Bell*

*Betty Bentley*

*Bea Blackwell*

*Ida Blackwell*

*Irene Bossons*

*Betty Clarke*

*Marg Creates*

*Kathy & George Eaton*

*Jack Fraser*

*Geoff Gale*

*Peter D. Clarke, Nepean*

*Starwood, 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>Sheila Prince</i>	<i>Granite Ridge, Stittsville</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.*