

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: February 26, 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:

Lectionary Group meets Tuesday February 28, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room.
Theme: Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3: 1-17)

*A big thank you from Neil & David, Two Men & A Stove guys, to all those who volunteered and to all the 80+ people who attended **the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** this week. Revenue was \$870. Final profit will be announced when all the bills have been paid. As well, thank you to Noah Berard who played two beautiful piano pieces, and to "The Band" - who played on - even refusing to eat before they played one more song.*

The **BCUC Annual General Meeting** will take place **onsite and by Zoom** on **Sunday March 5th** at **11:30 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.

The proposed Agenda, 2022 Annual Report, Financial Report, and other documents will be circulated to the congregation by e-mail by Sunday February

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.

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.

Cans & Bottles Recycling will be offered on Sunday February 26. Please bring your empty beer & wine bottles and cans for recycling to support youth activities.

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 26th 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.

2022 Charitable Tax Receipts have been distributed electronically or printed copy sent by mail as requested. As we will soon be archiving the 2022 tax year please ensure you have received your receipt. If you would like a copy of your givings detail or you have questions please contact the office.

Our **Lenten Project** this year is to educate ourselves about the **Ottawa Watershed** with resources provided by **Ottawa Riverkeeper**. Each week there will be activities, games, videos and educational resources for all ages to learn about the benefits the watershed provides, the ways it is threatened, and what we can do to help.

Take part in our **Watershed iCleanup Project** by collecting trash on daily walks in your neighborhood. When you have a big bag full, send a picture to the office where they will be printed and then posted on the SOSA bulletin board. Don't forget to recycle what you collect! Let's see how much garbage we can stop from harming our watershed. You can find out more information about the Ottawa Riverkeepers at <https://ottawariverkeeper.ca/> where donations to their work would be most welcome.

BellRinger Time! It's time we had a newsletter. Please send your submissions of news and information to the office by Monday March 13 for publication by March 27, just in time for Easter.

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.

BCUC Book Club's next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 15th**, when we will be discussing the novel "*Olive Kitteridge*" by Elizabeth Strout. From the publisher: "Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Olive Kitteridge offers profound insights into the human condition – its conflicts, its tragedies and joys, and the endurance it requires." 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).

****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 Lent:

February 26 – First Sunday in Lent / Communion Sunday

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

March 5 – Second Sunday in Lent / AGM at 11:30 am

Sermon Focus: " Nicodemus" (John 3: 1-17)

March 12 – Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: "the Samaritan Woman" (John 4: 5-42)

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-EYmwidiknIU5GUYNPQ3bIFRnnAD04A/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 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, 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 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
- Contact the church office about donating Securities.

Long Term Care Facility Residents

Please keep the following people in your prayers

David Bell

Betty Bentley

Irene Bertrand

Bea Blackwell

Ida Blackwell

Irene Bossons

Betty Clarke

Marg Creates

Kathy & George Eaton Starwood, Nepean

Jack Fraser

Geoff Gale

Helen Gordon

Carl Halchuk

Marion Helgason

Bill Johnson

Doug MacKechnie

Barbara McFall

Norah Pacey

Dave Peck

Sheila Prince

Jim Walker

Bill Wilson

Peter D. Clarke, Nepean

Starwood, Nepean

Thorncliffe, 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

Valley Stream Manor, Nepean

Park Place, Nepean

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Robertson House, Nepean

Hillel Lodge, Ottawa

Valley Stream Manor, Nepean

Granite Ridge, Stittsville

The Courtyards

Redwoods, Nepean

If you know of other congregation members who should be included in this list, please call the office with details.

