

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**Ministers:** Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

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**Chair, Church Board:** Rotating

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 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:

**Seekers** meets Monday March 6, 2pm, Shalom Room. Discuss Chapter 1 of Elaine Pagel's book, *Beyond Belief*.

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday February 28, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme: Jesus and The Samaritan Woman (John 4: 5-42)

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

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

The **BCUC Annual General Meeting** will take place **onsite and by Zoom 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.

A Zoom link for those not able to attend the AGM in person has been circulated.

**Photo Directories are here!** Drop by the office to pick up your copy for those of you who had photos taken last fall. For those whose personal photos were added, you may purchase a copy for \$10 if you wish.

**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.

#### Lenten Project Update

Our Lenten Project this year is to educate ourselves about the Ottawa watershed with resources provided by the Ottawa Riverkeeper. This week the video "Protect Our Watershed from Its Source, of Course" will be shown. We will continue to take part in the Watershed iCleanup Project by collecting trash on daily walks in our neighbourhoods. When you have a big bag full, send pictures to the office where they will be printed and then posted on the bulletin board in the Main Hall. Watch for postings there. And don't forget to recycle what you collect! Let's see how much trash we can stop from harming our watershed.

During this week you may want to try the online Watershed puzzle map at: <https://ottawariverkeeper.ca/education-and-resources/watershed-map-puzzle/>.

More information about the Ottawa Riverkeeper can be found at <https://ottawariverkeeper.ca/>.

Financial donations to the Ottawa Riverkeeper are most welcome, either directly through their website or sent to BCUC either to the office or by e-transfer labelled "Lenten Project".

**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).

**Broadview** renewal time is coming in early April. Please continue your support of this award winning magazine whose mandate is Spirituality, Justice and Ethical Living. Gold Winner of the 2022 National Magazine Awards for Best Magazine Special Interest, Broadview struggles, as do all magazines, to maintain its level of quality journalism. Generic in most of the pages, the back section is 'The United Church in Focus' ensuring that our denomination continues to have presence. Group subscription rate is still \$25 and can be paid to BCUC preferably by cheque or cash. New subscribers are encouraged!

**\*\*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:**

**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)

**March 19** – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: "The Blind Man" (John 9:1-41)

**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>

Glebe-St James United Church invites you to welcome spring at the **Sing-a-Long Sound of Music on Saturday April 22, 2023**. The classic film, with all the song lyrics as subtitles, will be shown at the **Mayfair theatre**. Audience members of all ages are encouraged to sing, cheer, dance (and boo and hiss as well.) Costumes are encouraged. Doors open 12:15 pm, screening starts at 1:00 pm, For tickets (\$20 adults/youth, \$10 12 and under) and more information go to [livefromtheglebe@yapsody.com](mailto:livefromtheglebe@yapsody.com)

**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.

**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.

## Camp Kalalla:

This year camp is running from **July 23 – 30, 2023 for campers...** and registration is now open! 🏕️  
<http://kalalla.com/register/>

Job applications are also now available! Take a look on the website to see dates for campers and staff.

<http://kalalla.com/camp-kalalla-jobs/>

Interested in the LIT program? Kalalla's leadership program is a terrific opportunity to grow your skills. Learn more and register here...<http://kalalla.com/leader-in-training/>

Your Kalalla counsellors, staff and committee are busily making plans for a great camp this summer!

Cat is planning crafty crafts... ✍️

Blondie is working on DT... 🌲

Bean is writing her staff introduction skit for the opening campfire... 🗣️

Are you ready for a great week of hiking, swimming, canoeing, laughing, and having fun making new friends and catching up with old ones? Bring along a friend!

Register today- we can't wait to see you!

Yours in Camping,  
Your Camp Kalalla Family



**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.**

**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*

*Irene Bertrand*

*Bea Blackwell*

*Ida Blackwell*

*Irene Bossons*

*Betty Clarke*

*Peter D. Clarke, Nepean*

*Starwood, Nepean*

*Thorncliffe, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Carleton Lodge, Nepean*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Carlingview Manor, Ottawa*

*Marg Creates            The Redwoods, Nepean*  
*Kathy & George Eaton Starwood, Nepean*  
*Jack Fraser            Park Place, Nepean*  
*Geoff Gale            The Ravines, Ottawa*  
*Helen Gordon        Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*  
*Carl Halchuk        Park Place, Nepean*  
*Marion Helgason    Stillwater Creek, Nepean*  
*Bill Johnson        Stillwater Creek, Nepean*  
*Doug MacKechnie   St. Vincent's, Ottawa*  
*Barbara McFall     Robertson House, Nepean*  
*Norah Pacey        Hillel Lodge, Ottawa*  
*Dave Peck            Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*  
*Sheila Prince        Granite Ridge, Stittsville*  
*Jim Walker          The Courtyards*  
*Bill Wilson          Redwoods, Nepean*



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