

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**Chair, Church Board:** Mark McDonald

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 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:

**Seekers** meets Monday March 20, 2pm, Shalom Room. Discuss Chapter 3 of Elaine Pagel's book, *Beyond Belief*.

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday March 21, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme: "Jesus and Lazarus" (John 11:1-45)

**Church Board** meets Wednesday March 22, 7:00 pm

**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.

**Lenten Project Update:** This week we are focusing on some of the **Invasive Species** that inhabit our Ottawa River Watershed, species such as the zebra mussel and the cormorant. For more information on these and other invasive species and how they are affecting our watershed, visit our bulletin board in the Main Hall and [www.ottawariverkeeper.ca](http://www.ottawariverkeeper.ca). Try the watershed species memory game at <https://ottawariverkeeper.ca/education-and-resources/watershed-species-memory-game/>

Don't forget the Watershed iCleanup Project! Send in your photos!

**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.

Plan to visit **Madahoki Indigenous Experiences March 18 & 19** for the **Sigwan Free Family Festival**. Madahoki is located at 4420 West Hunt Club Rd. Admission and parking are free this weekend and events are happening 10am - 5pm each day. Visit [www.madahoki.ca](http://www.madahoki.ca) for details.

**Easter Memorial Flowers:** Ross Mutton will be in the corridor outside the Office after the service on **March 26th & April 2** to receive memorial donations of minimum \$10 to purchase Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. Thank You for your support. Commemoration slides will be shown at Palm Sunday (April 2) and Easter Sunday (April 9) services.

**BCUC Men's Club Coffee** meets onsite **Friday mornings at 9:30 am**. Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

#### **Art Journaling Workshop with Meera Mukerjee** **Sunday, April 2 from 1-3pm**

Cost \$35 – all supplies included

Better than a "paint night"! Everyone will go home with their own unique creation and the beginning of a wonderfully creative spiritual practice.

Proceeds will support our Zambia Partnership

For More information and registration, contact Wendy Morrell

### **Did Someone Say Dessert????**

The Zambia Partnership Committee invites you to take part in a **Dessert Auction** after the worship service on **Sunday, April 2.**

We are looking for **Creative Cooks** to donate their delicious delicacies and for those with a **Sweet Tooth** to bid them up. Come and join in the fun and go home with something special for your Easter celebrations – if you can wait that long!

Contact Wendy Morrell or Rev. Lorrie for more information.

**Broadview renewal deadline is April 5.** 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 now, 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 19** – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

**March 26** – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: "Lazarus" (John 11:1-45)

**April 2** – Palm Sunday / All-Ages Service

Theme : A Parade in Jerusalem

**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)

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

Information: Bev Wilcox 613-829-1180

**Funky Game Night Charity Dinner** will be held at Restaurant International Algonquin College on **Friday March 24, 5pm** as a **fundraiser** in support of **Harmer House.** Ticket price is \$80 to include a three course dinner, special drinks, a silent auction and a chance to win more small prizes on interactive games! Order tickets by e-mail: [charityevent.winter2023@gmail.com](mailto:charityevent.winter2023@gmail.com)

#### **Interfaith Bridge Building on Old Richmond Road (Alison Bridgewater)**

If you were asked what death means from a Christian perspective, you would probably be able to provide a reasonable answer. But what about from the Muslim perspective? Come and learn about some aspects of Death & Dying from several viewpoints.

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Jami Omar Mosque, 3990 Old Richmond**

Representatives from CCBC, St. Martin de Porres, Bells Corners United, and Jami Omar will form a panel to speak briefly on four topics linked to death, funerals, and how we care for the bereaved.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation of each topic. Refreshments will be served to create an opportunity to mix and mingle with congregants from the other faiths.

Please invite friends and neighbours to join you. Let's have a good showing from BCUC to show our commitment to interfaith dialogue.

For more information contact (613-726-9099) or Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**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.

**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.

#### **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.

**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*

*Marg Creates*

*Kathy & George Eaton Starwood, Nepean*

*Jack Fraser*

*Geoff Gale*

*Jim Gardner*

*Helen Gordon*

*Carl Halchuk*

*Marion Helgason*

*Bill Johnson*

*Doug MacKechnie*

*Barbara McFall*

*Norah Pacey*

*Dave Peck*

*Sheila Prince*

*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*

*Park Place, Nepean*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Park Place, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*St. Vincent's, Ottawa*

*Robertson House, Nepean*

*Hillel Lodge, Ottawa*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Granite Ridge, Stittsville*

*Redwoods, Nepean*



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