

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 2, 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 April 3, 2pm, Shalom Room. Discuss Chapter 5 of Elaine Pagel's book, *Beyond Belief*. Fellowship Teatime – bring some treats to share.

Lectionary Group meets Tuesday April 4, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme: Jesus' Resurrection Story (Matthew 28: 1-10).

Easter Memorial Flowers: Ross Mutton will be in the corridor outside the Office after the service on **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.

Broadview renewal deadline is April 5. Please continue your support of this award-winning magazine whose mandate is Spirituality, Justice and Ethical Living. **Group subscription rate is still \$25** and can be paid to BCUC now, preferably by cheque or cash. New subscribers are encouraged.

Photo Directories are here! If you are not part of this directory you may order a photocopy version for \$5 by contacting 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' 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: The Perils of Plastic

It is no secret that plastic pollution is a huge threat to our wildlife on land and in our waterways. Litter from our city makes its way to our streams and rivers and eventually out to sea. Did you know that 50% of the plastic in our oceans is from single use plastic? Even microscopic animals like zooplankton mistake micro plastics for food and since plankton are the prey of choice for a variety of species these micro plastics are passed up the food chain and do considerable damage along the way.

The good news is that we can do something about it. We can reduce our plastic footprint and help keep our watershed clean. Will we???

The Art Wall needs more artists to share their work. If you or your children have some work that could be displayed in this way please let me know. Olly ochuchryk@rogers.com

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.

****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:

April 2 – Palm Sunday / All-Ages Service

Theme : A Parade in Jerusalem (Matthew 21 : 1-11)

April 7 – Good Friday Service, **10 am**

April 9 – Easter Sunday & Communion

Sermon Focus : "Angels in the Empty Tomb" (Matthew 28 : 1-10)

BCUC Men's Club Coffee meets onsite **Friday mornings at 9:30 am.**

Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

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-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPq3bIFRnnAD04A/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

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 6th 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, 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 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
- 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

Peter D. Clarke, Nepean

Starwood, Nepean

Thornccliffe, Nepean

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Carleton Lodge, Nepean

Valley Stream Manor, Nepean

Carlingview Manor, Ottawa

The Redwoods, Nepean

Kathy & George Eaton Starwood, Nepean

Jack Fraser

Park Place, Nepean

Geoff Gale

The Ravines, Ottawa

Jim Gardner

Park Place, Nepean

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

Shirley & Earl Schaubel

Bridlewood Trails, Kanata

Bill Wilson

Redwoods, Nepean



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