

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 23, 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 April 25, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room.

Theme: Jesus as the Gate (John 10: 1-10)

Victoria's Quilts meets Wednesday April 26, 7pm

PLC meets Thursday April 27, 2pm

Rev. Lorrie is away April 17-30 on study leave and vacation. For pastoral needs please contact Rev. Kim.

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

Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

The **Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy** will hold its AGM here at BCUC on **Sunday April 23, 2pm.** This will be an in-person meeting only. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Deacon Steve Zytveld from the Carlington Community Chaplaincy. We hope that many of you will be able to join us to hear Steve Zytveld and learn about our current plans.

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.

Cribbage Social on Sunday April 23rd at 7pm. Find a partner, young or old and let's race our pegs around the board. Free event for all ages. Contact Tamara Glanville for more information 613-292-6990

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-EYmwdiknIU5GUYNPQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

****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 posted on our website at bcuc.org. Sunday sermons can be found under the header 'Worship at Home' button the following week.

Season of Eastertide:

April 23 – Easter 3

Sermon Focus : "Emmaus" (Luke 24 : 13-35)

April 30 – Easter 4

Sermon Focus : "The Gate" (John 10 : 1-10)

May 7 – Easter 5 / BCUC 172nd Anniversary Sunday
Sermon Focus : “Breaking Bread” (Acts 2 : 42-47)

Refuge NOW just received good news that the Al Mahameed family (parents and 3 young children) will be arriving in late June. Refuge NOW is gathering furniture and household goods for the family, in preparation for their arrival. The items needed are to fully furnish a 3 bedroom townhouse – kitchen, living, dining, bedrooms, bath, basement. If you can contribute needed items in good condition, please contact Bev Graham (email: bgraham45@gmail.com or phone 613-596-1454). Bev will confirm the specific need (to avoid duplication) and arrange for pick-up or delivery. Thanks to the BCUC congregation for your ongoing support of Refuge NOW.

Photo Directories: You may order a photocopy version for \$5 by contacting the office.

Membership Transfer Service: A transfer of membership service will be held **Sunday April 30**. If you would like to transfer your membership to BCUC please contact the office as soon as possible.

Kanata United Church's Book Drop is now OPEN! Books can be dropped off until April 24th at 33 Leacock Drive, Kanata. Join us for our Annual Book Fair May 3 - 6, 2023. Hours are Wednesday - Friday 3 PM - 8 PM, and Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM. E-Gift cards are available for purchase. Volunteers are always welcome, please contact books@kuc.ca for details."

Spring Death Café: Hosted by BCUC Pastoral & Spiritual Care Team

Tues. May 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Shalom Room

Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road

Join us in a relaxed social setting for light refreshments and a conversation about death. Let's see where the conversation goes!

RSVP to Susan Young at skyoung.susan@gmail.com

Note: This is not a grief counselling or support group. For more information about the Death Café movement, visit <https://deathcafe.com>

The West Ottawa Ladies Chorus presents: Together in Harmony

Directed by Sosun Suh and accompanied by Peter Brown

Friday April 28, at 7pm featuring Jennifer Elgar and the Military Wives Choir

Saturday April 29, at 3pm featuring Jennifer Elgar and the Ottawa Children's Prima Choir

At St Paul's Anglican Church 20 Young Road, Kanata ON

Tickets: Advanced by choir members (See Susan Young) \$20

Online or at the door \$25 Children under 12 are free

Mark your calendars! **BCUC Spring Concert** will be held **Sunday May 7, 7pm**. Bring your friends and neighbours and come to enjoy a variety of musical entertainment. Freewill offering with proceeds going to the Electronic Sign Fundraising.

BCUC Spring Garage Sale will be held **Saturday May 13, 9am – 1pm**. All the usual sales areas will be offered. If you have questions or would like to be involved please contact Bob & Ellen Boynton at 828-3820. More details will follow.

SPRING ROLLS are back!!! Only 40 dozen available. Sign up to place your order from across the office. **Pick up on Saturday, May 13 from 10 am-1 pm**. Look for the Spring Rolls Lady, Rev. Kim.

We Have a Plan to Protect! BCUC takes the well-being and safety of everyone who comes through our doors, and particularly our children, youth, and vulnerable adults, very seriously. Over the past two years, Rev. Lorrie has been taking courses to help us clarify our Abuse Prevention Policies and to be certified as a Trainer. Several groups have already taken the training - Our Board, Trustees and staff, M&P committee members, our Pastoral & Spiritual Care Team, our Sunday School and Nursery leaders and the Property Committee. Rev. Lorrie will be offering the training again on the evening of Monday May 1, 6-9pm for the Board of OWECC. Anyone who still needs this training for their roles here at BCUC, who wishes to take part out of interest, or because of other roles they play in the community is welcome to attend. Contact Rev. Lorrie for more information or to register.

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

'Thank You for the Music' concert will be presented by the **Canadian Military Wives Choir** to celebrate their tenth anniversary on **Saturday May 6, 7:30pm** at Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbey Hill Drive, Kanata. Freewill donation.

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.

Spring Retreat Day in Nature at Camp Kalalla

Camp Kalalla is offering a series of seasonal retreat days with Gong/Sound Baths. Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter... come to one or come to some.

Take a day for yourself...

either to reflect on an intention you'd like to hold, or just to enjoy the season!

The **Spring day** retreat will include...

Facilitated time as a group and also time alone

A 1-hour Gong / Sound Bath

Opportunity to be still (or walk) on the 110-acre waterfront site

Time to reflect—with nature / art / journals

When? **Saturday May 6 10:00 – 4:00 (arrival from 9:30)**

Where? Camp Kalalla

J0X 1A0 (about 15 minutes north of Wakefield, Quebec)

Fee? \$50 (profits to go to Camp Kalalla, Charity Number 12739 1886 RR0001)

Details? Bring a lunch (and something to share), a mug, and a pillow, sheet and cosy blanket for the gong/sound bath. Wear weather appropriate clothes. Different fitness levels can be accommodated- plan to walk/hike if you wish, or just enjoy the forest near the Main Lodge. This day is most suited to people 18 and over, and people from all walks of life are welcome. (Please note, we regret the site is not easily accessed by wheelchair at this time.)

Your facilitators: Linda Butler and Jenn Bell

Both Linda and Jenn have many years of experience of facilitating retreats and workshops. They are happy to welcome you to this facilitated Spring day at Camp Kalalla!

Linda is a retired United Church minister, and spiritual companion who has always enjoyed spending time in nature. She resonates with the Celtic Christian understanding that the divine can be encountered not only in the little book of scripture, but also the big book of creation.

Jenn is currently a Sound Therapist at Ottawa Sound Therapy. She has been involved with community music in a variety of ways and worked in the United

Church with adults and youth for many years. Her first training is as a teacher. She is the current chair of the Camp Kalalla Camp Committee.

To register or for more information, email campkalalla@gmail.com and use the subject heading SPRING RETREAT DAY. Spots are limited- please do be in touch if you are interested. Further information and maps will be sent out to registrants closer to the date.

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

<i>David Bell</i>	<i>Peter D. Clarke, Nepean</i>
<i>Irene Bertrand</i>	<i>Thornccliffe, Nepean</i>
<i>Bea Blackwell</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Ida Blackwell</i>	<i>Carleton Lodge, Nepean</i>
<i>Irene Bossons</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, Nepean</i>

<i>Betty Clarke</i>	<i>Carlingview Manor, Ottawa</i>
<i>Kathy & George Eaton</i>	<i>Starwood, Nepean</i>
<i>Jack Fraser</i>	<i>Park Place, Nepean</i>
<i>Geoff Gale</i>	<i>The Ravines, Ottawa</i>
<i>Jim Gardner</i>	<i>Park Place, Nepean</i>
<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>George James</i>	<i>Park Place, Nepean</i>
<i>Bill Johnson</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Doug MacKechnie</i>	<i>St. Vincent's, Ottawa</i>
<i>Barbara McFall</i>	<i>Robertson House, 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>Shirley & Earl Schaubel</i>	<i>Bridlewood Trails, Kanata</i>



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