

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

**Music Director:** Abe TeGrotenhuis

**Office Administrators:** Ruth Timms, Ellen Boynton

**Chair, Church Board:** Rotating

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 30, 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 May 2, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room.

Theme: Life Among the Believers (Acts 2: 42-47)

**Celebration of Life Service for Jan Mitchell** will be held at BCUC on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Beginning with Visitation at 10:00am and Service at 11:00am followed by reception in the Main Hall.

**Celebration of Life Service for Bridget McNeill** will be held at BCUC on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am followed by reception in the Main Hall.

**Cans & Bottles for recycling** will be received this Sunday. Please bring your empty beer cans and wine bottles to help with youth fundraising.

**Our Gardeners are back!** Big thank you to **Jean Brunton** who has the outside beds all ready for another season of beautiful shrubs and flowers and to **Nicole Beaudry** who has the courtyard garden all cleaned up for spring!

**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.

**BCUC Spring Concert** will be held **Sunday May 7, 7pm**. Bring your friends and neighbours and come to enjoy BCUC's Choirs and Musicians. Freewill offering with proceeds going to the Electronic Sign Fundraising.

**\*\*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](http://bcuc.org). Sunday sermons can be found under the header 'Worship at Home' button the following week.

#### Season of Eastertide:

**April 30** – Easter 4 / Membership Sunday

Sermon Focus : "The Life-Giving Shepherd" (John 10 : 1-10)

**May 7** – Easter 5 / BCUC 172nd Anniversary Sunday / Congregational Photo

Sermon Focus : "Breaking Bread" (Acts 2 : 42-47)

**May 14** – Easter 6 / Christian Family Sunday & Celebrating Mothers/

Celebration of Baptism

Sermon Focus : "The Advocate" (John 14:15-21)

**CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO 2023** : We're having a "Mask-Off" congregational photo right after our Anniversary Sunday service on May 7th. Please don't fail to come that day!

**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](mailto: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.

A message from Rev. Lorrie: **Featherdown Farm** once again proudly offers fresh chickens and turkeys for sale. Please see the poster on the bulletin board outside the office for dates and details. Our June 14 chickens are almost sold out but there are lots still available for the fall dates. Order now to have a fresh turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas, or fresh chicken for that Sunday dinner!

**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](mailto:pierre.dugas@rogers.com)) and he will send you a link to the sign-up sheet. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sOHGCwgvcO9-EYmwdiknIU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

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

**Kanata United Church's Book Fair, 33** Leacock Drive, Kanata, May 3 – 6. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

**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. We still need a coordinator for the Bake Table and lots of help for various sales areas. Your offer will be much appreciated!

**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 OWEC. 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.

**The Interfaith Event on Death & Dying planned for May 6<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Jami Omar Mosque has been postponed in the fall. Info will be announced few weeks prior to the new date.**

'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.

**Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy (OWECC) Event:** The snow is gone and warmer weather is here. And once again **Camp Otterdale** is making a weekend getaway available to the social housing residents of Pinecrest-Queensway from **June 16th – 18th**. The cost for the weekend is \$120 per person, which covers the cost of all food and accommodation. OWECC will charge the residents \$30 per person and/or \$70 per family, while subsidizing the rest. OWECC also is covering the cost of transportation to and from the campground. This weekend getaway is a high point for most of the residents and is much appreciated.

OWECC is grateful for the continuing generous support shown by the BCUC congregation and is hoping for your support once again for this event. At this time, OWECC would like to thank the BCUC Men's Group for their generous donation of \$1,000. It is greatly appreciated. This donation will be applied to the weekend getaway.

Donations received during the month of May will be applied to the Camp Otterdale weekend. Please make cheques payable to BCUC and on the memo line write "OWECC Camp". Thank you again for your continued support.

**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*

*Peter D. Clarke, Nepean*

*Irene Bertrand*

*Thornccliffe, Nepean*

*Bea Blackwell*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Ida Blackwell*

*Carleton Lodge, Nepean*

*Irene Bossons*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Betty Clarke*

*Carlingview Manor, Ottawa*

*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*  
*George James              Park Place, 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*



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