

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Ministers: Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Music Director: Abe TeGrotenhuis

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 21, 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 22, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room.

Theme: Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2:1-21)

Thank you to all who worked so hard to help us have a successful Spring Garage Sale on May 13. We raised \$4,632. on the day. There will be expenses and some further revenue but the fun and fellowship that were enjoyed on the day do not have a dollar value!

NOTICE OF SABBATICAL LEAVE: Rev. Kim Vidal is on Sabbatical Leave until August 31, 2023. She will spend her leave attending conferences, learning events, some traveling with her family, church hopping and some down time at home. For all ministerial concerns, please speak with Rev. Lorrie Lowes.

Don't forget to respond to the **Survey on Possible Use of Church Land for Housing and Related Uses**. Copies of the survey are available at the church and as an attachment to weekly Happenings mailings. Deadline for return of the survey is Monday June 5.

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.

MHI's Tulipathon Walkathon, a walk for affordable housing is scheduled for **Sunday May 28** in the afternoon. SOSA is looking for walkers and sponsors for this event. This is a picturesque, pleasant 2 km walk around Dow's Lake. If you are interested in either joining us on the walk, or to sponsor a walker, look for the sign up table in the Main Hall after the Worship Service on May 21. For more information, contact Barbara Bole Stafford (bbole@sympatico.ca) or (613) 592-0296.

****Mark your calendars! Saturday June 3, 7pm** plan to come to BCUC with your talents for singing/playing/dancing/reading/skit performers and for everyone else to come see! Information: Abe music@bcuc.org

CGIT Camp Kalalla is partnering with local ice creamery The Merry Dairy on a delicious ice cream pint fundraiser May 13-June 3rd! Every pint purchased through our online store during this time helps our camp this summer. For information on pickup/delivery and to order visit: <https://shop.themerrydairy.com/products/camp-kalalla>. You can also come say hi, learn more about us and pick your order up at our Ice Cream Social 3:30-5:00 on June 4 at City View United Church. Thank you for your support!

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

Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

Quarterly Financial Report to BCUC Congregation

Quarter ending March 31, 2023

As this is the end of the first quarter, the target numbers are at 25%. Thanks to the continued generosity of members of the church total revenue to the end of March was \$91,967 which represents 19% of budgeted revenue, slightly off target. Envelope givings are at 18% of projected, the same as last year, PAR givings sit at 24%. Rental income projection has been readjusted upward taking into consideration last years number, the revenue is doing well at 23%. Income does not include the Garage Sale which will be included in the next quarterly report.

The continued endeavour of committees to keep expenses at a minimum led to total expenses at 23% of target, so we are holding the line on our expenses as was the case last year. We continue to meet our commitments in support and service.

The electronic sign fund has reached a donation point of \$15,000 which is approximately 50% of anticipated cost.

The budget for this year projected a \$20,000 deficit. I am confident that as was the case last year, we will be able to balance the budget by year end. Your continued support of BCUC is greatly appreciated and allows us to make a difference. Ross Mutton, Treasurer

****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:

May 21 – Easter 7

Sermon Focus: "That All Might Be One" (John 17:1-11)

May 28 – Pentecost (Service to be provided by UP Group)

Sunday Fellowship Time: We need volunteers to prepare tea and coffee.

Please visit the spreadsheet below to sign up for a Sunday or two. 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/1sOHGCwgvcO9-EYmwdiknIU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

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 in the near future. 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.

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.

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.

Our **Partnership Visit to Chipembi** is now scheduled for the first two weeks of August (exact dates will depend on flight availability). This visit includes two important aspects: the **Opening of the New Building** and **Camp Chipembi**. It would be wonderful to have a good contingent from BCUC join us on this journey! It is a great opportunity to get to know the people and the area so that we become true partners in this endeavour. **All ages are welcome** - and we are particularly in need of a couple of **Young Adults (~18-30)** who would like to work with their counterparts in Zambia to plan and implement Camp Chipembi.

The time is close! Please talk to Rev. Lorrie **asap** if you have questions or an interest in joining us on the journey.

All are invited to an evening of musical comedy with the **Arrogant Worms** on **Friday, June 2nd**, at **Glen Cairn United Church**, 140 Abbeyhill Dr., Kanata. The fun starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at ticketsplease.ca. Hope to see you there!

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.

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

Irene Bertrand

Bea Blackwell

Ida Blackwell

Irene Bossons

Betty Clarke

Kathy & George Eaton Starwood, Nepean

Jack Fraser

Geoff Gale

Jim Gardner

Helen Gordon

Carl Halchuk

Marion Helgason

George James

Bill Johnson

Peter D. Clarke, Nepean

Thorncliffe, Nepean

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Carleton Lodge, Nepean

Valley Stream Manor, Nepean

Carlingview Manor, Ottawa

Park Place, Nepean

The Ravines, Ottawa

Park Place, Nepean

Valley Stream Manor, Nepean

Park Place, Nepean

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Park Place, Nepean

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Doug MacKechnie Stillwater Creek, Nepean
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.