

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 11, 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:

Victoria's Quilts meets Monday June 12, 1pm

Lectionary Group is cancelled this week. We meet again on Tuesday, June 20

M&P meets Wednesday June 14, 2pm

SOSA meets Thursday June 15, 2pm

The **Survey of BCUC Congregation on the Possible Use of Church Lands for Housing and Related Uses** has ended. Our thanks to those who returned the survey form and to those who included comments and questions too. Over 100 replies came in. A report will go to the Church Board for their June 21st meeting.

Multifaith Housing Initiative TULIPATHON: Thanks to those who supported our BCUC Team in the Multifaith Housing Initiative walk for affordable housing – the annual Tulipathon. To date, through the generosity of our donors, BCUC has raised \$1,905. Donations will continue to be received to the end of June, through Online donations or cheques made out to Multifaith Housing Initiative with BCUC on the memo line. More information, contact Barbara Bole Stafford (bbole@sympatico.ca) or (613) 592-0296.

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.

Refuge NOW:

On June 4 the Mohamadi family (the family from Afghanistan) invited the Refuge NOW committee home for tea and to celebrate a birthday. They seem to be well settled in their new home. The children are in school and the parents are studying English. We were so warmly welcomed, and it was a joy to see them at home.

The Al Mahameed family will be arriving in a couple of weeks, and time is passing quickly. Housing has been arranged, and your support with furnishing and household items has been greatly appreciated.

We are still looking for a microwave, a flat screen television, and a floor lamp for the living room. If you can help, please contact Bev Graham at bgraham45@gmail.com or 613 596-1454

Camp Awesome at BCUC July 10-14. To register for a fun week of day camp right here in our community visit Camp-Awesome.ca or contact Tamara Glanville at 592-4575 or tamara.glanville@gmail.com

News from Camp Kalalla: Camper Registration is open! There are still spots available for overnight Camp (July 23-30). For girls aged 7-15 looking for a fun camp experience in a nurturing and empowering environment, or girls 16 (or 15 and done Grade 10) wanting to develop leadership skills. Email registrar@gmail.com for more info or visit <http://kalalla.com/register/> to register. Come join us!

Summer Retreat Days at Camp Kalalla! Come to Kalalla for a Gong/Sound Bath and some time for reflection (either facilitated or on your own). Full Day option (July 15) and Half Day Options (July 16). Visit <http://kalalla.com/summer-retreat-full-day-or-half-day-in-nature-at-camp-kalalla/> for more information.

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**, along with planning together for future partnership projects. Rev. Lorrie, Wendy Morrell, Alex Price and Kael Fowler will represent BCUC. Kael and Alex will be involved in the planning and implementation of Camp Chipembi, working with Young Adults from the Chipembi community. Rev. Lorrie and Wendy will help with the food prep and whatever else those young people ask! All of us will be taking part in planning sessions with the local committee to determine next steps in this wonderful partnership. With the substantial increase in air fare, the cost of this trip is higher than anticipated. We have worked hard to fundraise, but also appreciate any help you would like to offer. Donations for this aspect of the partnership can be made to the **Mission Exposure Fund**. Make cheques payable to BCUC with Mission Exposure in the memo line. Thank you for your support! We will do our best to represent this congregation well.

Sponsor a child to **Camp Chipembi** this year! \$100 gives a youngster 7 days of fun and fellowship - including a full meal and snacks each day and a t-shirt to remember the awesome week! To ensure that we can accommodate all of the children who want to attend, we need to find sponsorship for at least 11 more. Let's do this!

Donations can be made to the BCUC **Zambia Partnership Fund**. Make cheques payable to BCUC with Zambia Partnership in the memo line.

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/1sOHGCwqvcO9-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

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

Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy (OWECC) Event: 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.

Affirming Ministry- Affirming Ministries are congregations within the United Church that make an ongoing commitment to justice and inclusion and publicly declare in words and actions, that God loves and accepts people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer or two-spirited. They call upon the rest of the church and society to do the same.

There is interest here at BCUC in exploring what it would mean for us to become an Affirming Ministry. With the blessing of the BCUC Board, the plan is to engage the congregation in a process of education, reflection and discernment, beginning next fall. Anyone interested in being part of a working group that would lead the process, please speak to Susan Young (613-619-2724). We will have the guidance and support of Affirm United, the United Church's partner. For more information about Affirm United and reasons to consider becoming an Affirming Ministry, please visit: http://ause.ca/wp-content/pdf/BecomingAffirmingFlyer_English.pdf

****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 Pentecost:

June 11 - Outdoor Service and Sunday School Picnic

June 18 - "Your Father's Good Advice"

- worship leader Pastor Victor Lujetic

June 25 – Indigenous Day of Prayer

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.

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. 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

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

Forest Hill, Kanata

Bill Johnson

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.