

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**YouTube:** Bells Corners United Church

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

**Music Director:** Abe TeGrotenhuis

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

**Chair, Church Board:** Rotating

**Church Office Summer Hours:** Tuesday/Thursday 9-noon, 1-4pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 20, 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.*

**Summer Office Hours:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-noon & 1-4pm. For pastoral concerns please contact Rev. Lorrie Lowes. After August 3 please contact the office. You will be redirected to a clergy person who will help. Messages will be checked regularly.

**\*\*Electronic Sign Fundraising Update:** Thanks to generous donations we now have 68% of the needed funds. A provider has been chosen and work is beginning to secure bylaw approval etc. Please make cheques payable to BCUC with 'electronic sign' in the memo line.

**BCUC Name Tags** may be ordered by contacting the office. The price remains the same, ie. pinback is \$12 and magnet back is \$16.

**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](mailto:pierre.dugas@rogers.com)) and he will send you a link to the sign-up sheet. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sOHGCwqvcO9-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPpxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

**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.

**Men's Coffee:** Come on Friday mornings, 10:00 am, to join the men for coffee and conversation. Information: David Stafford 592-0296.

**The Board of the Bells Corners Union Cemetery** invites you, your family and friends, to its Annual Memorial Service.

The Rev Kim Vidal of Bells Corners United Church will conduct the Service at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2023, in the chapel of Christ Church, 3861 Old Richmond Road (immediately adjacent to the Cemetery). The church parking lot is currently under reconstruction. If that is not completed, parking is available nearby at Our Lady of Peace elementary school, 3877 Old Richmond Road, on the south side of the new community housing building.

The Service will be followed by a dedication in the Cemetery; light refreshments will be served afterwards.

For further information, you may contact Keith Bailey at 343 887-5140 / [kandabailey@rogers.com](mailto:kandabailey@rogers.com) or Pierre Dugas 613 829-8196 / [pierre.dugas@rogers.com](mailto:pierre.dugas@rogers.com)

### Compassionate Listening Workshop

Save the date: Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

"Deep listening is the kind of listening that can help relieve the suffering of another person. You can call it compassionate listening. You listen with only one purpose: to help him or her to empty his heart." Tich Nhat Hanh Fine-tune your listening skills to offer support to friends, family or

anyone in need. Join the Bells Corners United Church Pastoral and Spiritual Care Team for a one-hour, interactive workshop, led by Rev. Lorrie Lowes. Light refreshments will be served. Shalom Room. Bells Corners United Church 3955 Old Richmond Road  
Register by phone 613-820-8103 or email [office@bcuc.org](mailto:office@bcuc.org) No registration fee. Donations gratefully accepted.

**BCUC's Book Club** meets at the church on the third Wednesday of the month, from September to June. We take turns "reviewing" the books, and enjoy talking about the various books we've been reading. New members are always welcome at any time, and even casual attendees may come to check us out and see what we're about. If you're looking for some summer reading ideas, you might consider some of our book selections for the coming year:

September - *Shrines of Gaiety*, by Kate Atkinson

October - *The Sleeping Car Porter* by Suzette Mayr

November - *Permanent Astonishment* by Tomson Highway

January - any mystery by Peter Robinson

February - *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

March - *The Silence of the Girls* by Pat Barker

April - *All That She Carried* by Tiya Miles

May - *Everyone Knows Your Mother is a Witch* by Rivka Galchen

For more information about the Book Club, contact Ruth Abbott (613-829-2868) or Jan Pound (613-828-0548). Happy summer reading, Everyone!

**Church Land Survey Followup Action:** Following Board approval to pursue creation of a committee to look into the feasibility of exploring possible use of Church lands for Affordable Housing and Related Uses, Bob Ferguson is seeking people interested in participating in this exploration. If you have skills such as lawyer, social worker, someone with knowledge about housing or are a businessperson with experience in dealing with the City and related zoning matters please contact Bob at 828-9610 or [bferguson@sympatico.ca](mailto:bferguson@sympatico.ca)

Our **Partnership Visit to Chipembi** is almost over for this year ending on August 21. This visit was a success and Rev. Lorrie, Wendy Morrell, Alex Price and Kael Fowler will have many stories to tell I am sure and we can not wait to hear everything once they return – the pictures on Facebook have been Great!

**THANK YOU!**

Your generosity to date has ensured that we were able to sponsor **children** at **Camp Chipembi** this summer!

**Two Canoes – One River: Come Paddle with Us on October 13 -14 - 15, 2023.**

For our next Progressive Learning Circle Event, Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole and Rev. Tony Snow will explore the diverse histories of the Indigenous United Church congregations in the East and the West. Rev. Burnett-Cole will discuss three different spiritual responses to Christianity in eastern Canada, and Rev. Snow will do similarly with the diverse spiritualities in the west. There will be an exploration of the different types of collaboration between the Indigenous church and Settler regions. For details of the event and to register, visit [www.bcuc.org](http://www.bcuc.org).

**\*\*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.

**August 20** - Rev Brian Copeland

**August 27**- Rev Lorrie Lowes

**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](http://ause.ca/wp-content/pdf/BecomingAffirmingFlyer_English.pdf)

**Progress Pride Flag:** You will find a new flag in the Entryway window. Created by Daniel Quasar in 2018, the Pride Progress Flag features black and brown stripes to portray marginalized LGBTQ+ communities of color and baby blue, pink and white to incorporate the trans flag in its design.

Daniel displaced the trans flag stripes and marginalized community stripes to the flag's hoist, where they form a new arrow shape. The arrow leads to the right to confer forward movement while purposely being along the left edge, pointing to the fact that much progress still needs to be made.

The symbol being used to serve LGBT people is evolving. And it's all part of a journey to be more inclusive of the expansive breadth of identities within this community.

The intention behind this change is not to replace or erase what the Pride flag was, but rather to recognize the value of all parts of the modern queer community, which the Progress flag does a better job of.

**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.

#### **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.

**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 Sobeys/FreshCo/IGA - \$50, \$100

You may pay with cash or cheque payable to BCUC, with 'gift card' in the memo line.

**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*

*Irene Bertrand*

*Bea Blackwell*

*Irene Bossons*

*Jo Brunskill*

*Betty Clarke*

*Kathy & George Eaton Starwood, Nepean*

*Jack Fraser*

*Geoff Gale*

*Jim Gardner*

*Helen Gordon*

*Carl Halchuk*

*Marion Helgason Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*George James*

*Bill Johnson*

*Doug MacKechnie*

*Barbara McFall*

*Norah Pacey*

*Dave Peck*

*Sheila Prince*

*Shirley & Earl Schaubel Bridlewood Trails, Kanata*

*Peter D. Clarke, Nepean*

*Thornclyffe, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Red Oak, Kanata*

*Carlingview Manor, Ottawa*

*Park Place, Nepean*

*The Ravines, Ottawa*

*Park Place, Nepean*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Park Place, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Forest Hill, Kanata*

*Carleton Lodge, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Robertson House, Nepean*

*Hillel Lodge, Ottawa*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Granite Ridge, Stittsville*



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