

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

Church Office Hours: Monday- Friday, 9:00 am-12 noon; 1 pm-4 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 3, 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.

Regular Office Hours Resumes after Labour Day, Sept. 5

Monday- Friday, 9:00 am-12 noon; 1 pm-4 pm

We welcome back Rev. Kim from her Sabbatical Leave. Rev. Kim will share the highlights of her sabbatical at the Asian Dinner and in her sermons. She extends her gracious thanks and appreciation for the support and love extended to her and her family.

Lectionary Group Discussion resumes on Tuesday, September 12, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room.

Mark Your Calendar!!!

Asian Dinner & Sabbatical Highlights will be held on Friday, September 22 at 6:30 pm. Details and tickets will be available very soon. Volunteers are welcome! Talk to Rev. Kim for more info.

****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.

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.

****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.

September 3 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Focus: "Burning But Not Consumed" (Exodus 3: 1-6)

SEASON OF CREATION:

September 10 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Creation 1

Welcome Back Sunday School & UP Youth Group

Sermon Focus: "Conflict Resolution" (Matthew 18: 15-20)

September 17 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Creation 2

Sermon Focus: "Seriously? Seventy-Seven Times?" (Matthew 18: 21-35)

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT...

Yes, I know you couldn't wait for summer to be over for this moment to arrive, but ... Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume this Thursday at 7:15pm. All who are interested are welcome. Bring a friend! contact

Abe: music@bcuc.org.

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

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 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.

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>

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 17th 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 or Pierre Dugas 613 829-8196 / 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.

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!

BCUC MEETING ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Church Board committee studying the use of church lands for affordable housing and the Men's Club at BCUC are organizing a meeting to learn about affordable housing in Ottawa and has invited our College Ward City Councillor, Laine Johnson to speak to us on this topic and other city matters.

Date of meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time: 7 – 8 pm

Location: Main hall of our church

Light refreshments after the meeting will be provided.

Please let the church know you are coming so we can set up enough chairs and provide enough coffee, etc...

Please either telephone the church office at 613-820-8103 or send email message to office@bcuc.org

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

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.

West Ottawa Interfaith Bridge – presents “Our Annual Interfaith Dinner and Celebration” - Embracing Diversity with Compassion –

Join us for a night of harmony and understanding as we bring together people from diverse faiths and culture for an unforgettable interfaith dinner. This event aims to foster mutual respect, celebrate our shared values. And build bridges of friendship within our community. **Saturday, September 30th, 2023** from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Hosted by Jami Omar Mosque – 3990 Old Richmond Rd. Adult ticket \$25.00 Children (under 12) \$15.00 limited seats available. Purchase your tickets at www.jamiomar.org or Eventbrite

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/BecomingAffirmingFlier_English.pdf

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 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
Irene Bossons
Jo Brunskill
Betty Clarke
Kathy & George Eaton
Jack Fraser

Peter D. Clarke, Nepean
Thorncliffe, Nepean
Stillwater Creek, Nepean
Valley Stream Manor, Nepean
Red Oak, Kanata
Carlingview Manor, Ottawa
Starwood, Nepean
Park Place, Nepean

<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>Forest Hill, Kanata</i>
<i>Bill Johnson</i>	<i>Carleton Lodge, Nepean</i>
<i>Doug MacKechnie</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</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.