

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 10, 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.*

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

#### Meetings This Week:

**Victoria's Quilts** meets Monday September 11, 1-3pm

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

*A big thank you goes to **Jean Brunton** who has worked tirelessly to care for the garden outside the church as well as tidying the courtyard garden. So many people enjoy the gardens. Your work is much appreciated!*

**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 Councilor, Laine Johnson to speak to us on this topic and other city matters.

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023. 7-8 pm in the Main Hall**

Light refreshments after the meeting will be provided.

**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.

Please either call the church office at 613-820-8103 or email: [office@bcuc.org](mailto:office@bcuc.org) to advise of your attendance.

**UCW is hosting their fall Potluck on Wednesday September 13, 6pm.** Please bring a salad or main course. Dessert and dishes will be supplied. Guest speaker, Alison Bridgewater, will share stories about her spring Dragon Boat Racing trip to New Zealand. All women are welcome to attend!

We look forward to welcoming our kids back to **Sunday School** on Sunday, September 10! In order to make this possible, we desperately need more **Sunday School Teachers** and a **Youth Group Leader**. Please consider offering a gift of your time to ensure that our children and youth have the best possible faith formation experience. There is lots of support provided - prepared lesson plans and materials and a sharing of responsibility. We have a wonderful group of children and youth here at BCUC; let's show them how much we value them as a vital part of our faith family!

Please speak to Rev. Lorrie for more information and to be a volunteer.

#### 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](mailto:music@bcuc.org).

Mark your calendars for **Friday September 22** when **Rev. Kim will share her Sabbatical Highlights following an Asian Dinner at 6:30 pm**. Menu will include Meat and Vegetarian options and takeout will also be available. Ticket prices are Adult: \$20, Children 6 & up: \$10, Under 5 -free. Family of four: \$50 Tickets will be on sale Sunday morning after worship and from the church office through the week. A sign-up sheet for volunteer helpers will be posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

**Electronic Sign Fundraising Update:** An anonymous donor has pledged to match donations up to \$5,000. The updated total of givings plus pledged (which includes the matching commitment) is \$27,540. That represents 88% of total cost. We are well on our way to meeting the expected cost of \$31,500! The project is underway. Watch for further updates and continue with your generous donations!

**\*\*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 CREATION:**

**September 10** – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Creation 1

Welcome Back Sunday School & UP Youth Group

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

**September 17** – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Creation 2

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

**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-EYmwtdiknlU5GUYNPQ3bIFRnnAD04A/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 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.jamiomar.org) or Eventbrite. Look for Alison Bridgewater on Sunday morning following the worship service to purchase tickets.

**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)

#### **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*

<i>David Bell</i>	<i>Peter D. Clarke, Nepean</i>
<i>Irene Bertrand</i>	<i>Thornccliffe, Nepean</i>
<i>Bea Blackwell</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Irene Bossons</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, Nepean</i>
<i>Jo Brunskill</i>	<i>Red Oak, Kanata</i>
<i>Betty Clarke</i>	<i>Carlingview Manor, Ottawa</i>
<i>Kathy &amp; George Eaton</i>	<i>Starwood, Nepean</i>
<i>Jack Fraser</i>	<i>Park Place, Nepean</i>
<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 &amp; Earl Schaubel</i>	<i>Bridlewood Trails, Kanata</i>
<i>Pat Stoate</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>



*If you know of other congregation members who should be included in*

*this list, please call the office with details.*