

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Ministers: Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 24, 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 Discussion meets on Tuesday, September 26, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Rev. Lorrie is our leader.

Victoria's Quilts meets Wednesday September 27, 7pm

*Thanks to all who purchased tickets and those who volunteered for the **Asian Dinner held on Friday, September 22.** All proceeds went to BCUC Operating Fund as Rev. Kim's token of appreciation for the congregation's support for her sabbatical leave.*

Wine and Beer Cans & Bottles Recycling will take place on Sunday September 24. Bring your empties for fundraising for Youth activities.

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT... Sanctuary Choir rehearsals have resumed on Thursdays at 7:15pm. All who are interested are welcome. Bring a friend! contact Abe: music@bcuc.org.

Copies of the **2024 Canadian Church calendar** (United Church edition) are now available for purchase from the office for \$10 each.

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.

Sunday School has resumed. 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.

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

Electronic Sign Fundraising: We are pleased to announce that the matching \$5,000 has been raised and matched. Donations continue to be received. At this time it is difficult to know exactly what the final cost will be. Funds in excess of the required amount will go to Building & Maintenance for use with future projects. Well done all!

****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 24 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Creation 3

Worship Leaders: The Chipembi Team - Rev. Lorrie, Wendy, Kael & Alex
Come and listen as they share their experience in Chipembi (Zambia).

October 1 – World Communion Sunday / Creation 4

Sermon Focus: "When Joy is Complete" (Philippians 2: 1-13)

Celebration Lunch following the service. All are invited.

October 8 – Thanksgiving Sunday / Creation 5

Sermon Focus: "Gratitude is an Attitude" (2 Corinthians 9: 6-15)

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-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPpxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/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.

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** 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. Look for Alison Bridgewater on Sunday morning following the worship service to purchase tickets.



Save the Date!
A *Then Let Us Sing!* Hymn Festival
Come and Explore the Sampler

Sunday October 1, 7:00 pm Orleans United Church

Or livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@Orleansunitedchurch/streams>
Then Let Us SING! is the new all-digital hymnal and music resource of The United Church of Canada, coming in 2024.

Come to our Hymn Festival and sing from the *Sampler!* Join us to learn about and sing selections from this collection of approximately 25 new hymns being considered for the final collection. You will also be encouraged to provide us with your feedback.

Put the date on your calendar and come and "Sing to God a new song". Can't make it in person? Join via livestream.

Questions? Visit ThenLetUsSing.ca or contact paul.sales93@gmail.com.

BCUC Christmas Bazaar is coming on Saturday November 18. Craft Table Request: Last year's sale went well and we are left with few items. If you do homemade **new** crafts we need them. Contact: Bev Wilcox 829-1180

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Please join us for a community forum with Atty. Neri Colmenares and learn more about the current state of democracy and human rights in the Philippines, and Canada's connection to both.

Colmenares is an established international human rights lawyer, activist, and recipient of the 2020 International Bar Association Human Rights award. He will be arriving in Canada in the beginning of October to hold a nationwide visit, including here in Ottawa. The discussion will touch on topics impacting Filipinos in the Philippines and abroad, such as the opaque Maharlika Investment Fund, red-tagging of Filipino activists in the Philippines and Canada, and lack of genuine democracy in the Philippines.

The community forum will be held in: Bronson Centre, Mac Hall on Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 7:30 PM. 211 Bronson Ave, Ottawa, ON K1R 6H5
Free event! Please inform Rev. Kim if you're planning to attend.

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.

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

Irene Bossons

Jo Brunskill

Peggy Burton

Betty Clarke

Kathy & George Eaton

Jack Fraser

Peter D. Clarke, Nepean

Thornclyffe, Nepean

Stillwater Creek, Nepean

Valley Stream Manor, Nepean

Red Oak, Kanata

Valley Stream Manor, Nepean

Carlingview Manor, Ottawa

Starwood, Nepean

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 *Carleton Lodge, 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*
Pat Stoate *Stillwater Creek, Nepean*



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