

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 1, 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, October 3, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme & Text: Thanksgiving (2 Corinthians 9: 6-15)

The Affirming Group will meet Tuesday, October 3, 7:30-9:00 pm, CE Office

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15pm.

*We are pleased to announce that a donation of \$845 is being made to the Operating Fund as a result of last Friday evening's successful Asian Dinner. Thanks to **Rev. Kim and her family** and all the volunteers for their work in preparing and serving a delicious dinner!*

COMING SOON!!! Stewardship Campaign 2023

October 15, 22 & 29. More information and materials to follow.

Thank you for your support.

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

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

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.

GC 44 Remit

The General Council uses remits to approve changes to the Basis of Union in regards to doctrine, worship, membership and government. GC44 has approved a remit to seek approval from Regional Councils and Church Boards for the establishment of an autonomous national indigenous organization. Although members of congregations were not asked to vote on this particular remit, the Church Board encourages members of our congregation to be informed about this remit and learn about the issue at hand. If you have any questions, concerns or comments that you would like to pass to the Board, please send them to Nicole Beaudry. To learn more about the remit, we invite you to attend the **Town Hall by Zoom on Wednesday October 4, at 7 p.m.** Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372530647?pwd=bUh2aE5ldVA4WFFYckVZRTJSVXpjQT09>

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.

Two Canoes – One River: Come Paddle with Us on October 13,14 at BCUC

For our upcoming 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. To register visit plconference2023@gmail.com Questions: Ellie Topp 828-0863 **Deadline for registration: October 10**

Electronic Sign Fundraising: 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:

October 1 – World Communion Sunday / Creation 4

Sermon Focus: "Imitators or Impersonators?" (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)

October 15 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship 1

Guest Preacher: Rev. Tony Snow

BCUC Christmas Bazaar is coming 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

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-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>



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.

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. 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

Geoff Gale

Jim Gardner

Helen Gordon

Carl Halchuk

Marion Helgason

George James

Bill Johnson

Doug MacKechnie

Barbara McFall

Norah Pacey

Dave Peck

Sheila Prince

Shirley & Earl Schaubel

Pat Stoate

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

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

Bridlewood Trails, Kanata

Stillwater Creek, Nepean



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