

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 8, 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 10, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme & Text: TBA

Worship/CE meets on Wednesday October 11, 7pm.

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15pm.

Coffee and Friends: Ladies, join us starting Thursday October 12, 9:15am for friendly conversation, laughter and cookies and coffee. Bring a neighbour and/or friend. Information: Bev Wilcox 829-1180

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.

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.

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.

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**

Sunday School has resumed. We still 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.

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!

The Church Board has formally established the **BCUC Study Committee on the use of church lands for affordable housing and related uses**. The Study Committee had its first meeting last week. Its members are Sally Lujetic, Dan Lanoue, Camille Lipsett, Angela Starchuk, Bob Wright, Harold Yule, Larry Ryan, Lorrie Lowes and Bob Ferguson. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, feel free to contact any one of the committee members through the church office. "The purpose of the committee is to study the possible uses of some of our church lands for affordable housing and related uses and to make recommendations to the Church Board and Congregation for their consideration"

****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 8 – Thanksgiving Sunday / Creation 5

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

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

October 15 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship 1

Guest Preacher: Rev. Tony Snow

October 22 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship 2

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

October 29 – Reformation Sunday / Stewardship 3 /Membership Sunday

Sermon Focus: "Justice is Love in Action"

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY – If you would like to transfer your membership from another United Church congregation or from another denomination, please speak with Rev. Kim. Welcoming new members will take place on October 29.

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.

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

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-EYmwdikniU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

Knox United Church, 25 Gibbard Ave. is hosting a **Drive-Thru Fish Fry** event on **Saturday, October 14** from 4:30 - 7 pm. Orders must be placed prior to the event by calling 613-820-3936 and leaving a message.

Riverside United Church, 3191 Riverside Dr. is offering a **Book Nook Sale** on Saturday October 14, 9am – noon with a large selection of used books available.

Woodroffe United Church, 207 Woodroffe Ave. N. is holding its **Church Bazaar** on Saturday October 21, 9am -1pm.

St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 930 Watson St., will be holding their **annual Fall Food Fair** on Saturday November 4, 9:30am – 1pm. A variety of frozen entrees, baking, preserves will be available for purchase. Lunch served 11-12:30pm.

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

<i>David Bell</i>	<i>Peter D. Clarke, Nepean</i>
<i>Irene Bertrand</i>	<i>Thornclyffe, 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>Peggy Burton</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, Nepean</i>
<i>Betty Clarke</i>	<i>Carlingview Manor, Ottawa</i>
<i>Kathy & 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 & 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.