

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: October 15, 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 17, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme & Text: TBA – Facilitator: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Church Board meets on Wednesday October 18, 7pm.

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15pm.

NOTICE OF STUDY LEAVE:

Rev. Kim will be on study leave from October 16-22. For any pastoral care or other ministerial concerns, please speak with Rev. Lorrie or Susan Young.

Coffee and Friends: Ladies, join us Thursday mornings, 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.

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.

Thank you to **George Young** who has constructed a gate for the Crib Nursery to keep the little ones in and the big ones out unless necessary to be in.

***Stewardship Note:** If you need printed copies of the Time & Talent information you will find the material at the Welcome Centre in the Entryway. If you have questions please contact the church office.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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" (Matthew 22 :34-46)

BCUC Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 18, 9am -1pm

All the usual sales areas will be available. Watch for details in coming weeks. We need donations of baking, preserves, books, silent auction items, women's clothing, toys, children's store items. If you do homemade **new** crafts we need them. Contact: Bev Wilcox 829-1180

For information or offers to help please contact Coordinators: Chris Brown (282-5903 or furnyking@hotmail.com) or Tina Fowler (819-329-2899 or christina.fowler74@gmail.com)

Roger Pepper would like to give away a **Hammond Organ** (fit for a home or a small chapel) in excellent condition. It will need to be picked up from the second floor of his home. He would like to donate it to someone from the congregation. If you are interested please contact Roger, as soon as possible, at 692-9815.

West Ottawa Interfaith Bridge is presenting an educational discussion on death and mourning on **Friday October 27** from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Jami Omar mosque, 3990 Old Richmond Road, Bells Corners.

Speakers from each of the four faith groups (Jami Omar mosque, Bells Corners United Church, Christ Church Bells Corners and St Martin de Porres) will each speak on the respective practices of their faith or denomination on what death means in the context of faith, how each faith group responds in celebrating the life that has passed, how family and loved ones are cared for and consoled and what each faith believes in respect to the afterlife.

You can register on the signup sheet opposite the office. Admission is free.

Coming to BCUC on 19 November...

Bring Your Own Ukulele*

Don't have your own?
Limited quantities are available to be borrowed!

Pick up your BYOU package on the entrance table
or see **Angela Starchuk** for more details.

***Guitars are okay too**

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/1sOHGCwqvc09-EYmwdiknIU5GUYNPpxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

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.

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.

Annual Turkey Dinner – Saturday, October 21, 6 pm Our Annual Turkey Dinner is back! Join us on **Saturday, October 21, 6 pm** for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Musical entertainment featuring Alan Sandeman and John Hanson. Please invite all who would like to attend for a really fun evening. Adults: \$30 Kids: 8 – 12: \$15 Rest: Free. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from Erin Linnen 613-224-3761. Carleton Memorial United Church, 740 Melfa Cres. (two blocks south of Meadowlands off Prince of Wales). Take-out orders can be provided. www.cmuc.ca

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:



Envelope Givings

- Offerings* may be cash or cheque.
- Place offerings in the plates on Sunday, OR
- Slip them through the kitchen door mail slot, OR
- Mail them to the church address.



Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

- Monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account, accompanied by an annual tax receipt.
- For more information, registration and amendments, call or email office@bcuc.org.



E-Transfer

- Donate anytime via your online banking service, addressed to payee: treasurer@bcuc.org.
- Include your name, purpose of funds, and address* in the message.



CanadaHelps.org

- Search for Bells Corners United Church as a Registered Canadian Charity.
- There are options to donate once, monthly, or to donate securities.

- Contact the church office about donating Securities.

*Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more, if provided with a name and complete address.

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>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.