

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**YouTube:** Bells Corners United Church

**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 22, 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:

**UCW Executive** meets Monday October 23, 7pm

**Lectionary Group Discussion** meets on Tuesday, October 24 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme & Text: Love God / Love Neighbours -Matthew 22 :34-46

**Trustees** meet Wednesday October 25, 9am

**Victoria's Quilts** meets Wednesday October 25, 7pm

**SOSA** meets Thursday October 26, 2pm

**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 concerns, please speak with 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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Beginning next week - October 29th** - with deep gratitude to Ruth and Ian Howes who have been doing this for many years - Dan and I will now be taking on the **collection of wine/beer/etc. bottles/cans** the last Sunday of every month with all proceeds going to the Zambia Partnership. We'll have our car parked and the trunk open to receive all contributions! Collect yours, your friends, your neighbours, your families - ALL contributions are welcome!!

**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!

**SEEKERS STUDY GROUP** – meets on Mondays, 2-4 pm starting Nov 6 in the Shalom Room. We are discussing the book, *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire* by co-authors Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker. Participants purchase their own book. Please read the Prologue & Chapter 1 for Nov. 6 discussion. For more information or to join the study, please speak with Rev. Kim.

**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.

**Men's Coffee:** Come on Friday mornings, 10:00 am, to join the men for coffee and conversation. Information: David Stafford 592-0296.

**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.

**FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:**

**October 22** – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship 2

Worship Leader:

**October 29** – Reformation Sunday / Stewardship 3 / Membership Sunday

Sermon Focus: "Justice is Love in Action" (Matthew 22 :34-46)

**November 5** – Remembrance Sunday

Sermon Focus: "Practice What You Teach" (Matthew 23:1-12)

**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**

**Saturday November 18, 9am -1pm**

All the usual sales areas will be available. Watch for details in coming weeks. We need coordinators for Bake Table and Children's Store. Donations of baking, preserves, books, silent auction items, women's clothing, toys, children's store items will be welcomed. 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](mailto:furnyking@hotmail.com)) & Tina Fowler (819-329-2899 or [christina.fowler74@gmail.com](mailto:christina.fowler74@gmail.com))

**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/1sOHGCwgvC09-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

**Friends for the Journey:** Grief can feel like a long, hard, lonely journey. The companionship of others who are "in the same boat" can ease loneliness, provide mutual support, and even offer a welcome break from the real work of grieving and adjusting to a new reality. For "travellers" whose grief journey has become more familiar and less painful over time, this could be an opportunity to share experiences and hopefully help others find their way. Let us know if you would like to join a mutually-supportive, self-directed group for companionship, conversation and possibly social outings and recreational activities. If there is sufficient interest, "Friends for the Journey" will have its first get-together this fall. Contact Susan Young, Pastoral and Spiritual Care Coordinator.

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

**Annual Turkey Dinner:** 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](http://www.cmuc.ca)

**Merivale United Church** is hosting a Christmas Craft Market and Luncheon on **November 18 from 9am to 2 pm**. Shop our Vintage Tables and more.

**Knox United Church** holds their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 18, 10am -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.

The three Christian parishes of Bells Corners are hosting a **Brass Christmas Concert** at St. Martin de Porres Church (3891 Old Richmond Road) on **Saturday, Nov. 25, at 7:15 p.m.** Join the **Hogtown Brass Quintet** for a wonderful evening of music with all proceeds going to FAMSAC Food Cupboard. Tickets are available through the church office. Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Families \$50. For more information, contact Michael Hammond at 613-447-2111.

**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, \$100  
Sobeys/FreshCo/IGA - \$50, \$100  
You may pay with cash or cheque payable to BCUC, with 'gift card' in the memo line.

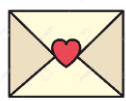
**For Sale in the Office:**

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](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:**



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



### E-Transfer

- Donate anytime via your online banking service, addressed to payee: [treasurer@bcuc.org](mailto: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

David Bell

Irene Bertrand

Bea Blackwell

Irene Bossons

Jo Brunskill

Peggy Burton

Betty Clarke

Kathy & George Eaton

Jack Fraser

Geoff Gale

Peter D. Clarke, Nepean

Thornccliffe, 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

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

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.