

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Ministers: Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Music Director: Abe TeGrotenhuis

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 29, 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 31, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme & Text: Humility (Matthew 23:1-12)

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15pm

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

***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 Sunday 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!!

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.

From the Ministry & Personnel Committee: Rev. Lorrie Lowes has been ordered by her physician to take several weeks off on stress leave. We expect that to extend into December at least! If you wish to send her cards and good wishes, etc., please send them to the BCUC office for delivery.

Now is the time for all good congregants to step forward to see where you can lend a hand: Worship assistance; Sunday School; Youth; all need help. Contact Ruth or Ellen in the church office or Rev. Kim at (613) 820-8103.

David Stafford, Chair

Sunday School still needs 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.

Camp Kalalla Honeython 2023: Happy Weekend, Friends! We had a feeling you were all out of your stash from last year, so we just had to do it again! Camp Kalalla has partnered with Crerar's Honey for our 51st Annual Honeython! From that must-have honey to their amazing all natural body products, there is a little something for everyone.

Order forms can be found on our website www.Kalalla.com and sent in by email to campkalalla@gmail.com or by mail to 100 Pond St, Ottawa, K1L 8J3. Copies of the form are also available from the BCUC church office or at the Welcome Centre in the Entryway.

Please send in orders by the end of November.

Questions? Please email campkalalla@gmail.com, or "reply all" to this email.

- All the campers and staff from 2023 and beyond thank you for supporting CGIT Camp Kalalla!

Electronic Sign Fundraising Update: We have received news that the application package for building the new sign has been reviewed, all is in order and the permit should be received within two weeks. Then the sign will be ordered and the hope is that it will be operational before Christmas.

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 29 – Reformation Sunday / Stewardship 3 /Membership Sunday
Sermon Focus: "This Thing Called Love" (Matthew 22 :34-46)

November 5 – Remembrance Sunday
Sermon Focus: "Practice What You Teach" (Matthew 23:1-12)

November 12 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "When the Lamp Runs Dry" (Matthew 25:1-13)

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.

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

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.

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.

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) & Tina Fowler (819-329-2899 or christina.fowler74@gmail.com)

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.

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>

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.

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

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.


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.**

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.




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.

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:

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>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.