

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: November 5, 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:

Seekers meets Monday, November 6, 2pm in the Shalom Room. Please read the Prologue and Chapter 1 of the book for discussion.

Lectionary Group Discussion meets on Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme & Text: The 10 Bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13)

Affirming Team meets on Tuesday, November 7, 7 pm.

Worship/CE meets Wednesday, November 8, 7pm

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15pm

***Fall Back:** We return to Standard Time this weekend. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night when you go to bed.

Stewardship Note: Just a reminder to return your Stewardship response as soon as possible. Thank you for your offers of Time & Talent for the coming year!

*The Property Management Committee would like to acknowledge the assistance of the local **Scouts and Venturers** in raking leaves this year. Bob Wright had put the leaves in rows with the lawnmower and in about 1 1/2 hours, 58 bags were filled and moved to the collection point.*

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.

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

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. For more information or to join the study, please speak with Rev. Kim.

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

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

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

Electronic Sign 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.

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)

November 19 – All-Ages Worship Service / Youth & Children Sunday

Theme: We've Got Talents! (Matthew 25:14-30)



Coming to BCUC on 19 November...

Bring Your Own Ukulele*

Ukuleles are available to be borrowed!

Pick up a **BYOU package** (chords + songs) on the entrance table.

Bring your ukulele to church on 12 November for a tune-up and quick practise after the main service.

***or guitar!** Speak to/email **Angela Starchuk** for more details

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.

Advent and Christmas Flowers Opportunity. You may donate a minimum of \$10 to remember a loved one who has passed. A virtual poinsettia will be included in services from December 3 until December 25. Live poinsettia flowers will adorn our sanctuary. Ross Mutton will be available after the service on Nov. 19 and 26 to receive your donations and dedication. Donations by cash or cheque please.

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!

Camp Kalalla Honeython 2023: 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!

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.

in touch! Contact Wendy Morrell - wendy.morrell@sympatico.ca - 613-299-9499

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.

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.

Stillwater Creek Retirement Community is holding a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday November 25, 1-4pm

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, \$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 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

David Bell
Irene Bertrand
Bea Blackwell
Irene Bossons
Jo Brunskill

Peter D. Clarke, Nepean
Thornclyffe, Nepean
Stillwater Creek, Nepean
Valley Stream Manor, Nepean
Red Oak, Kanata

<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.