

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: November 12, 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 13, 2pm in the Shalom Room. Please read Chapter 2 of the book for discussion.

Lectionary Group Discussion meets on Tuesday, November 14, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme & Text: Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

Church Board meets on Wednesday, November 15, 7 pm by Zoom.

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15pm

***BYOU REMINDER: Bring your ukuleles (and guitars) to church this Sunday morning, November 12,** for a tune-up and practise before the 19 November BYOU service. The songs we will be playing are: Come, Now is the Time to Worship, Awesome God, I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, Lord of the Dance, Seek Ye First. The practise will take place in the sanctuary roughly 10-15 minutes after the service has ended.

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!

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.

FAMSAC has finally moved into our permanent new home at Hollyer House, a new affordable housing complex located at 3865 Old Richmond Road, next to Christ Church Bells Corners. This building also includes Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre, providing services to our community.

If you would like to donate or help fund FAMSAC we would love to hear from you. Or if you or someone you know wishes to request support from FAMSAC please call 613-820-5428 and leaving a message with your name and contact information, including when it is best to reach you.

As in past Christmas seasons, SOSA is requesting donations of gifts and cookies to support the Multifaith Housing Children's Christmas Party at The Haven, the affordable housing project in Barrhaven. Our goal is to provide gifts for 1 boy and 3 girls ages 9 yrs., as well as 12 dozen cookies!

Cookies must be nut free and easily packaged to prevent crumbling. We are asked to provide the gifts wrapped. The suggested price for gifts is \$25 to ensure consistency with all the children. The party is taking place on Sunday, December 3. We will need the cookies and gifts on Friday, December 1 to deliver to the Haven the next day. We will make arrangements for pick up, either at the church or at your home.

If you can help by donating a gift and/or cookies, please contact Barbara Bole Stafford at bbole@sympatico.ca or (613) 592-0296.

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

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

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 soon. Then the sign will be ordered and the hope is that it will be operational before Christmas.

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

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 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)

November 26 – Reign of Christ Sunday

Sermon Focus: "When Did We See You?" (Matthew 25: 31-46)

Leftover dishes are piling up in the corner on the kitchen counter. If you have a container from an event that you did not take home please reclaim it.

Quarterly Financial Report to BCUC Congregation – Quarter ending September 30, 2023

As this is the end of the third quarter, the target numbers are at 75%. Thanks to the continued generosity of members of the church total revenue to the end of September was \$ \$291,917 which represents 61% of budgeted revenue, slightly off target. Envelope givings are at 46% of projected, similar to last year, PAR givings sit at 74%. Rental income continues to do well at 70%. Even though we have no one on Sundays selling Loblaws and other gift cards, that income has already reached 90% of goal.

The continued endeavour of committees to keep expenses at a minimum led to total expenses at 69% of target, so we are holding the line on our expenses as was the case last year. We continue to meet our commitments in support and service.

The electronic sign fund has reached its target and the project is proceeding.

The budget for this year projected a \$20,000 deficit. The current deficit is \$50,000. Securities donations and the Christmas Bazaar will help reduce that. I am confident we will be able to come close to balancing the budget by year end. If you are able, a top up of 10% of your pledged givings for November and December would help reach that goal. Your continued support of BCUC is greatly appreciated and allows us to make a difference.

Ross Mutton, Treasurer

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

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 **November 19 and 26** to receive your donations and dedication. Donations by cash or cheque please.

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.

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: 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!

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.

If you need your order picked up, put a note on the bottom of your form to say that Leslie Wade will pick it up. Call Leslie at 613 596 2350 to confirm that you need a pick up.

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

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.

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.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1817 Richardson Side Rd., Carp will be hosting a Holly Berry Bazaar on Saturday November 18, 9am -1pm.

BCUC Christmas Bazaar **Saturday November 18, 9am -1pm**

See the 'Take me Home' flyer attached to these announcements for details.

Your unwanted treasures of good quality and in working condition will be welcomed for the **Silent Auction**. Questions: Bob & Ellen Boynton 828-2820

Children's Christmas Store is looking for gift items suitable for family members, especially men, for young children to purchase as gifts. Donations may be left in the marked box in the Entryway.

For information or offers to help please contact Coordinator:

Chris Brown (282-5903 or furnyking@hotmail.com)

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-EYmwdiknIU5GUYNPQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

<https://www.lakesideplayers.com/rapunzel>



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For ticket sales for our upcoming pantomime by Ben Crocker Pantomimes.

www.lakesideplayers.com

BRASS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 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 and after Sunday services. Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Families \$50. For more information, contact Michael Hammond at 613-447-2111.

Wrap it up Holiday Market - 2023 Season! Bells Corners United Church, December 16: Once again BCUC is hosting a **Holiday Market** as a fund raiser for our Zambia Partnership. We invite a maximum of 40 vendors - an awesome mix of artisans, crafters, resellers and makers - to join together for a fun and festive day the week before Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity for those "last minute" shoppers to find that perfect, unique item - for family, friends - or yourself! In addition to the market, we have an awesome Silent Auction and the "Wrap it Up Cafe" to sit and enjoy the spirit of the season! Tables for this year are going quickly but we have a few left so if YOU or someone you know is interested in being a part of the adventure this year, we'd love to have you be in touch! Contact Wendy Morrell - wendy.morrell@sympatico.ca - 613-299-9499

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Saturday, November 18, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Important Information

The excitement and anticipation is growing daily! Have you realized that the bazaar is just over a week away? Please read/print this leaflet for information on how you can help out.

DROP-OFF OF GOODS - Unless otherwise indicated, please bring your donations to the Church on Friday November 17th between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. For further information please do not hesitate to call Chris Brown (282-5903)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE - Young children can do their Christmas shopping here. Donations of any gift items suitable for family members, especially men, can be placed in the box in the office. New or gently used ornaments are also needed. (Sue Morrison 829-8900 & Susan Young 619-2724)

BAKE TABLE - Everyone loves home baking and we often sell out by 10:30 a.m. even though the Bazaar isn't over until 1:00 p.m. So, if you have never baked for the Bake Table, please consider donating a batch or two made from your favourite and/or Christmas recipe. Some ideas are Christmas cookies, fruit pies, squares, fudge, cakes, loaves, bread, buns, cupcakes, candy, etc. Loaves may be cut in half and wrapped in saran. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled and indicate if they contain nuts or are suitable for diabetics or if gluten free. Please do not bring donations on styrofoam trays. Use foil pans, plastic plates (ie. Dollar store). Drop off donations Friday Nov 17, 10 am –7 pm. (Nancy Power-Fardy 829-5182)

ATTIC TREASURES – ‘Attic Treasurers’ could include items such as home décor, figurines, china and other fabulous treasures. We appreciate all donations with the following exceptions: **No** blinds, curtains, large furniture, electronics or non-PBA plastic, aluminum or rusted items will be accepted. (Larry Ryan 794-2910)

CHRISTMAS DECOR TABLE - Look for unique decorations and items to add to your home for the festive season. (Lorraine Foster 591-6236)

CRAFTS AND KNITTING - All types of handmade crafts, knitting and sewing items. Please deliver completed items to the church office starting Monday Nov. 13 for pricing. (Bev Wilcox 829-1180)

SILENT AUCTION - Your unwanted treasures will find a good home on the Silent Auction table. Items should be of good quality and in working condition. If you have any questions regarding suitability, please call (Ellen or Bob Boynton 828-3820).

BOOKS, CD'S - Movie & Music CD's & DVD's, Computer Games, Puzzles, - Donate these items and replenish your supply at the Bazaar. Please, no text books, magazines or out of date reference/computer books. (Chris Brown 282-5903)

DELI - Homemade jams, jellies, pickles, frozen ready-to-bake pies, soup mix and cookie mix are big sellers. Please ensure your donations are clearly labelled. (Ruth Howes 726-9540)

'GIFT SHOPPE' – A variety of great gift ideas suitable for a variety of special people. jam/jelly trays for gift giving and more! (TBD)

CHILDREN'S TOYS AND TREASURES - Donations of good quality used toys, children's puzzles, games and books are welcomed. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition with all of their pieces. (Monica Peck 868-9567)

LADIES BOUTIQUE - Good quality fashionable clothing, accessories and jewelry. Please ensure that items are clean and in good repair. Space is very limited and removal of inappropriate items is very difficult. It is appreciated if all clothing could be brought in already ironed and on hangers. Clothing may be brought to the church beginning the week of November 13th. Please bring items before 4:00 p.m. on Friday Nov.17 due to constraints on set-up time. (Marion Dugas 829-8196)

LUNCH ROOM - To satisfy your appetite on Bazaar day, the Lunch Room will be serving coffee and muffins from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and a lunch menu from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (David Stafford, 592-0296)

**** Don't forget your shopping bag to bring home your treasures. Tell your friends and neighbours about us! We hope to see everyone on Saturday. *Thank you for your contribution.***