

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 19, 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 20, 2pm in the Shalom Room. Please read Chapter 3 of the book for discussion.

Lectionary Group Discussion meets on Tuesday, November 21, 10:30 am in the Shalom Room. Theme & Text: The Last Judgment (Matthew 25: 31-46)

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:15pm

Ed Lauer, now living in Georgia, USA, would like to thank the BCUC members who sent cards of support during Marilyn's illness, and cards of condolence following her passing in September. Bless all of you for your kindness.

BCUC Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 18, 9am -1pm

Bring in your donations through the day on Friday, November 17, up to 7pm and come back Saturday to shop!

For information or offers to help please contact Coordinator:

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

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.

BYOU REMINDER: Bring your ukuleles (and guitars) to church on 19

November! Sit near the front and arrive for a tune-up before the service starts. Specific songs (chords file was attached to Happenings sent Wednesday) for Sunday are:

- Awesome God
- Come, Now is the Time to Worship
- I, The Lord of Sea and Sky
- Lord of the Dance
- Seek Ye First

HEALTH CONCERNS: We are again in the flu season and the rising number of cases of COVID is a concern that we do not want to ignore. We would like to encourage everyone to stay home if you are unwell, and to remind you that Ottawa Public Health continues to strongly recommend mask use for people at risk for severe illness, and for everyone when in a crowded indoor setting. We would also ask that everyone at BCUC respect the decisions of others who choose to mask and/or to avoid handshaking and other physical contacts while here at church. The Worship/CE Committee

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

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.

Mark your Calendar! Communion Services in December

First Sunday of Advent & Communion - December 3, 10 am during the service. We will go back to the traditional way of serving communion in the pews following health protocols.

Christmas Eve Service & Communion - December 24, 6:30 pm.

Communion will be served by intinction where people are invited to come forward to receive the elements. All are welcome.

Each year, the folks at **Crerar's Honey** graciously partner with CGIT Camp Kalalla in our **Honeython fundraiser**. Use the link below to access the form and order your honey **before the end of November** (contact campkalalla@gmail.com if you have questions.)

Thank you for your support of Camp and the work we do to support the growth and leadership of young women in the Ottawa area and beyond!

<http://kalalla.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/CGIT-2023-fundraiser.pdf>

FAMSAC began over 50 years ago to help families in need at Christmas with hampers. Today, FAMSAC provides emergency food support to about 150 families every month from our new permanent home at Hollyer House. Demand has been steadily growing in the past few years with a new record in terms of the number of food orders we provide and the number of people requesting assistance through our Christmas program. In 2022 we provided assistance to more than 300 families at Christmas and expect to surpass that record once again in 2023.

Donations help fund our Christmas gift card program, which, during the pandemic replaced our Christmas hamper program. While much more expensive, this offers families the freedom to purchase food items that suit their needs. Requests should be received by 1 December: (613) 820-5428. We remain very grateful for the financial support that so many churches, businesses, community groups and individuals provide.

Thanks to those who have offered to bake cookies or buy a gift to support the Multifaith Housing Children's Christmas Party at The Haven, the affordable housing project in Barrhaven. We are still in need of gifts for 2 girls, ages 9 years, as well as a couple of 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. If you prefer to donate the \$25, I will purchase a gift on your behalf.

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

Mark Your Calendars! Seasonal Choral Music is coming!

OWECC Ecumenical Choirs fundraising concert will be held **Sunday December 3, 7pm** at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, (off Pinecrest).

BCUC Christmas Choir Concert will be held **Sunday December 10, 6:30 pm.**

Refreshments to follow.

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.

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 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)

SEASON OF ADVENT:

December 3 – First Sunday of Advent / Communion Service
Sermon Focus: "The Hidden God" (Isaiah 64: 1-9)

Good News for UP Youth ages 12-18! We are happy to inform you that Kael Fowler, with the assistance of Dana Ducette, had agreed to take on leadership with the UP Youth Group. Please watch out for more information on upcoming youth events!

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

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.

Tuesday, November 21 at 12:00 noon at Rideau Park United Church: You are invited to have lunch and meet Bill Chamber, who has returned to Canada after a 3-month period as a volunteer in Israel/Palestine with the World Council of Churches ecumenical accompaniment programs. In 2022 Bill was in South Hebron Hills, then in spring 2023 he spent a term in East Jerusalem. Bill will speak about his experience, and what he is hearing now from friends and contacts in Jerusalem and the West Bank. Bill is a member of St Andrew's United Church in Halifax. Soup and buns will be provided.

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.

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**. 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!

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.

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-EYmwdiknlU5GUYNPxQ3bIFRnnAD04A/edit#gid=0>

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.

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**

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.

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

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:

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.




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
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

<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.