

## 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: January 14, 2024**

### 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** meets Tuesday January 16, 10:30 am. Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes.

**Church Board** meets Wednesday January 17, 7pm.

**Coffee & Friends** resumes on Thursday January 18, 9:15am. Come and join with other women for conversation and friendship. Information: Bev Wilcox – 829-1180.

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

**Turkey pie orders** will be taken after Church on Sunday January 14th. They are being prepared on January 22, 23 and 24. A maximum of eight per person. The cost remains at \$5. They can be picked up at the Church on the day of your choice between 1 pm and 4 pm. After Sunday you can phone the Church Office during office hours to place your order.

**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.

Copies of the **2024 Canadian Church calendar** (United Church edition) are still available for purchase from the office for new reduced price of **\$5 each!!**

**BCUC Book Club** will be meeting on the third Wednesday of January (**January 17th, at 1:30 pm in the Shalom Room**). We will be discussing our favourite mystery novel, with special emphasis on Peter Robinson, a British-born Canadian crime writer who was best known for his crime novels set in Yorkshire featuring Inspector Alan Banks. The Inspector Banks series includes 28 novels - come to learn more about this prolific author and his writing. All are welcome to attend this gathering - no pressure; even if you haven't read the book, it's a great time to learn about an author possibly new to you. For more information, contact Jan Pound (613-828-0548) or Ruth Abbott (613-829-2868).

**The 2023 Advent Project!!** The SOSA committee chose the **Mission & Service Fund** for the 2023 Advent Project with a goal of \$5,000. Thanks to the generous support of so many in our congregation, **as of January 12, the amount raised is \$4,680.**

**The SEEKERS** book discussion resumes on Monday, January 22, 2 pm in the Shalom Rm.

**Annual Reports due January 26.** In preparation for the AGM on March 3 please send annual reports to the office.

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**WHAT IS A REMIT?** It is a vote to enable changes to the Basis of Union in the United Church of Canada. We now have a Category 3 Remit which requires a **vote** by every regional council and each pastoral charge's governing body, by **March 31, 2024**.

Our Official Board has been studying the issue and is getting ready to vote. It also wants the congregation to be informed about the issue of **changing the United Church of Canada's three-council structure to include an autonomous National Indigenous Organisation**.

Everything you need to know can be found online by Googling either **GC 44 Remit** or **United Church Remit**. We have created a document with 13 main subjects/questions that clearly explains what this remit is all about and what the Board will soon be voting on. Each of these has been printed on a card and posted in the church hall. For more information talk to Nicole or a member of the Board.

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**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.

#### **SEASON OF EPIPHANY:**

**January 14, 2024** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon: "Sam is the Man!" (1 Samuel 3: 1-10)

**January 21, 2024** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**January 28, 2024** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon Focus: "Jesus and the Crazyes!" (Mark 1: 21-28)

**February 4, 2024** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany / Celebration Hymn-Sing Sunday

Committee Fair following the service in the Main Hall.

**Help Needed for Our Youth Leader:** Our youth leader, Kael Fowler, needs someone to pick him up (one way) on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am or earlier to go to BCUC. Pick up location is the Tim Hortons parking lot on Fallowfield/Woodroffe in Barrhaven. He has a ride to go back home. If you are able to help, please speak with Kael Fowler or Dana Ducette after the service. You may also call the church office and speak with Rev. Kim. Thank you.

**2024 Givings Envelopes** are available on the table in the entryway arranged numerically. If you wish to begin to use envelopes please contact the office.

**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.



**Affirmation Station** will feature a few interesting words and expressions each week. Do you know these ones? Are there any surprises?

**gender:** refers to the socially constructed roles, behaviours, activities and attributes and appearance that a given society considers appropriate for men and women

**gender identity:** a self-determined identity that reflects an individual's understanding of gender in regard to their own embodied experience

**gender presentation/expression:** how a person chooses to express their gender identity through clothing, behaviour, activities, etc.

**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>

**WANTED - EYE GLASSES:** Please do not throw them away as they can be recycled and distributed both in Canada and overseas. Instead, place them in the marked drawer in the corridor outside the office. Thank you, Peggy Aitchison

**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

**BCUC Name Tags** may be ordered by contacting the office. The price remains the same, \$12 for pinback and \$16 for magnetic back

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

St. Basil's is starting the new year with what we believe is a very timely webinar in our "Conversations for Our Times" series — Dr. David Conn's presentation, "**Social Isolation and Loneliness among Older Adults: Let's Connect!**" We extend a warm invitation to all to join us by Zoom on **Sunday January 14th at 2:30.**

Social isolation is a problem that is becoming increasingly recognized as a major issue in our society today. We look to Dr. Conn to help us understand how isolation happens and to help us find ways to overcome the gaps that keep many seniors cut off and feeling alone.

An eminent and award-winning physician in Geriatric Psychiatry, Dr. Conn works at Baycrest Hospital in Toronto and teaches as a professor at the University of Toronto. The founder of the Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health, he brings expertise and insight from his work with seniors across the board, including those in long-term care. We look forward to a challenging and inspiring presentation and discussion with him on Sunday afternoon.



St. Basil's, Ottawa  
*Conversations for Our Times* Zoom Series  
**"Social Isolation & Loneliness  
 Among Older Adults:  
 Let's Connect"**  
**2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024  
 with Dr. David Conn**

Zoom Link on Parish Website and on the Parish's  
 Facebook page.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0oceqgqTMoGdlW8M7g469DrZgGG3frnjbW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**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 &amp; 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 &amp; Earl Schaubel</i>	<i>Bridlewood Trails, Kanata</i>
<i>Pat Stoate</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Gerry &amp; Kay Sutherland</i>	<i>The Courtyards, Kanata</i>



*If you know of other congregation members who should be included in this list, please call the office with details.*