

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**Facebook:** @bellscornersunitedchurch

**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: February 11, 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:

**The SEEKERS** book discussion planned for February 12 is cancelled but will meet instead on Monday, February 26, 2 pm in the Shalom Rm. We will cover chapters 8 and 9 of the book.

**Lectionary Group** meets Tuesday February 13, 10:30 am. Theme & Text:  
Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**Coffee & Friends** meets on Thursday mornings, 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.

*Thank you to all who donated to the warm clothing drive for Ottawa Interfaith Bridge. At least six overflowing tubs of clothing were donated and quickly delivered to shelters for those who need protection from the winter weather!*

#### Thank You to Today's Coffee & Refreshment Servers:

Griz Morrison & Sam Tweedle

**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.

*Thanks to all those who requested hymns for last Sunday's Memorial/Celebration Hymn Sing, \$390 has been raised for enhancing sound in our Sanctuary.*

**2024 Tax Receipts** have been sent out by email. If you wish a printed receipt the office will be happy to provide one.

**Pancake Supper 2024:** The UP Group is pleased to invite you to a Pancake Supper on **Saturday, February 10, 5:30 - 6:45pm** in support of the UP Group (BCUC Youth). Please come and support the youth of the church!

Tickets at the door for \$10.00 per person; 6 tickets for \$50.00; Kids under 12 are Free! You may be asked to help - please say Yes!

*Calling for griddles* - if you have one to lend, please advise the church office 613-820-8103. Let the church office know if you will attend.

Kael Fowler, Coordinator - [kaelfwlr@gmail.com](mailto:kaelfwlr@gmail.com) Text to 819-921-1152

**Camp Awesome 2024:** BCUC is now booked to host Camp Awesome **July 29 – August 2**. Hope you can make your summer plans to include attending our fun summer week of camp. Now we need an onsite admin person to oversee snacks, etc. Tamara has retired after 12 years and is more than ready to help anyone who can take on this duty. Please contact Rev. Lorrie if you can help

**UCW Joint Unit Meeting Monday February 12, 2pm:** UCW invites anyone interested in attending to join us for refreshments at 2pm and a presentation at 2:30pm by BCUC member Andra Smith, Professor in the School of Psychology, University of Ottawa. Andra has had a long interest in the human brain and how to provide tools to manage the stressors we face in our everyday lives. Andra taught a fourth-year undergrad course on the topic. Her book, 'Who Knew! Neuroscience and Mindfulness take on stress in the real world and win!' was inspired by her students' experiences and the journey she took with them to understand why and how mindfulness works. If you would like to attend please send an RSVP to the office ([office@bcuc.org](mailto:office@bcuc.org))

**BCUC WELCOMES VISITORS & GUESTS!** Please sign our GUEST BOOK on the narthex table with your name and contact info. Thank you for joining us and we hope to see you again.

#### **An announcement from the Sunday School!**

Often at the end of the Sunday School and Youth classes, we move to the gym for some play time and so, to make it easier for you to find your young people after the worship service, we will have our dismissal pick-up at the top of the stairs to the gym rather than in the classrooms. For those picking up children under 10, the sign-out sheets will be along the ledge as well. The gym is a wonderful space for our kids to have some energetic and safe fun - but we cannot leave kids there unattended. If you would like to help with supervising during the Fellowship Time after the service, please speak to Rev. Lorrie or one of the Sunday School teachers.

**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](http://bcuc.org). Sunday sermons can be found under the header 'Worship at Home' button the following week.

**February 11, 2024** – Transfiguration Sunday & Black History Month / All-Ages Service - Soup & Sandwich Lunch hosted by the Stewardship Team

#### **SEASON OF LENT:**

**February 14, 2024** – Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 PM, Shalom Room

**February 18, 2024** – First Sunday in Lent / Communion Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**February 25, 2024** – Second Sunday in Lent / SOSA Sunday

Guest Preacher: Rev. Diane Cardin

**CANDLELIGHTERS WANTED:** We are looking for volunteers (individuals, pairs or families) to light the Christ Candle every Sunday. A sign-up sheet until Easter Sunday is posted across from the church office. You may also call the church office or talk to Rev. Kim to secure a date. Thank you.

**WANTED - USED EYE GLASSES** Please don't throw them away. They can be recycled and given to help people both here in Canada and overseas. Place them in the marked drawer in the corridor next to the office



#### **AFFIRMATION STATION**

Let us know what you think!!! You are invited to answer a short, anonymous survey about your thoughts on the affirming process. Paper survey forms will be available in the narthex after the service and in the office during the week, or you can fill out the survey online

at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWGWSD5>.

The survey will close on February 26th.

**Sunday Sale of Grocery Gift Cards:** The church earns about \$2,000 each year by enabling people to purchase grocery cards for Loblaw, Sobey & FreshCo from the office. If someone was willing to sell cards during Fellowship Time after Sunday worship we could earn much more. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering for this task.

**Request:** The **West Ottawa Interfaith Bridge committee** invites an interested person from Bells Corners United Church to join the committee. We are represented by the three churches and the mosque in our neighbourhood and have two educational activities and an Interfaith Dinner each year. We also help the community in a variety of ways. Please contact Alison Bridgewater at 613 726 9099

**Book Sharing Circle and Meet-the-Author Night: Wednesday February 21, 7-8:30pm** to share our reading experience of **Betty Turcott's latest: Rebekah**. The meeting is by Zoom for round table discussion focussing on experience with the book and its relation to our own lived experience. Register by email to [cdmound@gmail.com](mailto:cdmound@gmail.com).

**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.

**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

**Camp Kalalla News:** 2024 Registration is open- come join the fun this summer! (Camper dates July 21-28)

Visit <http://kalalla.com/register/> for more info.

Bring a new friend to camp and get a discount on your registration! For more details, reach out to [registrar@kalalla.com](mailto:registrar@kalalla.com)

Bursaries are available, application deadline is approaching – please inquire at [registrar@kalalla.com](mailto:registrar@kalalla.com)

Want to help send a child to camp? We appreciate all support! Reach out to [treasurer@kalalla.com](mailto:treasurer@kalalla.com) for more info. (Tax receipts for donations over \$20).

Winter Fun Meet-up February 11, 2:00, at Lansdowne Park. Come visit your camp friends and help us make another super snow sculpture! RSVP to [campkalalla@gmail.com](mailto:campkalalla@gmail.com)

Please note, this event is weather dependent- please check our social media for updates. Instagram: @campkalalla49

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CampKalalla/>

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

**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.

**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

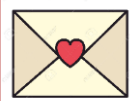
Metro - \$50, \$100

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.

COMING SOON at BCUC!!!

# DINNER & SHOW

# A MEANINGLESS HOUR

Written and performed by  
**Tom Sherwood**

## WHEN

**Fri 22 March 2024**  
**5:30 – 9:00 pm**

## WHERE

**Bells Corners United Church**

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**HUMOROUS  
THEOLOGICAL  
REFLECTION  
ON KING  
SOLOMON &  
THE BOOK OF  
ECCLESIASTES**

## SCHEDULE

**5:30 - 7:00 pm**  
Dinner by Two Men  
and a Stove

**7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
Show

**8:00 - 9:00 pm**  
Audience discussion

## TICKETS

**\$30 Dinner + Show**  
**\$10 Show only**  
(per person)

Available for  
purchase at the  
church office and at  
the door

## BENEFITING

**Camp Chipembi**  
**2024, Zambia**  
Partnership

*Tickets will be on sale this Sunday following morning  
worship.*

**Long Term Care Facility Residents**  
**Please keep the following people in your prayers**

David Bell	Peter D. Clarke, Nepean
Irene Bertrand	Thornccliffe, Nepean
Bea Blackwell	Stillwater Creek, Nepean
Irene Bossons	Valley Stream Manor, Nepean
Jo Brunskill	Red Oak, Kanata
Peggy Burton	Valley Stream Manor, Nepean
Betty Clarke	Carlingview Manor, Ottawa
Kathy & George Eaton	Starwood, Nepean
Jack Fraser	Park Place, Nepean
Geoff Gale	The Ravines, Ottawa
Jim Gardner	Park Place, Nepean
Helen Gordon	Valley Stream Manor, Nepean
Carl Halchuk	Park Place, Nepean
Marion Helgason	Stillwater Creek, Nepean
George James	Forest Hill, Kanata
Bill Johnson	Carleton Lodge, Nepean
Barbara McFall	Robertson House, Nepean
Derry Oke	Valley Stream Manor, Nepean
Norah Pacey	Hillel Lodge, Ottawa
Dave Peck	Valley Stream Manor, Nepean
Sheila Prince	Granite Ridge, Stittsville
Shirley & Earl Schaubel	Bridlewood Trails, Kanata
Pat Stoate	Stillwater Creek, Nepean
Kay Sutherland	The Courtyards, Kanata



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