

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: February 18, 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 will meet on Monday, February 26, 2 pm in the Shalom Rm. We will cover chapters 8 and 9 of the book. Monday, February 19 is Family Day Holiday.

Lectionary Group will NOT meet on Feb. 20. Discussion resumes February 27, 10:30 am in the Shalom Rm. Theme & Text: Jesus Clears the Temple (John 2: 13-22)

Book Club meets Wednesday February 21, 1:30pm

Church Board meets Wednesday February 21, 7pm.

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.

Notice of Vacation: Rev. Kim will be on vacation from Feb 19-25. For urgent matters that need her attention, please call the church office.

Thanks to all who attended the February 10 Pancake Supper hosted by the UP Group \$358. was raised to support Youth activities at BCUC!

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.

Thank You:

Communion Servers: Ron Knox, Ross Mutton, Neville Reed, Jordan Berard, Larry Ryan, Lola Ryan, Brian Lipsett, Bev Wilcox, Alan Bentley, Doug Jones

Coffee & Refreshment Servers:

Joan Gale & Nancy Wiles

Electronic Sign Progress: At long last Ottawa City Hall has approved the church application for installation of the electronic sign. Watch for installation to begin as soon as materials arrive.



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 fill out the survey online.

Copy the URL and paste into a browser

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

The survey will close on February 26th.

2023 Tax Receipts have been sent out by email. If you wish a printed receipt the office will be happy to provide one.

Membership Survey – To get a better picture of our congregation’s current demographic we will attempt to contact as many families and individuals as possible over the next few weeks. Our plan is to confirm basic contact information, age data and level of involvement. This data will help current and future boards and committees with planning for the needs of our congregation.

For those attending services we will have a table in the Main Hall during fellowship time starting next week. For those not in regular attendance we plan to contact you with a phone call. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Larry Ryan & Bev Wilcox, Membership

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. We are happy to announce that Vicki Martin will be our BCUC Camp Coordinator.

Sacred Harp Sing: Come to Bells Corners United Church for in-person singing on **Sunday 18 February**. Doors open at 1:30 pm and we'll sing from 2 - 4:30 pm with a break in the middle for tea and juice. Spread the word! We would like to encourage new participants. We will have at least one experienced leader who can help line out parts and teach newcomers the basics.

We'll have song books to lend and we'll be happy to share all there is to know to get started. All levels are welcome! 🌸

This is not performance-oriented: The goal is to be in community and to sing our little hearts out together! Shape Note music is a centuries-old 4 part harmony community choir style that uses relative pitch and rotating leadership.

To see and hear an example of Sacred Harp singing, see this [video clip](#). For more extensive information about the Sacred Harp tradition, see <https://fasola.org>.

Please bring your own mugs and any extra books you can find. Masks are optional but if you have any symptoms of respiratory infection or other communicable illness, please do not attend.

For more information, contact Susan Oke at 613 726-9817, or sboke24@gmail.com

The **BCUC Annual General Meeting** will take place **onsite and by Zoom on Sunday March 3rd at 11:30 AM**. The purpose of this meeting is to review and receive the 2023 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements and to approve the 2024 Activity Plan, Budget and Nominations Report, and various other items of importance.

To ensure the congregation is informed and ready to discuss, and that new business items are given an adequate amount of time for deliberation, members are encouraged to notify the Board of their intent to introduce any new items of business, or new motions (on topics outside of annual plans, budgets, nominations and items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting), by e-mailing Jordan Berard **before noon on Friday February 23rd**. A mover and a seconder for motions, as well as any background material that can be distributed to the congregation at least one week before the meeting, will also be appreciated.

The proposed Agenda, 2023 Annual Report, Financial Report, and other documents will be circulated to the congregation by e-mail by Sunday February 25th. If you need printed copies of any of the documents please contact the office and we will arrange for you to have them.

A Zoom link for those not able to attend the AGM in person will be circulated a few days before the AGM.

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 LENT:

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

March 3 – Third Sunday in Lent / AGM

Sermon Focus: “Jesus: A Social Prophet” (John 2: 13-22)

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.

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.

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

Sunday Sale of Grocery Gift Cards: The church earns about \$2,000 each year by enabling people to purchase grocery cards for Loblaws, 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.

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

Bursaries are available, application deadline is approaching – please inquire at registrar@kalalla.com

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

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 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.



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.

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
3955 Old Richmond Road, Ottawa, Ontario
Telephone: 613-820-8103
Email: office@bcuc.org

**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

<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>Derry Oke</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, 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>
<i>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.