

## 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 25, 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.

**UCW Executive** meets Monday February 26, 7pm

**Lectionary Group** resumes February 27, 10:30 am in the Shalom Rm. Theme & Text: Jesus Clears the Temple (John 2: 13-22)

**Affirming Committee** meets Tuesday February 27, 7:30 pm

**Victoria's Quilts** meets Wednesday February 28, 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 is on vacation from Feb 19-25. For urgent matters that need her attention, please call the church office.

#### Thank You:

**Coffee & Refreshment Servers:**

Yvonne McCartney & Leven Woo

**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.

#### Lenten Project 2024 Update: Multifaith Housing Initiative

Our SOSA Committee has set a goal of **\$8000** to contribute towards the MHI **Dream LeBreton Capital Campaign of \$1.5M**. Upon completion of this project, **MHI** will own and operate 130 housing units, which will add to their current 139 homes.

For more information about MHI, listen to our guest speakers at our Worship Service this Sunday, Rev. Dianne Cardin, and Dr. Sahada Alolo.

**How to donate: cheque** – made out to BCUC; Lenten Project on memo line: **cash:** or **etransfer**



#### 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.

**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 our fellowship time. 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

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.

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. Copies of some items will be available for pickup Sunday morning from the narthex table.

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 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)

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

**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.

Once again there will be **free income tax clinics** sponsored by Canada Revenue Agency’s Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) held at Christ Church Bells Corners (CCBC) for those with modest incomes and simple returns. Details are available, along with other tax clinics, on the CVITP website at: <https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/oecv/external/prot/cli>

**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.

**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.

**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

### **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

**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**

3955 Old Richmond Road, Ottawa, Ontario  
Telephone: 613-820-8103  
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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 Chinembi  
2024, Zambia  
Partnership

**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
Don Ferguson	Stillwater Creek, 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.*

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