

**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: March 31, 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 at the Church:**

**Affirm** meets Tuesday April 2, 7:30 pm

**Worship/CE C'tee** meets Wednesday April 3, 7pm

**Lectionary Group** will take a break on April 2 and will meet again on Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 am.

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

**(No Men's Coffee on Good Friday).**

*Thanks to all who attended the March 22 Meaningless Hour dinner and presentation by Tom Sherwood, \$1,410 has been raised for the Camp Chipembi Fund!*

**Thank You:**

**Communion Servers:** Doug Jones, Larry Ryan, Lola Ryan, Bob Boynton, Joan Gale, Brian Lipsett, Ron Knox, Jordan Berard,

**Coffee & Refreshment Servers:**

Marion Dugas & Joyce Garinther

**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.

**April 7 is MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY!** If you would like to transfer your membership from another United Church congregation to BCUC or want to discuss how to become a member, please speak with Rev. Kim. New members will be recognized on April 7.

**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.

**SEASON OF LENT / EASTER / EASTERTIDE:**

**March 29** – Good Friday Service, 10 am

**March 31** – Easter Sunday / All-Ages Service

Sermon Focus: "Jesus: A Wisdom Teacher" (John 20: 1-18)

**April 7** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter / Membership Sunday

Sermon Focus: "Jesus: A Peaceful Presence" (John 20: 19-31)

**April 14** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader : Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**LENTEN PROJECT UPDATE!** Ground breaking will begin later this month for the construction of the Dream LeBreton project where MHI will, upon completion, own and operate 130 of the affordable units. Continue to check out our progress on the SOSA bulletin board (our apartment building!) as we strive to raise \$8000 towards the Dream LeBreton Capital Campaign of \$1.5 million. **To date \$9,000 has been raised! We did it and more!!**

**You can still donate:** Cheque made out to BCUC (Lenten Project on memo line), cash or by e-transfer

**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. **Roz Russell Turk** has offered to sell cards at the table in the corner of the Main Hall on Sunday mornings when she is available. If you see Roz at the table stop by! Help us earn more by purchasing gift cards on Sunday morning. You may always purchase grocery cards from the church office as well. The following grocery cards are available for purchase:

Loblaws - \$50, \$100, \$250

Metro - \$50, \$100 Sobey's/FreshCo/IGA - \$50, \$100

You may pay with cash or cheque payable to BCUC, with 'gift card' in the memo line.

**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. Registration information is available on the BCUC website. Vicki Martin will be our BCUC Camp Coordinator.

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

**Attention Broadview subscribers:** It's time to renew your subscription! For just \$30 (including tax), you'll receive 8 more issues of *Broadview* delivered straight to your mailbox. You won't want to miss out on a single issue of the magazine's award-winning coverage of spirituality, social justice and ethical living, as well as United Church news and perspectives.

You may provide your **renewal by cash or cheque (payable to BCUC with Broadview in the memo line) to the office or on the offering plate on Sunday mornings by May 15.** **\*\*Please note that there is a new renewal date.**

Not a subscriber? It's never too late to join our *Broadview* subscription group! **Ellen Boynton** can help you get signed up today. And remember — the discounted \$30 rate is **ONLY** for group members.



## Affirmation Station

The Affirming Circle once again thanks everyone who joined us for our recent PIE Sunday service, "pie fellowship," and after-service workshop on March 10th! Through these activities, we began important conversations about the Affirming process and considering the difference between being a welcoming congregation and an Affirming one. We listened to each other's hopes and concerns about the process, and identified important areas for further conversation.

We're eager to keep the conversation going at a second workshop after the service on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>! Over sandwiches, we will continue to discuss the potential benefits and challenges of becoming an Affirming Ministry, and examine case studies based on real events that will help us understand the importance of Affirming faith communities.

Childcare will be provided during the workshop.

Information about Affirming and comments shared at the PIE Sunday workshop will be on display in the Main Hall each Sunday for the next few weeks. Please drop by to have a look!

**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.

**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>

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

**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

**Kanata United Church** will be holding their annual **Book Fair May 9-11**, Thursday & Friday 3pm – 8pm and Saturday 9am – 2pm. Book Drop will be April 6-28, 9:30 am – 8pm. Visit [www.kuc.ca](http://www.kuc.ca) for more details.

**Tom Sherwood's 'A Meaningless Hour'** presentation will be made at Orleans United Church on Friday April 12, 7pm for those who may have missed it at BCUC. Cost is \$20.

**Wednesday April 3 at 7 pm** on Carleton U campus – Free admission and refreshments

Here is the College of the Humanities promo:

**“Eat, Drink and Be Merry!”**

**A Meaningless Hour with King Solomon & the Book of Ecclesiastes**

**Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7 pm**

**Humanities Theatre**

**Room 303 Patterson Hall in the College of the Humanities**

**Performance followed by Audience Talkback and Refreshments**

Tom Sherwood becomes “King Solomon” or “Ecclesiastes,” the author of the biblical book, and reflects on life from an elder’s perspective, looking back over a career and a lifetime.

Funny, serious, biblical, theological, entertaining, thought-provoking, discussion-starting. **FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Ham Dinner at Carleton Memorial —Saturday, April 13 at 6 pm:** Carleton Memorial United Church invites you to our ham dinner with all the fixings and musical entertainment on Saturday, April 13 at 6 pm! For tickets: 613-224-3761. Please purchase in advance: Adults: \$30, Children (8-12): \$15. 740 Melfa Crescent. [www.cmuc.ca](http://www.cmuc.ca).

**Grand Opening Celebration for Hollyer House** will be held Friday April 19, 2pm, 3865 Old Richmond Rd. RSVP to [ccbc.churchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ccbc.churchoffice@gmail.com) or 613-829-1826.

**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

**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.

**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:**

## 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>Don Ferguson</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Jack Fraser</i>	<i>Park Place, Nepean</i>
<i>Geoff Gale</i>	<i>The Ravines, Ottawa</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 &amp; 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.*



### 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.

**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.**

## *2024 Easter Flower Memorial Donations*

<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>In Memory of</b></i>		
Peggy Aitchison	Ian, my Husband	Ron Knox	Ellie & Family Members
Pat Atkinson	Bill, Larry & Grant	Margaret Lodge & Family	Ida & Lew Blackwell, and Bruce Lodge
Keith & Angela Bailey	Our Parents & a Brother	Neil & Lorrie Lowes	Family Gone Too Soon
Darrell Barnes	Audrey-Lynne Barnes	Vicki Martin	My Grandparents
Nicole Beaudry	Gerald Okolowsky	Diane & Jim Maxwell	Loved Ones
Nicole Beaudry	Didus Gerry, Lucie Okolowsky & Alice Ruzicky	Doris McElligott, Scott & Family	Donald McElligott
Alan Bentley	Betty Bentley	Nora & Bill McGee	Our Parents
Ross & Jean Brown	Our Parent & Other Loved Ones	Linda Miller	My Husband Don Miller
Jean Brunton	Parents & Brother	Wendy Morrell	John Morrell
Johanna Burrows	John, Susan	Wendy Morrell	Parents Leo & Edna Stewart
Jean Butler	Son Philip Butler	Wendy Morrell	Alice Recker & Peter Lanoue (Parents)
Bernice Miller Crawford	Howard Crawford	Sue & Rick Morrison	Loved Ones
Bernice Miller Crawford	My Family	Ross Mutton	Gail, Our Parents, Gail's Brothers & Sister
June Cuthbert	Loved Ones	Virginia Notley	Lorrie & Bill Wilson – My Parents
Sarah Donaldson	Dorothy Donaldson & Loved Ones	Jan & Norm Pound	Our Parents
Pat Dulude	Family & Friends	Ron & Sheila Prince	Sheila's & Ron's Parents
Marg Eddy	Family & Friends	Shirley Reid	Allan Reid
Ruth & Ian Howes	Loved Ones	John & Sally Ross	Loved Ones
David Hughes, Sally & Victor Lujetic	Shirley Hughes	Ryan Family	Loved Ones
Idongesit Inyang	Loved Ones	Ross & Elsa Snider	Loved Ones
Glenna Jackson	Husband & Parents	Chris & Hugh Spence	Our Parents
Avril Milne & Bill Johnson	Our Daughter Emma	Barbara & David Stafford	Loved Ones
Kim Family	Young Hoon Kim	Desna Sulway	My Husband Vernon
		Vidal Family	Efraim A. Vidal

Linda Ward

Parents, Brother, Sister & Friends

Denis Watson

Cynthia Watson

Jean Watson

My Brother Leslie