

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Ministers: Rev. Kim Vidal, Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Music Director: Abe TeGrotenhuis

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

Church Office Hours: Monday- Friday, 9:00 am-12 noon; 1 -4 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS: April 7, 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:

Victoria's Quilts meets Monday April 8, 1pm

Lectionary Group meets on Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 am. Theme and Text: Jesus Appears to the Disciples (Luke 24:36b-48). Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

Pastoral Care meets Tuesday April 9, 2:30pm

M&P meets Wednesday April 10, 2pm

SOSA meets Thursday April 11, 1pm

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 STUDY LEAVE: Rev. Kim will be on Study Leave on April 10-14. For any ministerial and pastoral care concerns, please speak with Rev. Lorrie.

The SOSA BCUC fundraising for the MHI Dream LeBreton Capital Campaign has ended on a very high note! Thanks to all those who have supported this cause. We have surpassed our goal of \$8000 with the total now standing at \$9,900. A cheque will be forwarded to Multifair Housing Initiative towards this new affordable housing initiative on LeBreton Flats. Ground breaking to take place this spring!

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:

Coffee & Refreshment Servers: Pierre & Marion Dugas

Spring issue of BellRinger: It's time for a newsletter. Please submit items to the church office **by Friday April 12 for publication by April 26.**

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 EASTERTIDE:

April 7 – 2nd Sunday of Easter / Membership Sunday

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

April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

April 21 – 4th Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday

Sermon Focus : "Jesus: A Good Shepherd" (John 20: 19-31)

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

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>

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 is 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.

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.



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 7th! 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!

MHI Annual General Meeting will be held in-person on Sunday April 21 at The Hall of Peace, 241 Northwestern Ave, Ottawa, ON K1Y 0M1.

Registration: 2:00 pm

Meeting: 2:30 pm ****NEW TIME****

Reception: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

OWECC Annual Meeting will be held Sunday April 21, 2- 3:30pm at Bells Corners United Church, Main Hall in person only. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Come discover **Shape Note Singing** on **Sunday April 14**, in the Music Room. We sing from 2-4:30 pm with a break. (bring your own mug, please, tea will be available). Shape Note singing is a centuries old tradition of 4 part harmony hymn singing designed to help people learn to read music in the true community singing tradition, all are welcome. We sing only for our own enjoyment. There will be a brief introduction of basics for newcomers and we have books (The Sacred Harp, 1991 edition) to loan. For more information, call Susan Oke at {613} 726-9817

BCUC Board Chair Needed: We are beginning a new year of Church Board and Committee work without a Board Chair. Over the past year we have functioned with rotating chairs for monthly Board meetings which serves immediate needs but does not provide the continuity that having a named chair would provide. If you have any time to share for this important role Board members will be very happy to provide support and background information. We are a vibrant congregation and serving in a leadership role can be very satisfying. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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).

Want to help get our site ready for our summer fun? Come lend a hand at the June Work Party! (June 8/9) Email campkalalla@gmail.com for details.

Instagram: @campkalalla49

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

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.

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 for more details.

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.

Grand Opening Celebration for Hollyer House will be held Friday April 19, 2pm, 3865 Old Richmond Rd. RSVP to cbc.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: Please continue to be safe when attending events here at the church. Feel free to wear a mask if you choose.

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.

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.

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>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 & 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.

