

## BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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**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: April 21, 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:

**Lectionary Group** meets on Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 am. Theme and Text: "I Am the Vine" (John 15: 1-8). All welcome!

**Church Board** meets Wednesday April 24, 7pm

**Victoria's Quilts** meets Wednesday April 24, 7pm

**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:

**Coffee & Refreshment Servers:** Yvonne McCartney & Leven Woo

**Volunteering matters.** *We say a big thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who guide the United Church nationally, and to the countless volunteers in communities across the country. By sharing your time, skills, empathy, and creativity you strengthen our communities and our United Church. During National Volunteer Week, April 14–20, 2024, we recognize every volunteer and celebrate their contribution to the United Church. Thank you for all that you do!*

**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.

**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 EASTERTIDE:

**April 21** - 4th Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday

Sermon Focus : "Jesus: A Good Shepherd" (John 10 : 11-18)

**April 28** – 5th Sunday of Easter / Earth Sunday

Sermon Focus : "Jesus: A True Vine" (John 15 : 1-8)

**May 5** – 6th Sunday of Easter / BCUC 174th Anniversary Sunday

Sermon Focus : "Jesus: A Friend for the Journey" (John 15 : 9-17)

**Congregational Photo Sunday** – right after the service on May 5th

Theme : "Nature Prints & Pastels"

**ASK THE MINISTERS!** If you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding the sermon, please fill in a feedback form and drop it in the sermon box located in the narthex. Rev. Kim and/or Rev. Lorrie will respond. Thank you!

**Used Eclipse Glasses:** Please consider donating your eclipse glasses for schools in South America where there will be an October eclipse. You will find a basket in the Entryway for donations.

**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, Sobeys & FreshCo from the office. **Roz Russell Turk** sells 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

Sobeys/FreshCo/IGA - \$50, \$100

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

#### **Mark Your Calendars:**

**Sunday Evening, May 5** plan to attend a **Spring Choir Concert** presented by the choirs and musical friends of BCUC!

**Saturday May 11**, BCUC will hold its annual **Spring Garage Sale**. Save your donations to bring in on the Friday through the day. Kim will be selling SPRING ROLLS on May 11. She will take orders the last week of April and maybe cook some at the sale.

**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.

**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



## **Affirmation Station**

### **Let's Learn some Trans-words and Their Usage**

**Transgender:** describes someone whose gender identity doesn't correspond with their sex as assigned at birth. This word is 100% polite.

**Transsexual:** a transgender person, especially one who has undergone sex reassignment, with or without surgery. This word, with its focus on anatomy and physiology, may be appropriate in a medical context. Otherwise avoid it unless a person identifies themselves as transsexual.

**Transvestite:** a person who dresses in clothes primarily associated with the "other" sex or gender. This word is outdated and has a negative connotation. A more neutral replacement is "crossdresser" or, if it's done as part of a certain kind of public performance, "drag queen," "drag king," or "drag performer."

**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.

**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.

**Ottawa is hosting a first-of-its-kind pan-Canadian forum for better income security - through a Basic Income Guarantee. BIG - The Forum** will be held **May 23 - 26, 2024** at the **University of Ottawa** and will explore the issues people face struggling with many crises - food insecurity, housing affordability, precarious jobs, mental distress, anxiety about today and lack of hope for the future. These issues and many others are not only about income, but they are always about income. With enough income, people have options and the capacity to help themselves and take good necessary risks. The need is urgent! The solutions are effective and affordable. **Check out the program at [www.forum2024.ca](http://www.forum2024.ca)** to see the amazing, diverse line up of speakers and plan to attend. There are a number of registration options to allow those with limited financial means to consider attending.

#### **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).

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](mailto:campkalalla@gmail.com) for details.

Instagram: @campkalalla49

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

**The Lakeside Players** will present their spring production of ‘Rumours’, a farce by Neil Simon, April 25-28, at the Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre. Directed by our own Cathy Dowsett and including Will Wightman in the cast, the production is not to be missed! Tickets: [www.lakesideplayers.com](http://www.lakesideplayers.com)

**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.

#### **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](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.

## Long Term Care Facility Residents

***Please keep the following people in your prayers***

*David Bell*

*Irene Bertrand*

*Bea Blackwell*

*Irene Bossons*

*Jo Brunskill*

*Betty Clarke*

*Kathy & George Eaton*

*Don Ferguson*

*Jack Fraser*

*Geoff Gale*

*Helen Gordon*

*George James*

*Bill Johnson*

*Barbara McFall*

*Derry Oke*

*Norah Pacey*

*Dave Peck*

*Sheila Prince*

*Shirley & Earl Schaubel*

*Pat Stoate*

*Kay Sutherland*

*Peter D. Clarke, Nepean*

*Thornccliffe, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Red Oak, Kanata*

*Carlingview Manor, Ottawa*

*Starwood, Nepean*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*Park Place, Nepean*

*The Ravines, Ottawa*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Forest Hill, Kanata*

*Carleton Lodge, Nepean*

*Robertson House, Nepean*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Hillel Lodge, Ottawa*

*Valley Stream Manor, Nepean*

*Granite Ridge, Stittsville*

*Bridlewood Trails, Kanata*

*Stillwater Creek, Nepean*

*The Courtyards, Kanata*



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