

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 12noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 6, 2022

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.

***Current Office Hours:** The church office is **open Monday – Friday, 9am – 12noon.**

Lectionary Group meets Tuesday, March 8 at 10:30 am via Zoom. Theme & Text: Jesus Cries Over Jerusalem (Luke 13:31-35). All welcome to attend!

M&P meets Wednesday March 9, 2:00 pm at the church

The **BCUC Annual General Meeting** will take place on Zoom on **Sunday March 6th at 11:15 AM.** The purpose of this meeting is to review and receive the 2021 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements and to approve the 2022 Annual Activity Plan, Budget and Nominations Report, and various other items of importance.

The proposed Agenda, 2021 Annual Report, Financial Report, and other documents have been circulated to the congregation by e-mail. 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 the AGM will be circulated with this mailing.

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.

HYMN-SING is back! Would you like your favourite hymn sung in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a joyful occasion? With a suggested minimum donation of \$30, your hymn request will be featured in one of the Sunday services from March 13 until June 5. Proceeds from this fundraising will be used for a "Welcome Back Family Picnic" sometime in June! Please send your name, hymn request and dedication to the office via email. Donations can be made by e-transfer, cash or cheque, payable to BCUC with the note: "Hymn-Sing". Thank you for supporting this initiative.

BellRinger Lent/Easter Issue: It has been too long since we have had a church newsletter. We are aiming to create one for publication on April 8. If you will submit items to the office by March 21, we will be able to share details of what is happening in the congregation despite months and months of limited activity.

Memorial Flower Donations: To provide an opportunity for families to remember loved ones who have passed, we are providing a virtual Easter flowers memorial donation option for this year. Funds will be used to buy flowers for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday and to create a fund for sanctuary flowers throughout the year. As in the past, you may make a minimum donation of \$10. A virtual flower display with the loved ones' names and the memorial will be included in the online version of the services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Some live flowers will be placed in the

Sanctuary. **Please send your donation, including your memorial request, to the Church Office by April 4.** For payment, the following are options:

- Drop off your request with either cash or cheque through the mail slot at the kitchen door
- Mail in your request with a cheque to the Church Office
- Email your request to the Church Office, and pay via e-transfer – mark your transaction “Easter Flowers” in the message line of the e-transfer (not preferred since there is a charge/transaction)

2021 Tax Receipts have been sent to the congregation electronically and by regular mail for those without computer access. If you need your receipt printed please contact the church office and we will mail it to you. Also, if you did not receive your receipt please contact the church office to have it resent or check your Spam folder.

****Onsite Worship is Back **** Please review the questions on the website before coming to ensure that you are well. We look forward to seeing you soon. And we are invited to sing, albeit through masks but it does bring joy!

Coffee & Friends meets Thursday mornings, 9:15 am. If you are looking for conversation and friendship, come along and join the group. For details, call Bev Wilcox at 613-829-1180.

BCUC Men’s Club Coffee Morning resumes onsite Friday mornings on March 4 at 10am. Information: David Stafford 613-592-0296

Broadview renewal time is here!! Please support our award-winning national church magazine by renewing your subscription at \$25, payable to BCUC by cheque, cash (preferable) or by e-transfer, or by starting a new subscription. *Broadview* makes a great gift as well as providing stimulating reading material on a broad range of topics relating to our daily Canadian lives. The magazine struggles, as do all print media. Your support is vital to its continued existence. For information please contact the church office.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES: (Onsite & In the comfort of your home!)
Text format of the worship service will be emailed to you.
Video recordings and text will be posted on our website at bcuc.org.

Tune in via Telephone anytime: 613-820-8104

Season of Lent:

Sermon Series: “The Way of Being”

March 6 – First Sunday in Lent / Communion / Annual General Meeting

Sermon Focus: “Being Human” (Luke 4: 1-13)

March 13 – Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: “Being Vulnerable” (Luke 13: 31-35)

March 20 – Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon Focus: “Being Truthful” (Luke 13: 1-9)

Our Lenten Project for 2022 is to provide much needed food items for FAMSAC. Please see their message below and drop off items.....

FAMSAC Food Cupboard has been helping supplement groceries for families in our community since 1969. Last December FAMSAC assisted 262 families during the Christmas Campaign.

Many thanks to all who have helped out over the years, and a special thank you to Glenna Jackson and Helen Spearman.

Donations are always welcome and there is a list of items particularly appreciated below. Also listed are phone numbers and websites if you would be interested in learning more about FAMSAC, volunteering, or making a financial contribution to help cover costs related to our move this year. We are going to the new Housing Project beside Christ Church in Bells Corners, partnering with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre.

FAMSAC Contact info: 613-820-5428 -info@famsac.ca

2194 Robertson Road, unit 21 (in mall near the Scottish and Irish store)

Items particularly appreciated:

- pancake mix & syrup
- green & yellow beans
- cereal
- school snacks - juice boxes
 - nut free granola bars
 - fruit cups
- canned fruit
- canned meat (chicken, ham)
- canned pasta (e.g. Chef Boyardee)
- baked beans (no meat)

- cookies
- rice

We would also welcome financial contributions to the construction project which now has a public fundraising page with a FAMSAC section. It is available at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/W6MKZ>. Thank you!

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 Rev. Lorrie.

Jigsaw Puzzles: Puzzles in a variety of sizes are on a table in the entryway and you are welcome to come by during office hours and borrow a puzzle or two or to donate puzzles you may have received for Christmas, have done and are now ready to give away.

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.

The construction of the **Church/Community Building in Chipembi, Zambia** is proceeding well. The building now has a roof! Now begins the work on the inside - wiring, plumbing, interior walls and finishing - all important (and expensive) parts of the process toward making this the building the community of Chipembi needs. Our most recent report shows that the funds we sent in the fall (\$8,300 CDN from each of the two Ottawa churches) are now nearly depleted. We will be sending another instalment in the near future to ensure that progress continues. Your support has been amazing! - and we hope your generosity will continue so that this project and other, much needed ones can be completed.

You can Help! Buy a virtual "brick" - or many! - at \$5 each. Gather your family, your friends, your choir, your Sunday School class... raid your piggy bank, hold a fundraiser, return bottles... Use your imagination! **Make your donation to Bells Corners United Church (Zambia Partnership Fund)**. Let's make a difference in this small community!



If you would like to listen to BCUC choir anthems from recent years, this is the link to the entire archive which is updated regularly...

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d7m3zZp1QNtTadLk8H3k-Fwc8grrjZda?usp=sharing>

CONTINUE TO GIVE! Thank you for your continued love and support to BCUC! Please remember that costs of maintaining the church and paying salaries still need to be met. Your generosity is much appreciated. The following options are available:

- E-transfer
- Drop off offering envelopes or cheques in the mail slot located in the kitchen door or mail them to BCUC.
- For non-PAR users, consider using PAR – call the office for more information.
- Donate through [canadahelps.org](https://www.canadahelps.org)
- Contact the church office about donating Securities.

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 video recordings and text format of the worship services, Sunday School resources and weekly announcements and updates.

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 \$5.00.

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 each.

We are a group of volunteers who are helping the Afghans who helped our Canadian Forces Ottawa and many are currently looking for housing as they have now received their Canadian documents.

They have begun settling the Afghan refugees and some of the families are large. I think they are moving 10 families out of the temporary housing this week. Here is the wish list: Please note we are not asking or accepting clothes and are only providing furniture to the families

We also ask items be washed, clean and not torn.

1. Everything Kitchen (pots, pans, cutlery, toasters, microwaves, spatulas, dishes, glasses, mugs etc) Kettles for boiling water is a big thing.
2. Beds - Mattresses and **Box springs** - singles, bunkbeds, double and queen size (singles are in huge demand as the families are quite large) cribs. We are not accepting king size beds at the moment.
3. Bedding - sheets, blankets, pillows, pillowslips
4. Dressers -
5. Sofas and living room chairs
6. Dining Table and chairs
7. Lamps
8. Desks (not large ones please)

In short - just about everything but clothes and king size mattresses. Drop off is across from St. Elias Greek Orthodox on Ridgewood Avenue. Warehouse is not always open so it would be best to contact me to arrange drop-off time.

People can contact us at Afghanmove2022@gmail.com or telephone Mary Logan directly @ 613 853

**** Bells Corners United Church will accept donations which will be taken to the warehouse from time to time. Please contact the church office for more information**

Long Term Care Facility Residents

Please keep the following people in your prayers

<i>Beth Begbie</i>	<i>Thornccliffe Place, Nepean</i>
<i>Harold & Bea Blackwell</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Ida Blackwell</i>	<i>Carleton Lodge, Nepean</i>
<i>Irene Bossons</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor</i>
<i>Betty Clarke</i>	<i>Carlingview Manor, Ottawa</i>
<i>Ken Davidson</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Bill Dormer</i>	<i>Saint-Vincent Hospital, Ottawa</i>
<i>Kathy & George Eaton</i>	<i>Starwood, Nepean</i>
<i>Jack Fraser</i>	<i>Park Place Seniors' Suites & Retirement Residence</i>
<i>Geoff Gale</i>	<i>The Ravines, Ottawa</i>
<i>Helen Gordon</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor</i>
<i>Carl Halchuk</i>	<i>Park Place, Nepean</i>
<i>Marion Helgason</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Doug MacKechnie</i>	<i>Stillwater Creek, Nepean</i>
<i>Barbara McFall</i>	<i>Lynwood Park Lodge, Nepean</i>
<i>Dave Peck</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, Nepean</i>
<i>Thelma Seguin</i>	<i>Robertson House, Nepean</i>
<i>Sherrill Shaver</i>	<i>Garden Terrace, Kanata</i>
<i>Bill Wilson</i>	<i>Redwoods, Nepean</i>



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