

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Chair, Church Board: Rotating

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 5, 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, May 7, 10:30 am. Theme and Text: "Love One Another" (John 17: 6-19). All welcome!

Affirming Circle meets Tuesday May 7, 7:30 pm.

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

This Sunday Evening, May 5, 7pm come and bring your friends to the **Choir Spring Concert** presented by the choirs and musical friends of BCUC!

Saturday May 11, BCUC will hold its annual **Spring Garage Sale, 9am – 1pm.**

Bring donations in on Friday through the day. Please contact Bob & Ellen Boynton if you can volunteer to help with one of the sales areas.

Kim will be selling SPRING ROLLS on May 11. She is now accepting orders. Sign-up sheet is posted across from the office.

*Memorial Flowers are placed today in memory of Jim Walker,
with love forever, from Ann & family.*

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. Sunday sermons can be found under the header 'Worship at Home' button the following week.

SEASON OF EASTERTIDE:

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"

May 12 – 7th Sunday of Easter / Christian Family Sunday / Baptism
Sermon Focus: "Abide in my Love" (John 17:6–19)

May 19 – Pentecost Sunday / All-Ages Worship Service
Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

MHI's Tulipathon Walkathon, a walk for affordable housing is scheduled for **Sunday May 26** in the afternoon. SOSA is looking for walkers and sponsors for this event. This is a picturesque, pleasant 2 km walk around Dow's Lake. We're looking for walkers and sponsors! For more information, contact Barbara Bole Stafford (bbole@sympatico.ca) or (613) 592-0296.

Quarterly Financial Report to BCUC Congregation – Quarter ending March 31,

2024: As this is the end of the first quarter, the target numbers are at 25%. Thanks to the continued generosity of members of the church total revenue to the end of March was \$ \$97,200 which represents 20% of budgeted revenue, somewhat off target but actually a slight improvement compared to last year. Envelope givings are at 20% of projected, an improvement from last year, PAR givings sit at 26%. Rental income continues to do well at 27%. Loblaws and other gift cards income is already at 51% of goal. Events is only at 5% as we have not yet had the garage sale.

The continued endeavour of committees to keep expenses at a minimum led to total expenses at 24% of target, so we are holding the line on our expenses as was the case last year. We continue to meet our commitments in support and service.

The budget for this year projected a \$28,000 deficit. The current deficit is \$26,300. Securities donations and the Christmas Fair will help reduce that. We need to work at reducing that deficit so we end the year with a balanced budget. Your continued support of BCUC is greatly appreciated and allows us to make a difference. - Ross Mutton, Treasurer

Used Eclipse Glasses: Thank you for all the eclipse glasses received to date. Your donated eclipse glasses will go to schools in South America where there will be an October eclipse. You will find a basket in the Entryway for donations.

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** 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.

The United Church of Canada designated MAY as Asian Heritage Month. Rev. Kim is one of the panelists for a **free webinar:** "Stories and Narratives: God-Talks from Diasporic Filipino Ministers in The UCCan" May 28, 2024 7:00 -8:30 pm ET. Link to register: <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=174>



Affirmation Station

What does nonbinary mean?

“Nonbinary” is a term used to describe genders that don’t fall into one of the two categories traditionally recognized by our society. Other terms include genderqueer, agender, bigender, genderfluid, etc. These words vary in their meanings, but all describe an experience of gender that is not simply male or female (or man/woman). Although the concept may be new to some of us, nonbinary gender identities have been recognized by many other cultures and societies for thousands of years.

There are many ways to be nonbinary. Some nonbinary people have a gender identity that blends elements of being a man or a woman. Some people identify as a different gender that is neither man nor woman and some don't identify with any gender. There are also people whose gender changes over time. The best way to understand what it means to be nonbinary is to get to know people as individuals.

Come discover **Shape Note Singing** on **Sunday May 12** 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. Information: Susan Oke (613) 726-9817

Here is our version of what we used to call the Doxology.

<https://youtu.be/57YcLE-1yEs?si=phe4ns1disj5BDmy>

We always start with this one. Melody always in the tenor line, and tenor part sung by men and women in both registers. You can add it to the notice, if you like. You hear them following the tradition of singing the names of the shapes before the words.

May is PAR Month :_You will see colourful posters on bulletin boards around the church promoting the use of PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) as an efficient consistent way of supporting the work of our congregation. If you are not already on PAR please consider signing up. We are told that 75 households currently donate via PAR. Contact the office for an application form and make that number even higher!

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!

West Ottawa Interfaith Bridge is holding an educational event at BCUC on **Sunday May 26th** about **rituals in Islam and Christianity from 2:00 - 4:00pm**. It will take the form of a panel discussion. Everyone is invited.

The two topics are 'What are the rituals involved in weddings and the celebrations within our faith communities? What celebrations may occur among friends and families before and after?

What are the rituals we use to welcome people into the faith community from infancy to adulthood? How are the candidates prepared?

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.

Camp Kalalla Work Party (June 8, 9) Come join the Camp Kalalla community on June 8 and/or 9 as we open the camp up after the winter! Contact Maureen at mlcleary@rogers.com for more info and to RSVP. Come see the site, meet others in our community, and lend a hand as we get ready to welcome this summer's campers. **Volunteer hours happily signed for high school students!**

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.

Kanata United Church will be holding their annual **Book Fair May 9-11**, Thursday & Friday 3pm – 8pm and Saturday 9am – 2pm. Visit www.kuc.ca for more details.

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: Renewal deadline is **May 15!** 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, by mail or on the offering plate on Sunday mornings.**

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.

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** 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.

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.

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.

HEALTH CONCERNS: Please continue to be safe when attending events here at the church. Feel free to wear a mask if you choose.

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.

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.

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
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
Helen Gordon	Valley Stream Manor, 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
Ron Stone	Valley Stream Manor, 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.

BCUC SPRING GARAGE SALE
Saturday May 11, 9 am – 1 pm

Please bring items in during the day (**up till 7 pm**) on **Friday**. For pickup of items call coordinators Bob & Ellen Boynton, 828-3820. For questions or offers of help, please call the persons named for each area. We cannot accept window blinds, mattresses, carpets, curtains, drapes, sofa beds, bed frames, closet doors, microwaves, computers, monitors, printers and would rather not accept metal cookie tins, lampshades, wicker baskets or electrical fixtures. Please, no broken, cracked or chipped items and no out of season sports equipment.

Plant Table: House plants and hostas, ground covers (eg. periwinkle, violets, geranium family etc) Nicole Beaudry, 406-0013

Bake Table: Plan to donate to the Bake Table, eg. simple foods such as loaves, cookies, squares, breads, cupcakes, muffins. Leven Woo, 721-1524 & Emily Woo, 402-4798

Women's & Children's Clothing: Marion Dugas, 829-8196 is coordinator. Donations of good clean women's and children's clothing are welcome.

Linens: Bev Wilcox, 829-1180 will be selling all sorts of household linens including bedding, bathroom towels, kitchen linens. Please ensure that donations are **clean** and **not worn out**.

Books/CD's/DVD's/Movies/Records/Puzzles: Bring your donations and take home a new supply! Please no encyclopedia, magazines, textbooks. Wayne Digby, 204-761-3754

Furniture: Ron Knox, 820-0980 & Jerry McGregor, 829-1254 will be selling household and garden furniture.

White Elephant/Seasonal Sporting Goods: Please bring your donations of household and seasonal sports items. Larry & Lola Ryan, 794-2910

Children's Books & Toys: Monica Peck, 868-3569 will sell children's toys, games, books etc.

Kim's Spring Rolls will be available to purchase frozen or fresh cooked on the day.