

## 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: May 12, 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 May 13, 1pm

**Lectionary Group** meets on Tuesday, May 14, 10:30 am. Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes. All welcome!

**Book Club** meets Wednesday May 15, 1:30 pm

**UCW will hold their AGM** starting a potluck supper on **Wednesday May 15, 5:30 pm**. Bring your own dishes and cutlery. Program features speakers from Ruddy Shenkman Hospice who will speak about palliative care. All welcome.

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

**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 need items picked up for the sale.

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 Eulah Shier  
with love forever, from daughter Anne & 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.

*Thank you to all who attended the Spring Concert this past Sunday evening the BCUC Operating Fund is richer by \$577 and everyone had a good time!*

#### Thank You to Volunteers Serving Refreshments:

Griz Morrison & Sam Tweedle

**NOTICE OF STUDY LEAVE:** Rev. Kim will be on Study Leave from May 13-20. For all ministerial concerns, please speak with Rev. Lorrie.

**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 currently have **86 households donating via PAR**. Contact the office for an application form and make that number even higher!

**MHI's Tulipathon Walkathon:** **Join us, adults, children, teens for a** picturesque, pleasant 2 km walk around Dow's Lake to support affordable housing. Tulipathon participants have been walking this path for almost 25 years! The walk is scheduled for **Sunday May 26** at 3 pm. We need more walkers and sponsors. Look for more information and our sign-up table in the Main Hall this Sunday. Contact Barbara Bole Stafford ([bbole@sympatico.ca](mailto:bbole@sympatico.ca)) or (613) 592-0296 if you have questions.

**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.

*Well Done! Thank you to all who participated in Membership's very successful Household Survey. Over 82% of the 305 households surveyed provided good insight into our congregational life and demographics. This information is of great value to current and future Boards and committees in their decision making processes. The report will be submitted to the Board at its May meeting after which the report will be available for anyone to read.*

Again, thank you. Bev Wilcox & Larry Ryan, Membership

**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.

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.

**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!



## Affirmation Station

### Child Development in Families with Sexual Minority Parents

The number of children in families with parents who are members of sexual minorities (2SLGBTQIA+) has increased. Although public attitudes towards sexual minorities have improved, sexual minority parenting remains a controversial topic around the world.

A major review of studies on this topic (from 1989 to 2022) has concluded that parents' sexual orientation is not an important determinant of children's development. In countries where same-sex relationships are legalised, most family outcomes are similar between sexual minority and heterosexual families, and sexual minority families have even better outcomes in some domains.

The review notes that community climate and social support have an important impact on the health and well-being of sexual minority families who may experience some additional stressors related to their sexual minority status. The authors recommend more research into how governments and communities can support sexual minority families.

Reference: " Family outcome disparities between sexual minority and heterosexual families: a systematic review and meta-analysis", Yun Zhang et al., BMJ Global Health, 2023. <https://gh.bmj.com/content/8/3/e010556>

A print copy of the study is available from the BCUC library.

**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>

**Broadview Renewal Time!** If you have not renewed your subscription for this coming year please send your **\$30 Group Rate** amount by cash or cheque (payable to BCUC) with Broadview in the memo line as soon as possible.

**Deadline for renewal is May 15.** Please also advise the office if you do not plan to renew. New subscribers are also welcome.

**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.

**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?

**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](mailto: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](http://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

**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.

#### **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](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.**

## 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>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>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>Ron Stone</i>	<i>Valley Stream Manor, 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.*

**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.

**Snacks to Purchase:** Chris Brown & Kaylee will be selling coffee, soft drinks, cookies etc. Stop by and have a break. Girl Guide Cookies will also be on sale, a bonus!