

## 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 19, 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 21, 10:30 am. Leader: Rev. Kim. All welcome.

**Church Board** meets Wednesday May 22, 7pm

**M&P** meets Thursday May 23, 2pm

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

**Garage Sale a big success!** Thanks to all of you who contributed items to the sale, set it up, sold on the day and helped to clean up afterwards we had a total of \$5,520. at the end, \$1,000 more than the year before.

**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!

**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](mailto: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.

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

**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.

**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.

**May 19** – Pentecost Sunday / All-Ages Worship Service ( wear bright colours!)  
Worship Leaders: Rev. Lorrie Lowes & the UP Youth

**May 26** – Trinity Sunday  
Sermon Focus: "Trinity-Talk" (John 3: 1-17)

### Thank You to Volunteers Serving Refreshments:

Pierre & Marion Dugas

**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.

**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!

**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>

**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 Name Tags** may be ordered by contacting the office. The price remains the same, \$12 for pinback and \$16 for magnetic back



## 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.

**Camp Awesome 2024:** BCUC will be hosting 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 now posted on the BCUC website. Vicki Martin will be our BCUC Camp Coordinator. Please note that a **second week, August 6-9** is now being offered here at BCUC. See the website for details and to register if the second week works better for you.

**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 [micleary@rogers.com](mailto:micleary@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!**

**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>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.*