

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 5, 2012

Meetings this week here at the Church:

Stewardship C'tee meets Monday February 6, 7:00 pm

Biblical Studies Group with Rev. Angela Bailey meets Monday February 6, 7:30 pm

Lectionary Bible Study takes place Tuesdays at **10:30 am**

Worship C'tee meets Wednesday February 8, 4:30 pm

UCW Joint Units meeting will be held Wednesday February 8, 7:30 pm

Cope Kit on Thursday February 9, 9:15 am features a Valentine's Party with food, crafts, stories and quizzes. A fun time for all!

As followup to Barry Finlay's February 2 presentation, those interested may visit this site: www.plankilimanjaro.blogspot.com

Bridge Club meets Friday February 10, 7:00 pm

***Ecumenical Breakfast:** Thanks to all who helped out and to all who attended the very popular Ecumenical Breakfast last Saturday morning. \$1,300 was raised in support of FAMSAC!*

Church Family Photo Day: Today, plan to wear white, this year's photo theme colour, for the congregational photograph to be taken following worship.

Thank you to all who volunteer at the **Welcome Information Centre** on Sunday mornings. Help is needed for the coming weeks. Please sign up to help on a Sunday or two. Thanks.

2011 Givings Receipts will be available at a table in the Main Hall following worship this morning. They are also available from the office during the week.

SOSA's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 21,

5:30 - 7 p.m. in support of this year's Lenten Project:

The Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre.

This Centre is the only non-profit, residential and community-based agency in Eastern Ontario dedicated to helping youth (13-21) overcome substance abuse. Currently there are temporary residences in Carp and Carleton Place. Later this year it is hoped ground breaking will take place for a new 30 bed facility in Kanata to open in 2014.

The pancake supper will be followed by an enjoyable talent show in the Sanctuary. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday, February 5, 12 and 19th. We also need volunteers to help out on that day, so please sign up to assist when you buy your tickets.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Talent Show: Have you got a talent you would like to share with people? Dance, sing, play an instrument? Well, after the Pancake supper on February 21, at 7:00 pm you will have an opportunity to do just that. If you would like to participate in a very relaxed, post supper talent show, I would encourage you to contact Nancy Meyers through this email address: office@bcuc.org

BCUC Annual Congregational Meeting is set for Sunday February 26 following morning worship. This meeting is called to approve the results of the 2011 fiscal year and a budget for 2012.

Join us for 'buy your own' lunch Sunday following the worship service at Fitz's Classic Grill, 3700 Richmond Rd. Please see Pierre Dugas for details.

General Council "Words of Faith" Remit: This spring Church Council will vote on the inclusion of three statements of faith in the Doctrine section of the United Church of Canada's Basis of Union (constitution). Those statements are the **Statement of Faith** (1940), **A New Creed** (adopted in 1968; revised in 1980 and again in 1994), and **A Song of Faith** (2006).

The first part of each of the Church Council meetings in January (18th), February (15th) and March (21st) will be devoted to examining one of the proposals (in the order presented above) then in April, the Council will vote on whether to add each statement. Everyone is invited to participate in these discussions. The web site for the United Church of Canada contains information about the remit (Remit 6) and an extract of the material from the UCC can be found on BCUC's web site at: www.bcuc.org

😊 Notes from Ruth

Delighted to have a volunteer come forward to help part-time with the S. Kindergarten to Grade 2 class! Thank you to Susan McLean Hayes! It would be helpful to have one or two more folks to complete the Sunday roster to cover this engaging age group. Ruth is offering an overview of the curriculum to facilitate preparation. Please call Ruth (see below).

Winterlude/Worshiplude:

Young people grade 6 to 12 are invited to join with church youth from Ottawa United Churches, as well as youth from around Ontario, for a Winterlude/Worshiplude experience Saturday, February 11th from 1:30 pm to 10pm.

For details, please contact Ruth at the church: 613-820-8103, home: 613-591-8698, cell: 613-220-3407, email: rsword6@rogers.com

Monday Evening Biblical Series with Rev. Angela Bailey continue at 7:30 pm on **February 6, February 20 & February 27**. This week's session will look at the Dead Sea Scrolls. The final two sessions will examine the themes in Stephen Patterson's book 'Beyond the Passion'.

Please Note: The SnowStar Conference, featuring Biblical scholar Professor Stephen Patterson, will be hosted by BCUC on Friday evening March 2 and Saturday morning March 3. His lectures will elaborate on the themes of the death and resurrection of Jesus. For further information on this event please see the poster on the corridor bulletin board. Registration forms are available in the narthex. (The CE C'tee is willing to provide financial assistance for those otherwise unable to attend.)

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday February 15, 1:30 pm to discuss the book 'Small Island' by Andrea Levy. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments. Information: Ann 613-829-7203

The **UCW Joint Meeting** of all units will take place on Wednesday February 8, 7:30 pm when Marie White from McEvoy Shields will be speaking on Cons & Scams and Identity Theft "to provide older adults with information on how to effectively protect themselves so they can continue to lead safe, active and productive lives." Subjects include consumer fraud, cons and scams, home invasions, heat safety, etc. Refreshments will follow.

The Lenten issue of **BellRinger** will be published Sunday March 4. Inputs will be due in the office by February 20.

BCUC's Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) plans to interview all BCUC staff, committees and groups through the month. All interviews will use the same set of questions, copies of which are available from the church office and on the website. The opportunity to respond to the questions on an individual basis is also being offered to BCUC's members and adherents. An e-mail address: jnac@bcuc.org and a mailbox in the church office have been set up to receive responses. **Please** take advantage of this opportunity to express your views on the questions being posed and thereby help chart BCUC's future.

Stewardship Second: Great are the works of the Lord. As stewards of God's creation, we delight in them.

Ernie Schible will be speaking at the **Presbytery Global Partners Group** at Merivale United Church (1876 Merivale Road) on **Tuesday February 7th**, 9:30 am till noon. His presentation will be based on first-hand in-depth knowledge of the **unethical mining practices in South America**. Many of us are encouraging the church to adopt socially responsible investment criteria. Since Canadian mining is heavily involved this should be of interest to United Church members.

BCUC Dinner Club: Get your knives and forks ready and put on your best appetite. Dinner is served! Friday February 17 & Saturday February 18 are our dates. Be a guest, be a host. Call Lynn Maclean at 613-823-1221 or contact at Donald.maclean@sympatico.ca

The next **UCW Presbyterian Fellowship Day** is **Monday February 20** at **CityView United Church** when the morning program will include churchly humour with Isobel Eastman. The afternoon program is a musical treat with Karen, Sharon and Cathy. Lunch, at \$7 each will be provided if you register by Wednesday February 15. Please call Marion Dugas at 829-8196 to register.

The **Gospel According to Saint Mark** is being presented in a solo performance by Matthew Gibson at Glebe-St. James United Church, 650 Lyon St. on **Friday February 24, 7:30 pm**. Freewill offering. Further information: www.hopetheatre.com