

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

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Welcome to this morning's worship. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book in the narthex.

Limited Vision: Large Print Bulletins are available on the table in the Narthex or from an Usher.

We offer Sunday School and Nursery care during the service. Please join us in the Main Hall for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Announcements for March 7, 2010

Meetings This Week Here at the Church:

Lenten Daytime Discussion meets Tuesdays March 9, 16 & 23 at 11:00 am

Lenten Discussion Evening Series meets Wednesday March 10, 7:30 pm

Pastoral Care meets Friday March 12, 9:30 am

Bridge Club meets Friday March 12, 7:00 pm

UCW Unit 4 meets Monday March 8, 7:30 pm at the home of Joyce Williams, 61 Whitburn Cres.

UCW Unit 2 meets Monday March 8, 7:30 pm at the home of Ellen Boynton, 23 Trevor Cres., for a penny auction.

BellRinger dates: Deadline for input of materials for the Easter issue will be **March 14 for March 28 publication.**

TODAY we welcome Rob Campbell, who is the Chaplain for OWECC, as he leads us in worship.

LENTEN STUDIES: The day time Lenten studies will take place on Tuesdays at 11:00 am in the Narthex. Together we will explore some of the parables that Jesus taught and try to work out their relevance for 2010. Feel free to join us for just one or all three of the studies. For more information contact Peggy Aitchison 820-4193.

BCUC Musical 2010!

Have you ever wanted to be the "Life Of The Party"? Well here's your chance!

Preparations have begun for this lively musical which will be presented here at

BCUC on April 25. We need singers, instrumentalists, actors/actresses, people to create sets, costumes. If you would like to come and be a part of the fun, leave a message with the church office and Barbara, Carolyn or Nancy will get in touch. Chorus rehearses Sundays at 11:30 am.

BCUC 2010 Lenten Project: The Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy - By making a donation in the envelopes provided in the pews you can help people on low incomes living quite close to us in Regina Towers, Foster Farm, Pinecrest Terrace and Morrison Gardens. Look at the map on the SOSA bulletin board to see where these places are. Your money will go towards helping people cope with living in poverty. It will go towards camps for families and canoe trips for youth, children's programs and food banks, teaching skills such as learning to sew. These are programs designed to give people hope and new ways of coping in their difficult lives.

The Book Club will meet March 17th at 1.30pm to discuss "The Cellist of Sarajevo" by Steven Galloway. Everyone welcome.

Join us for lunch at the Delicious Steak House for the weekly BCUC 'buy-your-own-lunch' If you're interested and can commit please see Pierre Dugas before you depart so he can make the reservations. But if by chance you miss him, then do come anyway!

BCUC's 2010 Lenten Discussion Series:

The Series, titled "*And Jesus Taught Them, Saying...*" will focus on the parables. As we all know, these brief little stories don't resolve issues as much as they leave us suspended by questions. What do they mean today? Why did Jesus use them? Are they really followable? Rick Morrison and Colin O'Connell will be facilitating the evening series, which will be held on **Wednesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 pm in the Shalom Room.**

Dinner Club: Mark your calendars for the next two dinners of the BCUC Dinner Club: March 26 & 27; May 14 & 15. For further information contact Lynn Maclean at 613-823-1221 or donald.maclean@sympatico.ca

BCUC Mission Exposure Trip for 2010: Many details of the Habitat for Humanity project in Fredericton this summer remain to be worked out, but what is known now is that the building will be a four family dwelling. The building will be built in one location at the same time as the foundation is built in another location. Then the building will be moved onto the foundation when both are complete. Tentative plans are for the coordinator in Fredericton to meet with those of us who are interested on the evening of April 28 at BCUC.

If you are interested in participating and/or helping organize BCUC's participation please contact Harold Yule at 613-828-7866 or Harold@trifid.ca.

Camp Awesome: This year BCUC will be hosting Camp Awesome July 5-9.

OTTAWA WEST END COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY AGM: The Annual General Meeting for OWECC **will be Sunday, March 21, 4 pm.** Location is St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 930 Watson St. and will be followed by a light catered supper. The future of this ecumenical ministry is dependent upon our seventeen supporting churches and may be in jeopardy if we cannot continue to generate adequate financial support. It has become necessary for one of our largest supporting churches to substantially reduce their financial support. We need good representation from all our supporting churches at this AGM and look forward to seeing you there on March 21st. Please call Elizabeth for more information at 613-726-1418.

Worship Needs:

- One - three volunteers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. This normally entails the purchase of flowers (approximately the Wednesday before) and setting up on the Saturday.

Please contact Karen Doxtater 613-820-6840 doxtater_rk@rogers.com or the BCUC office if you are interested.

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program: The next 10 week training course begins Monday March 8 and runs to May 10 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Woodroffe Ave., afternoon or evening.

The BCUC Pastoral Care Committee will cover the cost of the course for those wishing to become a member of the Pastoral Care Team. For further details, please contact Eithne Barker (829-7827) or Barbara Bole (592-0296).

Aging: Spirituality and Health, Thursday, March 25, at the Council of Aging of Ottawa: a conference to celebrate old age as a time of spiritual growth and wisdom. Sponsored by seven organizations including Interfaith Network Reaching Out To Isolated Seniors, the Council on Aging of Ottawa, Help the Aged (Canada) and the King's Daughters and Sons. Registration pamphlets are on the bulletin board.

HAITI APPEAL: Individuals are invited to contribute to the United Church's Haiti Appeal one of three ways:

1) Placing your cheque payable to 'The United Church of Canada' on the offering plate for BCUC to send

2) Directly to The United Church of Canada's national office, 3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4.

Cheques should be made payable to The United Church of Canada and marked 'Haiti Appeal.'

3) Online donations can be made at www.united-church.ca. Choose "Emergency Response" and specify "Haiti Appeal."