



Bell Ringer

Bells Corners United Church

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Summer

June 2019



July 7: 4th after Pentecost – Baptism,
Rev. Angela Bailey

July 14: 5th after Pentecost – Luke 10:25-37
Psalm 82, VU 799

July 21: 6th after Pentecost – Luke 10:38-42
Psalm 52, VU 777

July 28: 7th after Pentecost – Luke 11: 1-13
Psalm 85, VU 802

August 4: 8th after Pentecost – Psalm 107: 1-9 43
VU 831, Part One

August 11: 9th after Pentecost – Hebrews 11: 1-3,
8-16, Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23

August 18: 10th after Pentecost – Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19
VU 794-795, Part Two

August 25: 11th after Pentecost – Psalm 71: 1-6
VU 789, Part 1

Summer Office Hours

July-August: Office Open Tuesday & Thursday
9-noon, 1-4pm. Voice mail is checked regularly.

One Room School House

Sunday school will continue over the summer months in the one room school house format led by CE and our summer student Meighen Crow.

We welcome Meighen Crow who is with us for the second summer with her salary provided by a Federal Government Student Work grant program. Meighen is working Monday – Thursday and Sunday mornings. She provides admin support, help for summer Sunday School and Camp Awesome, as well as some maintenance tasks around the church.

UP - DATE!

Our very active Youth Group UP (United People)

By: Kim & Alex Culley

Coordinators of Youth Group

It's summer time and so it's time for an update on what the UP Group was UP to this last winter and spring.

After several attempts and repeated requests from the youth we finally held our first BCUC UP group Sleepover! We made a big spaghetti dinner, ate junk food, watched movies, sang songs, danced, played games, and got very little sleep in the end – it was an amazing time.

A few weeks later we hosted the congregation for a table top Games Night. All in all we had about 10 games going with many groups trying a new game each time. There were nearly 100 games to pick from! A great time for all ages.

At Easter we helped out with the FAMSAC collection drive at the Loblaws on Robertson Rd. We were able to collect many shopping bags of donations and hundreds of dollars for the food cupboard.

The youth once again provided the BBQ for the Annual Garage Sale and helped out in general around the sale.

We also had a pizza and movie night just before our final event for the year which was the Clean up the Capital. The youth picked up about five bags of trash along Moodie between the Church and the Jami Omar Mosque. We were also joined by a handful of people from the Mosque, during their Ramadan season none the less! Mostly we collected broken Tim Horton's lids and cigarette butts amongst other trash.

And with that our year was over. Most of the youth are working this summer, many at Camp Awesome; however, we are hoping to get together over the summer. Several of the youth are graduating and on their way to post-secondary education – so congrats to Raven, Phoenix, and Katrina. We wish them all the best next year and hope to see them around. Finally, we're looking forward to a fun year next year! ❖

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

This play is a dramatic presentation depicting the Passion of Jesus Christ: his trial, suffering and death. The Oberammergau Passion Play passion play has been performed since 1634, and once every ten years after, by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany. This exceptional event involves thousands of villagers from Oberammergau to re-enact the passion of Jesus Christ from Palm Sunday to the story of Easter. This was put in place as a pledge of the people when in 1633, Oberammergau was stricken with plague. After months of suffering, the townspeople made a plea to

God to spare them and pledged to act out the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ every ten years. 2020 marks the 42nd performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Join Rev. Kim & Ken as they host a tour On Luther's Trail & Oberammergau in 2020; for 14 days (July 31-August 13, 2020) with additional stops in Frankfurt, Eisenach, Erfurt, Eisleben, Wittenberg, Berlin, Potsdam, Nuremberg, Augsburg, Munich and a side to Prague. A \$300 discount applies if you sign by June 30, 2019. For Info contact Rev. Kim Vidal. ❖

GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME

By: Bert Donnelly and Camille Lipsett
A Poverty Reduction Program

At BCUC on May 4th Ellie and Clarke Topp hosted a wonderful breakfast and workshop that around 40 of us enjoyed and learned a great deal about a movement in Canada called **Guaranteed Basic Income** that would help us to effectively face up to the devastating issues of poverty that affects so many people's lives in Canada, including children. Bob Ferguson prepared questions to look at the pros and cons of implementing this program which were responded to by Clarke and debated by others.

It is believed that if basic income security is guaranteed to everyone (as seniors already receive it) there would be many benefits as a society:

- with food security mental and physical health is improved; in fact without the stress of severe poverty, one's entire life is changed
- for children, proper diet and equal educational opportunities opens a better future for them and for society
- income security that improves health and education leads to employment opportunities and contributions to our social fabric
- income security would lessen the likeliness of homelessness and the suffering and hopelessness that follow
- with this program in place, costs for unemployment insurance and health care would be less

Many in our group are interested in continuing to learn more and to find a way forward to support the larger movement to have a pilot project in Ontario. Watch for the follow up event planned by SOSA.

Evelyn Forget presented some convincing examples and reasons for tackling poverty in her book "Basic Income". We thank our SOSA Committee for helping us tackle such an important issue of our times when the gap between rich and poor is ever increasing. With an ever-widening unfairness of income distribution, Canadian Basic Income is a strategy that has some hope of addressing the larger economic policies that are penalizing those in the lower socio-economic levels.

We know it is no simple or easy task to live out our mandate as a congregation to seek justice for the most vulnerable ones.

UP Group!!
UP in a tree; UP in the kitchen; UP at FAMSAC; UP declutter ❖





FAMILY MINISTRY ADVISORY TEAM

By: Camille Lipsett

The Family Ministry Committee has been meeting together with the mandate from the congregation:

- to nurture the faith and engage young families in the total life of the congregation
- to work under the umbrella of the Worship/Christian Education Committee, sending minutes and a rep to Worship meetings
- to include all ages in consultation with the ministry team and other groups:
 - worship,
 - education,
 - outreach etc.
- to encourage all committees to make family ministry a consideration fostering intergenerational interaction at BCUC
- to keep communicating with families to ensure their needs are being met
- to experiment with new ways to attract and engage young families at BCUC

Hosting the spring picnic on June the 8th was an initiative we looked forward to hosting and with the help of sunny weather, we enjoyed a barbecue and games with the congregation. In September we are hoping to initiate the **Secret Pal Project** for children and adults, in the congregation, to have a special relationship through letters and cards. At a final luncheon and party at the end of the year, the secret friends will meet. Our committee will have conversation with young families to hear about their experiences in our congregation and be better able to meet their spiritual needs. We observe how welcoming the people of our congregation are to our young people.



CAMP AWESOME JULY 22-26:

BCUC offers this fun Christian Camp each year as a fun week for children. This year the camp will run July 22-26, 10am-3pm. There will be Bible stories, crafts, songs, drama, games, and WATER DAY! The camp is for children ages 4-12. Although our registration is full, Camp Awesome is offered at many other United Church locations around Ottawa ❖



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES help the work of our church. Check out www.bcuc.org Raise the Roof Fundraiser; Sunday Nite Lite; Garage Sale; SOSA Lenten Appeal; Christmas Bazaar; Music Events and more!



IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2019

Please consider the Christmas Bazaar when cleaning out your cupboards, closets and shelves or when making preserves or crafts.

Enjoy shopping in our new **ATTIC TREASURES** section this year!

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

PLC 2019 Event - The deadline for the early bird registration for the 2019 PLC Event is July 31. BCUC members may register at the group rate of \$50 by giving your registration to the office with a cheque. The event sponsored by BCUC will take place Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, 2019 with the **theme "From Charity to Social Action: Working Together to Create a Just Society"**. The guest speaker on Saturday will be Rev. Dr. Cheri DiNovo, Minister at Trinity St Paul's United Church and Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts in Toronto, and a former MPP in Ontario. She will join an interfaith panel on Sunday afternoon to further explore the theme from Christian, Muslim and Jewish perspectives. Cost of the event is: Early Bird (by July 31, 2019): \$65.00; Full: \$75.00; Single Session: \$40.00; Students: \$35.00. Groups of five or more from one congregation can register together at a group rate of \$50 each. Register for the event at the church office or at plcconference2019@gmail.com.

LORRIES MESSAGE!

Summer time rest and renewal

By: Lorrie Lowes – Ministry Candidate



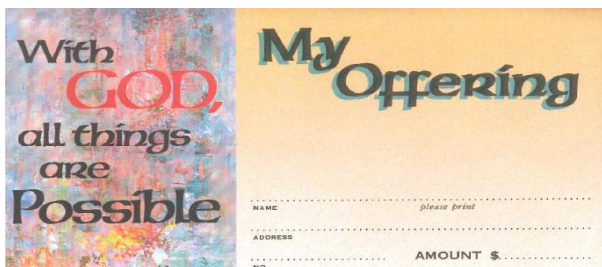
Summer is finally here! How we appreciate the blessing of sunshine and warmth after the long cold winter. Everything seems to be singing praises; I can't believe how quickly the flowers reached up and started to bloom. They, too, have been waiting for the warmth of the summer sun to come out of their dark hiding place and show their beauty to the world. In this Canadian climate, summer sunshine is certainly a cause for celebration. New life is all around us!

Summer is also a time for our own rest and renewal. People are heading to cottages and lakes on the weekends or just relaxing in the city, taking advantage of all the outdoor activities that the season has to offer. The bustle of school and work slows down for a couple of months and we use this time to reconnect with the world and with each other. I hope you will find the blessings of this season in whatever you do.

This week marks the halfway point of Rev. Kim's sabbatical and vacation leave! This opportunity for me to lead you in worship and in the life of the congregation is a wonderful challenge. I am so blessed with the support that all of you show me each week. Thank you for your thoughtful feedback and continuing encouragement. I can't imagine a better place to try out my wings as a fledgling minister!

Sunday morning services are still a part of our summer routine at BCUC. Sunday School continues each week in a "one room schoolhouse" format with lots of new and exciting things to learn. The halls are certainly quieter these days but we look forward to the bustle that Camp Awesome will bring in July. Get out there and enjoy everything this season brings, join us when you can, and come back rested and refreshed for another spirit-filled year at Bells Corners United Church.

Shalom,
Lorrie



SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES

You will find special offering envelopes in the pews of the sanctuary, the Church Office or the Welcome Information Centre and are available as an additional method of supporting the work and ministry of Bells Corners United Church.

Thanks so much



David's Flowers are back: You can purchase a beautiful bouquet of flowers after Sunday worship services for a donation, which will go to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church.

Kid's CORNER: WORD SEARCH

This word search lets kids find key words about the people who wrote the Bible.

Topics:

Bible, Word of God

Materials:

Word Search for each child [PDF] [Click here](#) [Solution](#)

Pencils or markers

TEEN SPACE: SPIRITUAL GIFTS ANALYSIS

A simple and quick survey to provide a general analysis of gifted areas one may possess to serve Jesus Christ.

Topics: Spiritual Gift, Talents

Materials: Copies of Spiritual Gifts Analysis: [PDF Version](#)

COME AND JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10AM!



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