

## 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: April 28, 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:

**UCW Executive** meets Monday April 29, 7pm

**Lectionary Group** meets on Tuesday, April 30, 10:30 am. Theme and Text: "Friends" (John 15: 9-17). All welcome!

**Worship/CE** meets Wednesday May 1, 7pm

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

#### Mark Your Calendars:

**Sunday Evening, May 5, 7pm** plan to come and bring your friends to a **Spring Concert** presented by the choirs and musical friends of BCUC!

**Saturday May 11,** BCUC will hold its annual **Spring Garage Sale, 9am – 1pm.**

Save your donations to bring in on Friday through the day. Please contact Bob & Ellen Boynton if you can volunteer to help with one of the usual sales areas. If you are bringing items for the Linens area please ensure that there is lots of wear left in the item and that it is clean. Thanks, Bev

Kim will be selling SPRING ROLLS on May 11. She will take orders the last week of April and maybe cook some at the sale.

**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.

**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.

#### SEASON OF EASTERTIDE:

**April 28** – 5th Sunday of Easter / Earth Sunday

Sermon Focus : "Jesus: A True Vine" (John 15 : 1-8)

**May 5** – 6th Sunday of Easter / BCUC 174th Anniversary Sunday

Sermon Focus : "Jesus: A Friend for the Journey" (John 15 : 9-17)

**Congregational Photo Sunday** – right after the service on May 5th

Theme : "Nature Prints & Pastels"

**May 12** – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Christian Family Sunday / Baptism

Sermon Focus: "Abide in my Love" (John 17:6–19)

**May 19** – Pentecost Sunday / All-Ages Worship Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes

**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!

**Used Eclipse Glasses:** Please consider donating your eclipse glasses for schools in South America where there will be an October eclipse. You will find a basket in the Entryway for donations.

**Free income tax clinics** sponsored by Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) held at **Christ Church Bells Corners (CCBC)** for those with modest incomes and simple returns. Details are available, along with other tax clinics, on the CVITP website at: <https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/oecv/external/prot/cli>

**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.

### **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.

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

**Attention *Broadview* subscribers:** It's time to renew your subscription! For just \$30 (including tax), you'll receive 8 more issues of *Broadview* delivered straight to your mailbox. You won't want to miss out on a single issue of the magazine's award-winning coverage of spirituality, social justice and ethical living, as well as United Church news and perspectives.

You may provide your **renewal by cash or cheque (payable to BCUC with *Broadview* in the memo line) to the office or on the offering plate on Sunday mornings by May 15. \*\*Please note that there is a new renewal date.**

Not a subscriber? It's never too late to join our *Broadview* subscription group! **Ellen Boynton** can help you get signed up today. And remember — the discounted \$30 rate is ONLY for group members.



## **Affirmation Station**

### **What Does Two-Spirit Mean?**

Two-Spirit is an umbrella term used by the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island (North America) to describe a person with both masculine and feminine spirits. The term was coined in 1990 to address the need for a common vocabulary to acknowledge the spectrum of gender identities and expressions that are present among Indigenous peoples.

There are a variety of Nation-specific gender identities, each with a name in the language of that Nation. These words often do not translate well into the languages of other cultural groups. While Indigenous people may use terms such as gay, lesbian, or transgender, they may prefer words from their own Indigenous language. "Two-Spirit" is useful when an all-inclusive term is needed for cross-cultural communication. Non-Indigenous people do not identify as Two-Spirit.

Although the term is quite new, "Two-Spirit" people have always existed. In many Indigenous cultures, people of different gender identities and expressions hold important social and spiritual roles in their communities and are honoured and revered as visionaries, healers and knowledge-keepers.

**BCUC Board Chair Needed:** We are beginning a new year of Church Board and Committee work without a Board Chair. Over the past year we have functioned with rotating chairs for monthly Board meetings which serves immediate needs but does not provide the continuity that having a named chair would provide. If you have any time to share for this important role Board members will be very happy to provide support and background information. We are a vibrant congregation and serving in a leadership role can be very satisfying. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**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.

**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.

**The Lakeside Players** will present their spring production of 'Rumours', a farce by Neil Simon, **April 25-28**, at the Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre. Directed by our own Cathy Dowsett and including Will Wightman in the cast, the production is not to be missed! Tickets: [www.lakesideplayers.com](http://www.lakesideplayers.com)

**Kanata United Church** will be holding their annual **Book Fair May 9-11**, Thursday & Friday 3pm – 8pm and Saturday 9am – 2pm. Book Drop will be April 6-28, 9:30 am – 8pm. Visit [www.kuc.ca](http://www.kuc.ca) for more details.

#### **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.

We at St. Basil's are excited to announce that the **Honourable Louise Arbour will share her expertise and insights with us in a panel discussion this coming Sunday.** It's about **the global crisis for refugees and migrants and how we are called to respond as followers of Jesus.**

All are welcome to join us at the Zoom webinar, but note that **registration is necessary beforehand.**

Apr 28, 2024 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAudO2sqz8pHtWtndTgpkkbUceVzyfS4Osu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

St. Basil's Parish Conversations for Our Times Zoom Series



**The Honourable Louise Arbour, C.C., G.O.**  
***“Understanding the ‘Pushes and Pulls’ of International Migration”***

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 28  
with **Norbert Piché**, National Director for the Jesuit Refugee Service and **Minh Lê Thi**, former refugee, translator and teacher


We are featuring a panel to help us understand the complexities of working with refugees and migrants at a time in our culture when borders are closed rather than opened in welcome.

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Please continue to be safe when attending events here at the church. Feel free to wear a mask if you choose.

**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.


**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.

**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.

## 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>Thornclyffe, 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.*



Ain't no shame in holding on to grief... as long as you  
make room for other things too." ~ "Bubbles," The Wire

The members of the Pastoral and Spiritual Care team are always available for each of you. If there is a need for compassionate listening, prayer or support during a time of illness, isolation, grief, crisis or a transition, please reach out to one of the two ministers, Reverend Kim Vidal and Reverend Lorrie Lowes, or call the church office. If you have any prayer requests to be included in our weekly prayer circles on Wednesday, please write your requests and drop them in the Prayer Chalice located on the narthex table or in the prayer box at the entrance way. You may also send a confidential email to our ministers.

Susan Young, our coordinator for the last several years, has stepped down for personal reasons. We will miss her as she did an excellent job leading the team. We welcome a new member, Margaret Eddy, to the group. If you want to learn more about what we do and what it requires to be a member of the team, please contact Rev. Kim.

Plans for the fall include a learning event on Separation and Divorce with Dan Lanoue as our guest speaker. Details and dates are yet to be determined, but we will be able to finalize this by mid-June.

Finally, please look forward to the annual Healing Tea Service which will be held on Wednesday, December 11th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Details about the service will be announced as the date draws near. For now, mark your calendars!

*(Item accidentally missed from Spring issue of BellRinger)*