



Barrhaven United Church

called to worship sent to serve

Welcome!

Participating in worship this morning ~

<i>Worship Leader:</i>	<i>Rev. Carla Van Delen</i>	<i>Organist:</i>	<i>Sara Surjadinata</i>
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	<i>Thanks!</i>	<i>Senior Choir Director:</i>	<i>Barb Ackison</i>
<i>Junior Choir:</i>	<i>Mary Walker-Smith</i>	<i>Senior Choir:</i>	<i>Thanks!</i>
<i>Welcome Desk:</i>	<i>Cathy Stone</i>	<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Brad Jesty & Penny Setterfield</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Thanks!</i>	<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Sharon Switzer-McManus & Heather Chang</i>
<i>Sound:</i>	<i>Peter Manson</i>	<i>Refreshments:</i>	<i>Dana Imbeault & Sandra Lett</i>
<i>Sunday School:</i>	<i>Tammie Hill</i>		

And you! The congregation at BUC!

Thank you to Gilly Chadder & Carolyn Legari for folding the bulletins!

How to Reach Us at BUC

Check the website www.barrhavenunited.org & follow the links.
Call the church at 613-825-1707

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<u>Happening This Week</u>				<u>Coming Up in December</u>			
Sunday	17	10:00a.m.	Worship Service- Cantata	Sunday	24	Christmas Eve Services	
						4:00 p.m.	Children's Service
Thursday	20	10:00a.m.	Prayer Group			7:00 p.m.	Family Service
		7:30p.m.	Sr. Choir Practice	Thursday	28	10:00a.m.	Prayer Group
						6:00 p.m.	Healing Pathway
						7:30p.m.	Sr. Choir Practice
				Friday	29	9:00 a.m.	Healing Pathway

Keep in your prayers.....

In addition to those you hold in your own heart, please keep in your prayers those from our congregation.



Sandra Fry & family

Linda Mitchell

Margery Munro

*Those of our congregation struggling with seen and unseen illness,
our indigenous brothers and sisters,
those who have been mistreated due to their gender, sexual orientation or background.*

God of many names and many faces, God who looks like me and like you, God whose voice and presence fills this world, help us to see you in every person we meet, and to recognize that each place we stand, each encounter we have, is Holy Ground...today and every day. Amen

Please call the office, the minister or pastoral care team when family and friends need comfort and prayer. The care ministry wants to extend the congregation's support. Call the office to let us know of celebrations- births, adoptions, engagements, weddings and anniversaries.



➤ **December 25th Lectionary:**

Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)

➤ **Stewardship Seconds:**

God gives us glorious, perplexing, unbelievably wonderful gifts! Stewards recognize them for what they are—and give God the best they have to offer in return.

➤ **Upcoming Services:**

December 17th: Advent 4 and the Christmas Cantata

December 24th: Christmas Eve Services at 4:00pm & 7:00pm

*Note: No 10am service on December 24th

December 31st: First Sunday after Christmas. Margie Ann MacDonald will be our worship leader



CARING AND FELLOWSHIP

➤ **Refreshment News!**

Decaffeinated beverages will be available along with regular beverages after the church service in the Hall. Just ask the volunteers for herbal tea or decaf coffee as you wish.

➤ **Friendly Visitors for Margery**

Many people in our congregation know Margery Munro, who has worshipped at BUC for many years. She is now living at Starwood Extencicare, at 114 Starwood Road in Cityview area, near Algonquin College. She is eager for visitors. Saturdays and Sundays are particular times she is desiring a friendly visitor.

Would you consider visiting once a month, on a day that works for you? Please contact Mavis Mason 613-825-3387 or mavis.mason@sympatico.ca for further information re setting up a visiting schedule, reflecting the visitors availability. Thank you from Margery!!

➤ **Healing Pathway**

There will be Healing Pathway sessions on Thursday, December 28th, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and on Friday, December 29th from 9:00am to 12:30pm.

Your Healing Pathway Practitioners are: Doug Collins, Linda Hearty, Melanie Macdonald and Cathy Murphy. To book a Healing Pathway session, please contact Cathy Murphy at **613-867-8267**.

➤ **Meditation**

The Meditation Group that meets on Wednesday evenings in the Healing Pathways Room at 7:30, will be taking a break during the Advent/Christmas season.

We will resume our sessions on January 3 at 7:30 p.m..

➤ **BUC Family Looking for Sitter**

A family in Barrhaven (Woodroffe and Queensbury) with 2 children 8 years and 10 years old is seeking a mature, responsible Sitter to be with the children from 6:30 am to 9:00 am (accompany them to school) and 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm (meet them at school and accompany them home until parents return home)

Serious inquiries only call 613-986-7328 or emailthebenjamins@gmail.com

Thanks!

➤ **2nd Annual Multi-Faith Blood Drive**

This holiday season, people of faith from all communities are called to be life savers by giving blood. From December 21-26. Ottawa Clinic-1575 Carling Ave. Visit blood.ca



LEARNING

➤ **BUC Book Club**

The next meeting of the Book Club will on Tuesday, January 16th at 9:30am in the Music Room. We will be discussing the book “The Little Paris Bookshop” by Nina George. All are welcome!

➤ **Christian Study Group 'Living the Questions'**

The final two sessions of the series "An Introduction to Progressive Christianity" will be held on January 3rd and 10th.

We will meet at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays in the Music Room. The session title for December 3 is 'A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle' and on the 10th the theme is 'Out Into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians'.

New opportunities for adult Christian studies will be offered in the new year. Watch 'Learning' for further details.

➤ **Activity Bags**

Activity bags are available in the Sunshine corner, at the back of the church, for children to take to their seats. Please return the bags and activities at the end of worship for others to use another time.



OUTREACH

➤ **Christmas Food Hampers**

There is still time to contact the Barrhaven Food Cupboard if you or someone you know would like to donate a Christmas/special dinner food hamper or make a financial donation towards one. Please see the Food Cupboard website at <http://barrhavenfoodcupboard.ca/Hamper-Program.html> or call 613-823-5323.

➤ **Thank You!**

Thank you for your support of the chaplaincies last Sunday. Your gifts and financial donations of \$1,210 will be divided among the three chaplaincies.

➤ **Christmas BUC Outreach Offering (yellow envelopes)**

The yellow “BUC Outreach” envelopes are for us to generously share our blessings in support of Barrhaven United’s local outreach work. This is separate from our support of the national church’s Mission and Service and is in addition to regular weekly offerings.

Our Christmas "BUC Outreach Offering" will support our local outreach, including three chaplaincies which support families and individuals in their communities:

- Centre 507 at Centretown United on Bank Street,
- the Carlington Community Chaplaincy on Caldwell Avenue, and
- the Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy in the Pinecrest-Queensway area.

If you plan to be away at Christmas, and wish to make a donation to this important work of our church, yellow envelopes marked "BUC Outreach Offering" are available in the pew boxes today or you may use the yellow envelope marked "Christmas Offering" in your box of weekly envelopes. The yellow envelopes will also be in the bulletins Christmas Eve and in the pew boxes on December 31. If writing a cheque, please write it to Barrhaven United Church. Receipts will be issued for donations identified by name and address or envelope number. Thank you for your support!

➤ **Refugee Committee Year-end Update**

As the time approaches for the end of our formal sponsorship of our three Syrian families, we would like to bring the congregation up to date on them and our plans for continued refugee sponsorship and support.

Imad Alkaderi and his wife Kinda Alhamali both have good English skills which has helped them to flourish. Kinda has been twice promoted in the Little Scholars Montessori child care group to be the Director of the Fallowfield facility. They moved in the summer into their own apartment, bought a car and Imad is working for Uber while looking for permanent employment.

Sara Kassif and her two adult sons live with Sara's sister, near her brothers' families. Fouad, the eldest works as a carpet installer and Mohannad at Big Rig. Mohannad has plans to go to Algonquin to obtain Canadian certification in Culinary Arts. The sad news was that Sara's husband passed away suddenly in Syria in the Fall.

Zohour Al Mouhamad and her four children, 8, 11, 14 and 17 have settled well into their school routines and are all speaking English. Zouhour is attending intensive English class every morning. Several members of our team maintain contact with her. Najwa says they are grateful for the new, safe life they have here in Canada and all the support the community has provided them. We have given them two installments of the BUC gift cards (Walmart) and the last one will be at year end.

Finally, in conjunction with the SNMC we have submitted to UCC Toronto sponsorship applications for Imad Alkaderi's parents and two adult brothers, and we hope our applications make the 2018 allocation. Support will again be a combined team of BUC, SNMC and possibly Sequoia. We thank BUC's Outreach Ministry and our Council for their support and commitment to refugees as a permanent part of our Outreach. And I must again express my heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful support I have from the BUC team and our congregation.

Tom Schwarzkopf
Lead BUC Refugee Committee



RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

➤ **FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF BUC – TIME TO PLAN YOUR 2018 GIVINGS**

All ministries of Barrhaven United Church depend on your regular, generous support.

Envelopes

- To continue your envelopes, please write “2018 envelopes” on your next donation
- To request envelopes for 2018, please use a new envelope and write your complete address and “2018 envelopes” on your next donation

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

- Current donors by PAR will continue automatically in 2018
- New donors by PAR should complete the application found in the PAR brochure and submit it to Envelope Secretary

Your donation may be designated to

- Local
- Mission and Service Fund
- Other – indicate BUC Outreach, Mortgage.

An interim donation statement will be circulated on November 26th. Please pick up your statement in the Narthex.

Receipts are issued annually in February.

If you have questions, please contact the Envelope Secretary, Sara Surjadinata, sarasur38@gmail.com or 613-825-1167.

Be grateful, be joyful, be generous!