



Barrhaven United Church

called to worship sent to serve

Welcome!

Participating in worship this morning ~

Worship Leader: Rev. Carla Van Delen Organist: Sara Surjadinata
 Scripture Reader: David Lee Senior Choir Director: Barb Ackison
 Junior Choir: Kirsten Baker Senior Choir: Thanks!

Welcome Desk: Brian Williamson Ushers: Lynn Simon and Shirley Switzer-McManus
 Greeters: Karen Aylwin Counters: Heather Chang and Sally Hauser-Hums
 Sound: Gord Crumpler Refreshments: Sandra Lett and Dana Imbeault
 Sunday School: Tammie Hill

And you! The congregation at BUC!

Thank you Marilyn Fischer and Leona Crumpler 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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BUC Pastoral Care Team: Melanie MacDonald
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<u>Happening This Week</u>				<u>Coming Up in December</u>			
Sunday	26	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sunday	3	10:00a.m.	Worship Service
		11:00 a.m.	Jr. Choir Practice			11:00a.m.	Jr. Choir Practice
Monday	27	9:30 a.m.	UCW Meeting	Monday	4	9:30a.m.	UCW Meeting
Tuesday	28	7:15 p.m.	BUC Council Meeting				
Wednesday	29	7:30 p.m.	Meditation	Wednesday	6	12:00p.m.	Victoria's Quilts
						7:30p.m.	Meditation
Thursday	30	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group	Thursday	7	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
		6:00 p.m.	Healing Pathway			6:00p.m.	Healing Pathway
		7:30 p.m.	Sr. Choir Practice			7:30p.m.	Sr. Choir Practice
				Friday	8	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 and family
Margery Munro*

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 3rd Lectionary:**

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8
Matthew 25: 14-30.

➤ **Stewardship Seconds:**

Stewards help to create a new heaven and a new earth by living as though they are already here.

➤ **Upcoming Services**

Sunday, December 3rd: Second Sunday of Advent. Celebration of Holy Communion.
Sunday, December 10th: Third Sunday of Advent. White Gift Sunday. Guest Speaker from OWECC.
Sunday, December 17th: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Cantata.



CARING AND FELLOWSHIP

➤ **Friendly Visitors' for Margery**

Many of our congregation know Margery Munro, who has worshipped at BUC for many years. She is now living at Starwood Extendicare, 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!!

➤ **Come Sing Noel**

*Come and hear local church choirs sing their Christmas music.
Come join in and sing carols with members of other churches.
Come make a joyful noise.
Come Sing Noel!*

The concert will be held on Sunday December 10th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary at Barrhaven United. This is a free concert. You will be invited to make a free will monetary offering to benefit the Barrhaven Food Cupboard. Free refreshments will be available during a social time after the concert.

➤ **News from the Social Committee**

Advent Potluck and Carol Sing: Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3rd! Crafts for the children begin at 4:30pm, with dinner at 5:30pm and a carol sing afterwards in the Sanctuary. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex.

Please make sure to sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that we know how many to expect for dinner and the children's crafts. We need help with setup and cleanup too! Many hands make it all go faster ☺!

➤ **A Night Out for Parents**

Parents mark Saturday, December 9th on your calendar. We are offering to look after your children aged three to twelve between 6:30 and 8:30 pm at the church so parents and caregivers can have time to themselves in this busy season. Activities and supper will be provided - free of charge. Please register in advance by emailing: **margie_ann_macdonald@hotmail.com**

➤ **Refreshments**

Weekly coffee and tea will continue to be offered on Sundays in the Hall after the Sunday morning service. Thanks to the volunteers who signed up on our Volunteer Fair to work in pairs from September until end of May. The new Coffee Coordinator is Bonnie Dillon (mizbonnie3@gmail.com or 613-415-1374). She is replacing Sue Maveety who has diligently coordinated past volunteers for the last three years and provided us with an experienced core group who can mentor the new volunteers. Kudos to Sue!

➤ **Healing Pathway**

There will be a Healing Pathway session on Thursday, November 30th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

There will also be Healing Pathway sessions on Thursday, December 7th, Thursday, December 14th and Thursday, December 28th, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and on Friday, December 8th, Friday, December 15th and 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**.



LEARNING

➤ Sunday School Coordinator

Our new Sunday School coordinator will be Tammie Hill. Her term starts on December 1st. Welcome!



OUTREACH

- **Christmas Fest** for the residents of The Haven is next Sunday afternoon. The planning team is asking our congregations to support this fun event by:
 - Providing a plate or two of Christmas cookies or other sweet goodies (no nuts). Sign list in the narthex;
 - Donating Christmas decorations. Box in the narthex. Thank you!

➤ **White Gift Sunday** is December 10.

We are continuing our tradition of supporting three local ecumenical chaplaincies – Centre 507's drop-in downtown at Centretown United Church; the Carlington Community Chaplaincy, which supports the Caldwell Avenue community near the Experimental Farm; and the Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy, which works in the Pinecrest-Queensway area.

Representatives of each chaplaincy will join us for the service and will share information about their programming in the hall during coffee time. A representative of the Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy will update us on their activities during the service.

Thank you for your donations of toiletries which the children bagged last Sunday. They also made lovely Christmas cards which they will give the representatives on December 10.

Please see the Life and Work insert for a list of suggested gifts. Contact Liz Nieman, 613-825-8804, with any questions.



RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

➤ So Why Do We Have a Plywood Wall in the Hall?

Late this summer we noticed some water staining on the ceiling near the windows in the Hall. We determined that we likely had a leak at the join of the gravel and asphalt roofing in that area and conducted a repair. We then proceeded to assess the interior damage only to find that it is extensive and the result of many years of water infiltration. We have had to remove all of the drywall and insulation in order to enable an engineering assessment of the situation and the design of the repair. This is a major undertaking which will require the replacement of some major structural components and the associated roof area.

It was necessary, therefore, to isolate the affected space with a temporary wall. We are working hard to get the plan of work done and hope to proceed with the repair soon. We have also approached our insurer to determine how much of the cost will be covered. We are hopeful that it will help to limit our financial exposure but there is little doubt that this effort will still be a major undertaking for us. We will provide updates from time to time.

➤ Perth Classic Theatre

Many thanks are extended to Barry and Evelyn Finlay and to everyone who participated in this worthwhile fundraiser. This year, the participants raised \$795 for BUC.

The outings were fun and everyone seemed to enjoy the theatrical performances. For 2018, plans are underway to offer once again this excellent opportunity to travel to Perth in the company of friends and have a good time while supporting the church.

➤ **FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

PERIOD: Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 2017

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
REVENUE		
Charitable Givings		
Local Offering (plate)	\$ 58,491	\$ 58,500
PAR Local	\$ 73,731	\$ 77,000
Total	\$ 132,222	\$135,500
Charitable Givings Designated		
M+S	\$ 17,675	\$ 16,400
BUC Outreach	\$ 7,508	\$ 8,100
Total	\$ 25,183	\$ 24,500

Other Revenue		
Rent	\$ 40,858	\$ 48,550
Fundraising	\$ 1,895	6,000
Total	\$ 42,753	\$ 54,500

COMMENT: We must continue to give and not slowdown in our efforts, especially since December is so critical as it is the largest monthly contribution period.

➤ **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 or visit the table at the Volunteer Fair.

Be grateful, be joyful, be generous!

