

Telling our Story

Barrhaven United Church had a very modest beginning with 12 people meeting in January 1979, having responded to flyers put in mailboxes. It rapidly flourished, worshipping in the early years in local schools. It was constituted as a Pastoral Charge in 1985 and called its first full time minister in 1989. In 1984 the United Church Extension Committee acquired a 5.5 acre parcel of land on which BUC sits today, celebrating the first service in its new building in April 1993. As well, community housing, known as Barrhaven Nonprofit Housing Inc., with 41 units (including handicap accessible units and 7 environmental sensitivity units) sit on BUC property.

The size of our congregation has varied over the years and today we have a stable congregation, many of which have aged with the church. We are interested in attracting young families and youth and integrating them into our vibrant community. We engage in all aspects of Christian Education from Sunday School to adult study groups and annually hold a Vacation Bible School.

We enjoy sermons that challenge us and join parallels with the world we live in. Music is a vital and integral part of our worship with many talented musical members participating.

Pastoral Care needs have grown over the years and we have an active, dedicated and trained team of about 12 persons and 3 trained persons in Healing Pathways Ministry.

BUC from its earliest days was home to the Barrhaven Food Cupboard, which was first located in members' basements, later the church building, and in the near future a separate building to be built on church property. As well, community gardens with raised beds commenced in the summer of 2016.

Our passion for outreach is within the community and outside including sponsoring three Syrian refugee families in conjunction with the local Muslim Mosque. We are conscience of the environment and in 2014 installed solar panels on our roof. In addition we organize regular electronic recycle collection.

Members of BUC live with intention with the words "Spirit, Shelter, Sustenance" defining our focus.