UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Bethel United Church
Sunday, November 8, 2026



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WORDS OF WELCOME!

COMMUNITY NEWS

We are in the process of distributing the Bethel United Church Rideau Ferry Fall 2026 Newsletter. If you have not yet received a print copy of the newsletter, please speak to Karen Hunt. Information about coming events including the Advent Services (Advent One is November 29) and White Gift Sunday are included in the Newsletter.

Our next Communion Service will take place on November 29 (Advent 1).

The UCW are preparing for their very popular Christmas Bake Sale on Saturday Dec. 5th. Advance cookie sales may be placed by calling Ruth Anne at 613 283-7241 or Karen at 613 264-9273.

TUESDAYS: Chat and Chew in the church hall at 13:30.

THURSDAY: Zoom Prayer and Share at 10:00.

Follow-up from our October 2026 Stewardship Project…
Through the wonderful generosity of our caring Bethel Family, $1550.50 was donated during October in support of the important work of the Alzheimers Society of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville. Thank you all!
Please check out the excellent Alzheimer's and Dementia resource material on the table in the church hall.
Would you be interested in participating in a workshop in which you could learn skills that would help Bethel become a stronger Dementia Friendly Community? If so, Please speak to Karen Hunt.

The next Official Board meeting will be on Sunday, November 22nd, following worship. Minutes of the last meeting are on the website.

GATHERING MUSIC

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

"Poppies," Mary Oliver

But I also say this: that light is an invitation to happiness, and that happiness, when it's done right, is a kind of holiness, palpable and redemptive.

GATHERING WORDS Psalm 78, VU #792, sung refrain
[see hymn #28 for tune]

HUMBLE PRAYER

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

"O Canada"

CFB Wainwright: soldiers killed October 17, 2026

Sergeant Morgan Wong, from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment based at Edmonton, Alberta serving with 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Private Shaun Farrell, from 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based at Edmonton, Alberta

Private Aidan Goulding, from 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based at Edmonton, Alberta

Private Hayden Lykkemark, from 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based at Edmonton, Alberta

Reading of veterans names

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Field, the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Last Post
Silence
Reveille

CHOIR

They shall not grow old as we are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

SCRIPTURE VERSE **VU 376** ***"Spirit of the Living God"***

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Matthew 25: 1-13

REFLECTION

HYMN ***"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"***

1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning. Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, keep me burning till the break of day.

Chorus **Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!**
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, Sing hosanna to the King!

2 Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing. Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing, keep me singing till the break of day. *Chorus*

3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, keep me serving till the break of day. *Chorus*

4 Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting. Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, keep me resting till the break of day. *Chorus*

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY *A Stable Start*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY VU 575 (vs 1) ***"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"***

I'm gonna live so [live so] God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! [anytime]
I'm gonna live so [live so] God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you call us to live boldly – eyes and hearts attentive and open to your will and way. As we offer our gifts of time, talent, devotion and financial support, keep the flame of generous living bright within and among us. Use all our gifts to bring possibility, hope and goodness to the world you so love. AMEN.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH VU 918

SUNG PRAYER VERSE

VU 400 ***"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"***

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Today we have special prayers for:

Joy	Eric	John T.	Reid
Leah	Brynnley	Richard	Leigh
Janet	Edna	Lynda	Grace
Carol	Chris	Sarah	Kim P.
Kim H.	Jennifer	Sandra H.	Fran
Lainey	Sandy	The Riley	
James	Ellen & Art	Family	
Ben	Helen T.	Linda P.	

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN **VU 586** **"*We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection*"**

1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

CLOSING WORD

Jesus, light of God, light of the world shine in and among us
May the oil of your lamp fill our hearts
May the lamp of your grace lead our ministries
May the light of your love be witnessed all throughout this new week
May we be a source of light for others who wait for you in shadowy and dark moments

CHORAL BLESSING

VU 424 (vs 1) **"*May the God of Hope Go with Us*"**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Refrain **Praying, let us work for peace;**
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

POSTLUDE

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Bethel United Church Women

Christmas Bake Sale

Saturday, December 5th

Plans are underway for the annual
UCW Bake Sale
and we need your help

- **Anyone** in the congregation with a talent for baking can contribute to this worthy cause (up to 10,000 cookies needed). The criteria: ***smaller size cookies*** (*2"-2½" for easier packing*)**; not too soft; no strong flavoured cookies** (*ginger, molasses, peanut butter*) to go in the boxes. These will be sold at the bake table.
- Friday, December 4th we will pack cookies starting at 10am.
  Your cookies can be dropped off either Thursday, December 3rd from 10am-noon or Friday morning from 8:30-9am.
- Other baked goods for the bake sale are much appreciated.
- If you wish to contribute to the bake sale in another way, a financial donation to offset the cost of ingredients, would be greatly appreciated. Please speak with Linda Hamon



Please keep this notice for reminders of dates and times.