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## Life and Work Newsletter

November 5th, 2020



*Jean Shaddick organizing Market delivery orders. (All Photos by Brain Braceland)*

by Dot Cooper, Council Chair, November 5th, 2020

What a great launch to this year's online Christmas Market. Certainly Covid challenged our faith community to be resilient and to get creative. We knew that we would need to adapt to our new normal quickly and embrace technology. Granted, we put our energies towards Virtch, and then ensured that we reconnected with our ministry teams with encouragement to continue our life and work through Zoom. We trusted that we would all rise together, but I never envisaged that our Bazaar team could transform itself so quickly, and raise the Bazaar spirit through the roof with such an impressive, slick, online shopping site. To our vast team of Bazaar enthusiasts, please know your efforts this year are truly amazing. Thank you all for continuing to contribute to this important fundraising event and let's keep it going. Please share this good news far and wide by inviting all to shop at [OUCChristmasmarket.ca](https://OUCChristmasmarket.ca) today.



*L-R: Deborah Patterson, Lorna Hobbs, Barbara Malarczyk and Vicky Teather putting orders together in the Youth Lounge.*

*Below: Ken Richardson - Food Production Coordinator*

**Life and Work (L&W)**

With no large-scale in-person activities possible, Council embarked on a communications journey where the Revs and Council would explore new ways to renew our weekly communications. Our aim is to reach a wider audience and inform the interests of our faith community. In recent months our weekly email broadcasts have alternated between a Note from the Revs and this Life and Work Newsletter, with



Coronavirus Connections and other updates complementing the weekly broadcast. The evolving vision is to now blend L&W with Note from the Revs, and return the collation of announcements communicated through L&W to the office. This transition is planned to take place over the next few weeks, so I'll be happily signing off as the interim L&W Newsletter producer with this edition.

As Council Chair, I wish to thank you, our readers, for actually opening and reading L&W before deleting. Also, I'm indebted to Barbara Malarczyk for her wonderful editorial work throughout this journey. Please know that it's been a pleasure communicating with all of you through this medium and I'm looking forward to the next iteration. Given that we are in transition, next week's broadcast will be a Note from the Revs, followed by a bridge Newsletter release. By the end of the month, we hope to launch a combined pastoral/life and work communications product supported primarily by the Office Admin. Not sure what the new product will look like, but the fun is in the adventure.

Yours in Christ,

Dot Cooper, Chair of Council



***L-R Glen Stoudt and Gord Gray rolling almost 400 meat pies. A new record!!!***



## OUC's Christmas Market

OUC's online bazaar officially launched on October 26th and will continue to run until December 5th. We are off to a great start thanks to the work of so many volunteers who have supported this endeavour in so many ways and to the many customers who have made purchases from this new Bazaar format.

We are adding new products to the site every day; there are still lots of frozen food choices available for you to stock your freezers. We hope that you will continue to check the site from time to time, to see the new products. You may find items that sold out quickly have been replenished, or something completely new has been added. For example, face masks made from fabric printed with poppies are coming in time for Remembrance Day. Other crafters are busy making new advent calendars, woodcrafts, mittens, gloves, and much more! [OUCChristmasmarket.ca](http://OUCChristmasmarket.ca)

All of the funds raised from the Christmas Market support the ministries of Orleans United Church.

## Grounds Clean-up and Leaf Raking Fun

It's that time of year when the lawn team of Brian Braceland, Dot Cooper and Rob Palo make a hearty call out to all congregant families and friends to share in the joy of Fall clean-up. You are invited to join in on the fun of raking leaves this Saturday, November 7th beginning at 9 a.m. Many, many hands will make light of this work. From experience, please bring your own refreshments, gloves, spare rakes and leftover yard waste bags if you have them. If you can't rake, still join in. We need helpers big and small to hold the bags open, etc., and we really hope that you'll join us in fellowship.

Know that OUC is earth friendly and your grounds team will be leaving an abundance of fallen leaves to cover all of the flower beds. Throughout the month of October, many, many layers of mulched leaves are already nourishing the lawns. As good neighbours and stewards, we're also offering the gathered leaves for free, should you wish to take some home for mulch. We are looking forward to seeing a small army of volunteers on the grounds this Saturday. Weather looks great, so please don't be shy about saying yes to this fellowship opportunity.

## In Person Worship Options

In the ongoing and evolving climate that is "ministry in a time of Pandemic," we have made further changes to upcoming "in person" worship plans.

**We have chosen not to go ahead with a regular monthly Vespers service.**

Rather, we are now planning for a Sunday afternoon worship service on the last day of this liturgical year: **November 22nd at 3 p.m.** Together, we will gather to give thanks to God and to bid farewell to the church year that was

and welcome the one that is to come. We have chosen an afternoon time to make it possible for those who find driving at night difficult to attend. Watch for Eventbrite registration details in future Thursday morning emails.

Plans are also in the works to offer an opportunity to gather together on the OUC grounds, outside in the fresh air, on the evening of **December 20th at 7 p.m.** as a way to feel the spirit of Christmas in the air and enjoy a time of music and lights, fellowship and merry-making. More details to follow as this plan develops.

Next week, we will share more about Virtch plans for the season of Advent.

## Thank you Team Tourtiere

By Gord Gray

With gratitude, I wish to thank everyone who contributed to this year's production of some 400 tourtieres, a process which began in September and has been a non-stop effort in support of this year's Christmas Market. Making the tourtieres would not have been achieved without the help of an amazing, dedicated team. With appreciation, I acknowledge Ken Richardson (Coordination), my pie rolling partner Glen Stoudt, Denise Connors (Stove Genius); Dot Cooper (the General), Barbara Malarczyk, Lynn Stoudt (the Onion Queens), with Cindy Blanchard, Jill Parkinson, Brian Braceland, France Lemay-Legault, Rick Turnbull, Janet Quirt, and Kimberly Unterganschigg who do everything and anything asked. Thank you Flora Crombie for your vision eight years ago, and we hope to see you back in the kitchen next year.

## Team Tourtiere in Action - Photo Collage

*Top L-R: Gord, Dot and Glen; Denise and Ken*



*Bottom L-R Janet and Kimberly; Barbara weighing and Lynn raking.*

*P.S. Thank you Andrea Fisher for keeping lots of bandages in the First Aid Kit...*

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## Virtual Concert

The Campus Ministry at Algonquin College is inviting Ottawa area Christians to **Make a Joyful Noise**, a virtual concert on Friday, **November 20th at 7:30 p.m.** in support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College, an ecumenical Christian chaplaincy. The performers, including Scott Richardson, are from a variety of denominations and local churches. It is a Zoom event, so prior registration is required. See the attached Poster for more details.

## Calendar of Events

*Remember to please register early when requested, and check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and details.*

<https://www.facebook.com/OrleansUnitedChurch/>

### **“Virtch” Sunday Morning on-line Worship:**

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnOu5yFybhiRZ6fGiMIS\\_9w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnOu5yFybhiRZ6fGiMIS_9w)).

### **Adult Education:**

Being Grateful in Difficult Times online course – Monday evenings starting October 12th. **Pre-registration** is required. Contact Rev. Caroline for details.

### **Coffee with Caroline:**

Rev. Caroline will be offering drop-in office hours on Zoom on Friday mornings starting October 23rd at 9:00 a.m. and running through to Christmas (December 18th). For Zoom invite please note the details within the announcement above.

### **Contemplative Prayer Group:**

Rev. Janet Nield will facilitate a 5-week contemplative prayer series, in person, on **Tuesday mornings starting October 13th**. This group will meet every other week at 10:30 a.m. and the series will end on November 24th. See announcement above for **pre-registration** details.

### **OUC Christmas Market:**

Online Shopping began **October 26th** at [OUCChristmasmarket.ca](http://OUCChristmasmarket.ca). Please place your orders early and share the good news.

**Men's Digital Coffee:**

Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. – contact Dave Clemis (davidclemis@homemail.com) for an invitation.

**Online Java Jive Bible Study:**

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. – contact Kim (orleansunited@rogers.com) for an invitation.

**Book Club:**

Held the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com for details/Zoom invitation.

**Sharing the News Schedule:**

Note From the Revs - 12 November

Bridge Newsletter - 19 November