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Hello OUC!

Welcome back to this community space - the one that keeps you connected by being intentionally connected. At first glance, what I just wrote may sound little bit redundant. That is until we all take a moment to pause, create space for God to do God's thing and inspire us. The inspiration I'm talking about is the intentionality of wanting to at once be connected to God, be connected to our selves, be connected to each other.

So this space - one where OUC is invited to share its "goings on" is more, I think, than simple space to share news of events. I pray that it also gives you, the reader, some perspective on where God is at work in your life, the community that is OUC and the wider world.

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Rev Eric

P.S. - For community oriented people who would like to make announcements here are two guidelines when you send your blurb to Kim Gratton at the [OUC office](#):

- While there is no word count restriction, please be mindful of sharing concise messages. Connected to that, please do your proofreading ahead of time.
- The deadline is Wednesday at midnight.
- As a bonus guideline, you are highly encouraged to have fun with this.

Upcoming Worship



All Sunday morning services will now be in person and live-streamed at 10 am, unless otherwise indicated.

2022 Offering Envelopes

There are still **60** boxes of 2022 offering envelopes in the Church Office. Please help cut down on the need to hand deliver by picking up yours as soon as possible. The boxes will be available in the Narthex this Sunday morning, and in the office the rest of the week.



The church office will close at 12:30 today (Thursday) and reopen Tuesday morning at 8:30. Happy Easter everyone!

This Week at OUC

Tomorrow: Good Friday service, on YouTube at 10 am

Sunday: Easter celebration, in person and live-streamed at 10 am

Monday: Easter Monday, Office closed

Tuesday: Coro Vivo, Sanctuary, 7 pm
Scouts - Hall/Choir Room, 6 pm

Wednesday: A'Chord - Sanctuary, 9:30 am
Just Us - Hall, 1 pm

Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Thursday: HELP - Sanctuary, 7 pm
Quilter's Workshop - Hall,
6:30 pm

Friday: Beavers Sleepover -
Hall/Lounge/Kitchen,
6 pm Friday to 9:30 am Saturday

Saturday: SDA - Sanctuary, 8:30 - 1 pm
Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 2 pm

Sunday: In person worship, led by our
Lay Licensed Worship
Leaders



We have only one
Sunday school teacher
signed up to teach from
April 24th to May 29.

To go ahead with Sunday
school, which will be a
one room, all ages class in the Hall, we
need at least one more teacher to
volunteer.

Is the teacher you?

If so, please contact [the office](#).

**Please note: there will be no Sunday
school this week, Easter Sunday.**

**Wow, what a great turn
out for Coffee time and
Fellowship last**

Sunday. Everyone was so
pleased to spend special time together.
We will offer this Fellowship time after each
service, and we are looking for volunteers
to sign up as helpers. Paul and I will be
running the coffee service and we are
asking for volunteers to sign up to help
either before for set-up or after the service
with clean-up. We are also asking for
volunteers to provide snacks or baked
goods for the coffee time. If you are
interested in lending a helping hand, email
me at lemaylegaf@yahoo.com, contact
[the office](#), or see the sign-up sheet posted
outside the Kitchen.



France Lemay-Legault

Stewardship Corner

Sharing God's goodness through our lives and resources

Sharing God's Goodness Through Our Financial Partnership

One of the very significant ways that we partner with one another at Orleans United is by sharing our financial gifts. Our collective financial partnership ensures that our *physical* presence in the community remains vibrant and visible—and that our *pastoral* presence is available for those within and outside our walls who seek spiritual, emotional, and practical support. At our recent Annual Congregational Meeting, the results of our financial partnership were one part of our celebration. Now, celebration and the perusal of financial statements probably seems like an odd combination, but amid the “dryness” of reviewing the numbers, I sensed not only a sense of relief, but also a sense of joy. Joy in our generosity! We at Orleans United have always been generous in sharing our financial resources. And even with the many social challenges of these last two years, our financial contributions have helped to keep our story alive. We give thanks for the volunteers who share their hearts and skills in caring for these resources. This is a story to celebrate! This is a story of generosity! This is a story of stewardship.

Paul Sales paul.sales93@gmail.com

Helping Ukrainian families in Poland

Rev. Piotr Strzelecki of St. Paul's United Church in Kindersley, Saskatchewan (who was ordained out of OUC) has established an informal partnership with the Polish Evangelical-Methodist Church in the city of Elk, in eastern Poland. Two colleagues of Piotr's, along with their parishes, have so far taken in two Ukrainian refugee families. All support to these families is happening on the grassroots level (no government help). What they need most is financial help with day-to-day basics like food, clothing, daycare etc. There is a jar for loose change/bills in the Narthex with pictures of both families and the two pastors. This is a simple way for people to make a difference right now. For more information, please contact Peter Holt at pjholt.71@gmail.com or 613-841-5143



Walking Meditation returns! This time we will "Walk Through Our Grief"

From **April 25th to June 6th, on Mondays at 11am**, Rev. Caroline will lead a walking meditation on the topic of grief. Together, group participants will walk through their grief over 6 sessions (we will skip Victoria Day), employing a new prayer practice or ritual each week. Caroline will bring poems and various prompts to set the tone for the walk, and then together we will let grief move through our bodies as we move through the neighbourhood. You might be bereaved and grieving the loss of a loved one from this realm, or you might be experiencing a loss of another kind (a job, a home, a friendship, etc...)

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please contact Rev. Caroline at ouc.carolinepenhale@rogers.com.

To all women: Come out for fellowship and good food. Connor's Irish Pub, St. Joseph Blvd. on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 pm. Reservations in the name of "Joan" Please advise Joan by email (joanbrockelbank@gmail.com) or phone 613-327-2523 by Tuesday, Apr. 14, so I can let the restaurant know how many places to set! Hope to see you there!



Cantata Singers of Ottawa will be performing a concert at OUC on May 8th. They are looking for 3 volunteers who are willing to offer around one hour of their time helping with ushering etc., in exchange for free admission to the concert. If you are interested contact the **church office** and I will put you in touch with CSO.

Be in Touch!

We would love for you to reach out to us.... we are here for you!

Website: <http://orleansunitedchurch.com>

Email: orleansunited@rogers.com

Phone: 613-837-4321

If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter, sign them up through the main office (call or email)

Ways to Give

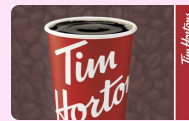
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION WITH THEIR TIME AND WITH THEIR FINANCIAL DONATIONS

If you would like to contribute financially, you can do so:

- By cash or cheque to the main office
- By pre-authorized monthly donations (call office for information)
- Through your United Way contributions (simply choose OUC as the beneficiary)
- E-transfer to:

oucdonations@rogers.com

• Using a credit card Through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org>



Grocery gift cards

are available for all President's Choice stores, Metro/Food Basics, Farm

Boy and Tim Horton's. These cards are an excellent fundraiser for OUC. Email **Dianne Davis** to order yours today!

Community Corner

Riverside United Church

3191 Riverside Dr.

Book Nook Sale

Saturday, April 23rd - 10:00 AM to Noon

Large selection of used books

(during the Ottawa Organic Farmers Market).

Masks are required and physical distancing is expected.



30th Annual Kanata United Church

Annual Book Fair - May 10 - 14

Appointments only for Tuesday.

Tuesday - Friday 3 - 8 PM,

Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM

Gift cards are available. Proceeds go toward KUC programming and local community outreach.

See www.kuc.ca for more details!



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