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Hello and Happy Easter!

As our journey through Eastertide continues, here is a look at a few photos from Easter Sunday morning.



Photos by Brian Braceland and Heather Young

This newsletter is chock-a-block full as church life begins to get busy once again.

Update: Rev. Molly Bell's medical Leave has been extended

This is to inform you that Rev. Molly's medical leave has been extended to May 29, 2022. The reasons for her leave are confidential.

The Chair of the Ministry & Personnel Committee, Luc Lamadeleine, is in the process of extending the supply ministry agreement with Eric Lukacs in order to fill the gap while Molly is off in the month of May.

Please hold Molly in your thoughts and prayers, as we all wish her a speedy and full recovery.

Ron Hunt

Chair of Council

Update on Search for New Minister

This is to let you know that the Community of Faith Profile (COFP) document was approved at the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 10, 2022. The document was updated on April 11th to reflect the minor changes identified at the April 10th meeting, and was sent to the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC) for their meeting on April 12th.

A copy of the final version of the COFP is available at

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!Ao8Wcc6ZnLalQUatF83qafX3BxR?e=rNkxY6>.

We have just been notified that the EOORC has approved OUC's COFP and that the document will be uploaded to the United Church of Canada's Church Hub in the very near future. Prospective ministers will be able to view the COFP from the Church Hub.

The members of the Search Team – Janis Grychowski, John Masur, Mary Lou Robillard, Suzanne Allen and Ted Somerville – were introduced by Alison Sales and commissioned by Rev. Caroline Penhale at the April 10th meeting.

Most of their work will be carried out in confidence. However, we will provide you with periodic updates on how the search process is going. In the meantime, we ask that you hold the members of the Search Team in your prayers as they prepare to take on their duties on behalf of the congregation.

Blessings,

Ron Hunt, Chair of Council

Luc Lamadeleine, Chair of Ministry & Personnel

Upcoming Worship



All Sunday morning services in May and June will be in person

and live-streamed at **10 am**.



Sunday School will begin on May 1st and run weekly until June 19th. This will be one-room Sunday School for all ages, and children and teachers will be asked to wear a mask.



Our guest preacher on Sunday, May 29, in honour of World Environment Day, is Rev. Dr. Jessica Hetherington, an ecotheologian and ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. Rev. Jessica offers an ecotheology ministry to people of faith who seek to transform their lives and actions in response to the ecological crisis. As we know, the time for action is NOW.

Rev. Jessica is launching a website, jessicahetherington.ca, in early May, which will include her services and a blog of theological and personal reflections, sermon snippets, book reviews and more. If you would like to sign up for her newsletter, *Following in the World*, please email Rev. Jessica at: jessica@jessicahetherington.ca, and she will be happy to add your email address to the list.

Wanted – Lead Coordinator/ Administrator for the OUC Bazaar

If you are someone with good organizational and people skills and want to make a contribution, the OUC Bazaar wants you!

A good number of volunteers are already committed to leading and contributing to the different “areas” of the Bazaar. This includes Frozen Food, the Silent Auction, the Book Sale, Preserves, Refreshments and Crafts. These groups can all function quite independently. We know that we can count on the congregation and the community for more. What we really need is an overall Coordinator who is willing to make sure that things come together, to keep abreast of things like inventory, storage, and likely the overall budget.

Alison Sales and Lorna Hobbs are willing to play a leading role this year in hopes that someone responds to this request and will be an “understudy” this year and take over the lead for next year. Our super-star previous Bazaar lead, Janet Weatherston, has detailed notes on inventory, prices, set up, volunteers and more – so we have a very good starting place.

You could be artistic, or not! You could be a crafter, or not! What we know we need is overall coordination and organization with some administration as well. If you are interested, please email Kim Gratton in the [church office](#) and she will forward it to Alison and Lorna.

Getting in Touch

If you would like to reach Rev. Caroline, please call her on her mobile phone at **613-292-4801**.

This Week at OUC

Saturday: Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 2:30 pm

Sunday: Service led by our Lay Licensed Worship Leaders, in person and live-streamed at 10 am

Monday: Scouts - Hall/Library/Choir Room, 6 pm

CST - Lounge, 7 pm

Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Tuesday: Coro Vivo, Sanctuary, 7 pm

Scouts - Hall/Choir Room, 6 pm

Wednesday: A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 am

Just Us - Hall, 1 pm

Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Council - Chapel, 7 pm

Joyful Yarn - Lounge, 7 pm

Friday: Girl Guides Sleepover - Hall/Kitchen, 6 pm Friday to 8:30 am Saturday

Saturday: SDA - Sanctuary, 8:30 - 1 pm

Sunday: In person worship, led by HELP Ottawa



Interchurch Refugee Group

The mission of the Interchurch Refugee Group

(IRG) depends on volunteers and support from our churches and community. The pandemic has slowed our ability to welcome our next sponsorship, but we are currently preparing for a return to “normal” by year’s end. The generosity of OUC has once again filled the IRG with gratitude. Since January 2021, OUC has donated over \$7000, enough to cover four months rent for a family of four. Thank you, we couldn’t do it without you!

2022 Offering Envelopes

There are still **33** 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.



OUC Nursery

The OUC nursery is open for babies and toddlers enjoyment during the worship service but an adult must accompany them. The room capacity should be no more than 15 persons at one time. Please take proper precautions such as washing the children's hands before and after playing in the nursery. The toys and books have been checked for safe usage and cleaned according to Covid-19 and sanitation protocols. Please help the kids put away the toys where they have been stored, including the books in the library, and make sure all the pieces have been replaced with the appropriate toy or puzzle. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.



OUC Property Committee

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



A Joyful Yarn – Knit and Crochet group meets on Wednesday April 27 in the Lounge, 7-9 pm. Come join us for

crafting
and conversation!

Hints from HELP

Do you have many people who want updates on the health of your loved one?



Try CaringBridge.org It's a free space where you can invite friends and family to a private online room to read your updates. There is also a space where you can list help you need, and your supporters can enter help they can provide.



Well! What a fine Easter gathering. The kids were egg hunting, the coffee was deemed as great and the sweets were

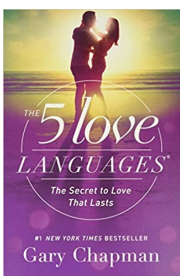
awesome. Thank you to Debbie Arcand, Ann Castricum, George Teather, Joan Brockelbank for your baked goods donations. Thanks and welcome to Janet Quirt for her help in setting and clean up, as well as offering the Easter decorations. Please take the time to consider either offerings baked goods or help with the coffee service. The sign up sheet is on the billboard. Paul and I would like to train a few volunteers who could replace us when we are on holidays.

France Lemay-Legault

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



The start date for this group has been postponed by one week to **May 2**. We need 4 participants to run the group, and we currently have 2. Please contact [the office](#) by **April 26th** to register.



"The 5 Love Languages"

These workshops are now cancelled due to low registration. Rev. Caroline will make the content available in another format. Watch this newsletter for details.

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

We have sent \$500 to Revs Dariusz and Monika in eastern Poland, to look after the Ukrainian families they are supporting. They will also use some of the money to start Polish lessons in the church for the many Ukrainian children who are starting to go to school there. Thanks to OUC for being so generous! For more information, please contact Peter Holt at pjholt.71@gmail.com or 613-841-5143

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>

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)

Community Corner



Cantata Singers of Ottawa will be performing a concert at OUC on May 8th. They are looking for 2 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.



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!

SOUTH GLOUCESTER UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS:

ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

SATURDAY APRIL 23RD
9 - 4 PM
SOUTH GLOUCESTER UNITED CHURCH
2536 RIDEAU RD

Acceptable electronics

A grid of 12 icons representing various electronic items: desktop computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone, printer, scanner, fax, copier, microwave, toaster, coffee maker, and small appliances.

CLOTHING WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Also accepted are microwaves, small appliances, scrap metal and tools. For complete list, contact Kim in [the office](#). If you can't make it on Saturday, electronics can be dropped off at the OUC office **tomorrow only (Friday April 22nd)**