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Lawns and Gardens - Annual Spring Clean-Up - May 6th, 2023

Spring is here and before long the OUC lawns will be blooming with dandelions. This annual tradition of nourishing the bees is our cue to attend to our grounds and garden beds. Everyone (Bigs and Littles) are invited to help open the garden beds and clear winter debris, broken branches and twigs from the grounds. This fellowship gathering will take place from 9:00 -11:30 am, Saturday, May 6th. Please bring your own gardening tools and any extra yard waste bags if you have them. Any questions, please see Dot Cooper.



ADOPT A GARDEN - BE PART OF THE GREEN TEAM

As many will know, Shirley Holt, with Peter alongside, has overseen the gardens at OUC. Through her vision and steadfast stewardship she has nurtured the seasonal beauty that our gardens provide for the enjoyment of our community at large. OUC is grateful and blessed by Shirley's commitment to our gardens, and while her commitment is unwavering, a lingering shoulder ailment will limit Shirley's physical ability to tend to the gardens this year. Hence, this call for individuals, family groups and/or ministry teams to Adopt a Garden. With Shirley's mentoring and your enthusiastic adoption of a garden, we can keep our gardens blooming. To Adopt a Garden please see Shirley Holt and stake your claim. Remember, no experience is

A big hug and thank you to all my church family for the prayers, emails, texts, food and surprise drop ins. It is incredibly calming to be surrounded by God's love shown through a loving faith family.

Heather McGrath



Coffee Time

Another wonderful spread for our coffee time. We are grateful for the leftovers from the funeral crew. They make amazing baked goods and platters.

Thank you to the following persons for their contribution towards fellowship time:

Set-Up: George Teather, Rob Orchin

Baked donations: George Teather, Alex Milhady, Rob Palo and the leftovers from Friday's funeral service.

Clean-Up: George Teather, Rob Orchin, Rob Palo, Barbara Malarczyk; Helen Guth, Emily del Castillo, Heather Young

Keep your 2023 grocery budget on track by using **GROCERY GIFT CARDS.**



The Grocery Gift

Card table is open in the hall after service. Purchases of gift cards for Metro, Basics, Independent, No frills, Loblaws, Sobeys, Farm Boy, and Shoppers Drug Mart will be available by cash, cheque, e-

necessary and thank you for sharing your time and talent by being part of the Green Team.

Dot Cooper



Spring cleaning and decluttering - Think about the OUC Silent Auction

Spring has arrived and we are opening our windows and doors to fresh air and sunshine. When you are going about your chores in the house, ask yourself if you have outgrown some items and would they complement the Silent Auction table in fall. If the item has to leave your house ASAP, we will store the item for you, depending on its size. Please contact France at lemaylegaf@yahoo.com.



Molly at the Movies This Tuesday, May 2 @ 7 pm

Come join Rev. Molly to discuss her Oscar fave this year "Women Talking". This will be an

opportunity to explore themes in the book and/or movie - what moved you? challenged you? spoke to your faith? Invite your friends and come for an evening of engaging conversation. Please email Kim in the office to register (so we can have enough snacks!!), but most importantly - **PLEASE COME!!**

Help Hints



Check out supports in the community:
<https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>



Rain barrels, accessories and composters: We will be selling rain barrels again this year in case you missed your chance last year or if you need a replacement

part. Barrels are ordered on-line here: <https://rainbarrel.ca/orleansunitedchurch/> and can be picked up between 6pm and 8pm on Friday June 9, 2023. And why should you use a rain barrel? The answer is

transfer, or debit. Gift cards are also available for purchase in the church office during regular business hours. Any questions regarding this long standing fundraiser (that costs you nothing extra) can be sent to: dianne.davis@bell.net.



Boston Pizza is still giving us a percentage back from our receipts. Please remember to print Orleans United Church on your receipt and put it in the box each time you eat there. Every dollar helps the work of the church.

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 in a number of ways, including:

- By cash or cheque on Sunday morning in the collection plate, or deposited in the church mailbox
- After church in the Hall with your debit card
- 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>
- Using either a debit or credit card through the pilot Pillenty App (instructions at the end of the Newsletter)

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)

here: <https://rainbarrel.ca/benefits/> The composter is easy to miss (3rd row down, far left). We suggest you order early as we found out last year that some of the items sell out quickly. One item that may be of interest to those of you who already have a rain barrel is the clear dispensing hose. Please note that the ugly duckling is not really all that ugly and there are internet links on how to paint your rain barrel to reflect your sense of whimsy. And for those with cottages, you can order barrels without holes to make a floating dock (a special order). For further questions, contact Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com. PS Annemarie is still looking for volunteers to help with this project.

Community Corner



Rideau Hill Camp Annual clean up day is on Saturday April 29th from 9 until 2 . We are looking for volunteers to help with branch clean up from the

ice storm, Kitchen clean up, and cabin clean up all after a long winter. Experience is not needed. We are having a **Potluck Lunch**, please bring food. This is a good time for students to obtain community involvement hours for school. Please call Don Buwalda if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. My phone number is **613-215-0412** -- if no answer

please leave a message. Thank you



Riverside United Church invites you to their Mini Garage Sale - Saturday, April 29th in rooms 4, 5 and 6 - 9am to Noon. Donated items will be categorized by price - \$2, \$5, \$10+. In addition, there will be a table of baking, spring crafts and jewelry.



Camp Awesome 2023 - July 10 - 14 and 24-28

We are so excited to have Camp Awesome back this year!!

For those who haven't attended before, this is a day camp for 4-12 year olds run out of our church, offered as a ministry of the United Church. It offers a fun, engaging program for children and a leadership opportunity for youth. It has proven to be a great "first day camp" experience for many of our children, a fun activity for children when visiting grandparents or for groups of friends/cousins to attend together, an affordable boredom-buster week, and an all-round AWESOME time!

For our returning families, a few wonderful changes to note:

- Camp will be an ALL DAY experience with camp running from 9:30-3:30 and before and after care at NO COST from 8:30-9:30 and 3:30-4:30
- CA Crew will be offered for ages 12-13
- LIT will be offered for ages 14-15
- registration will be done centrally and will

Ontario Youth Parliament (OYP) is a non-partisan model parliament for youth aged 14-21 that focuses on education and empowerment. OYP has a long history of working with the United Church of Canada and acts as a non-profit organization raising money for a local Ottawa charity. This year, we will hold the parliament in Rideau Park United Church, and would like to invite the youth of your church to participate in the program. As members of a community that values social justice and community involvement, your youth already possess many of the skills and values necessary to make a meaningful contribution to the program. Participating in the OYP will give them the opportunity to learn more about parliamentary procedures, make their voices heard, and explore their spirituality.

Registration is open now, and we encourage you to promote the program to the youth of your church before the closing registration date of April 30th.

Please contact us for more information.

Erin Ralph

Communication Minister 2023

be completely online (see information in the graphic)
- cost will be \$150 per camper

If you have questions, need assistance figuring out registration or need assistance covering the cost of registration, please contact Rev. Molly

OUC has a Prayer Chain!



For many years now, OUC has offered a prayer ministry. You can request that the members of the prayer team pray for you, for your loved one, or for a particular local or global concern. All prayer requests are shared among the group confidentially. You are invited to send your prayer request directly to ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com, an email monitored by only one CST member. For more information, please contact the office.



Cumberland Community Singers presents **30 Years of Song!** Friday May 12, 7:30 pm here at OUC. Tickets are \$25 each, and are available at eventbrite.ca, or at the door. For more information, visit cumberlandcommunitysingers.ca.

ONLINE DONATIONS

We are now able to accept Visa and MasterCard (debit and credit) as a method of payment. We have been working with a team of experts from **Pllenty Inc.** to develop this capability. Our members and visitors have a new option to make donations online! You can use your Visa or Mastercard (debit or credit) to: make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.

You can get started in 3 ways!

1. Use your **mobile device's camera**, scan the below QR code, and follow the instructions on the screen to make your gift.
2. On your **computer or electronic device**, go to the website: <https://uc-orleans.pllenty.com> and follow the instructions.
Or,
3. On your **computer or electronic device**, go to the OUC website: [Donations to OUC \(OrleansUnitedChurch.com\)](http://Donations.to.OUC(OrleansUnitedChurch.com)), then click "Donate" and follow the instructions for online payment. Both the new method through the Pllenty QR code and the existing method through Canada Helps are available.

If you don't have an electronic device, please call 613-837-4321 or stop by the Office.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Am I charged a fee to use this service?

Answer: There is no charge for the individual making the donation. OUC is charged a small fee for each transaction.

Question: Can I decide where my donation goes?

Answer: You can choose from a variety of categories (examples: Regular Donations; the Kitchen Campaign; the Memorial Fund; the Food Banks and the Interchurch Refugee Group).

Question: Will I get a charitable donation receipt?

Answer: Plently is authorized and will issue you a charitable receipt for tax purposes.

Question: Is the system and my personal information secure?

Answer: Plently Inc. meets strict Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) for service providers.

Question: What do I do if I don't receive a receipt?

Answer: You can contact the OUC office 613-837-4321 and they will be able to send you a receipt from Plently.

Question: How can I make changes to a recurring gift?

Answer: You can contact the OUC office 613-837-4321 and they can update your recurring gift information.

Question: How do I update my card information?

Answer: You can contact the OUC office 613-837-4321 and they can update your card information.

This Week at OUC

Friday April 28: Orleans Noon - Choir Room, 11:30 - 1:30

- Coro Vivo - Sanctuary/Hall, 1:30 - 3:30
- TOPS - Choir Room, 5 pm

Saturday April 29: Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 9 - 1; Hall, 1 - 3 pm

Sunday April 30: Sunday Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am

- Vintage Stock Theatre - Chapel, 2 - 4 pm

Monday May 1: TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 pm

- Scouts - Chapel/Library/Hall/Choir Room, 6 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Tuesday May 2: Craft Group - Hall, 9 am - noon

- Play Group - Nursery, 9 - 11:30 am
- Tai Chi - Chapel, 10 am
- Men's Spiritual Direction Group - Choir Room, 6:30 pm
- Scouts - Lounge/Hall/Chapel/Kitchen, 6:30 - 8 pm
- Molly at the Movies - Lounge, 7 pm

Wednesday May 3: Men's Breakfast - Gabriel's, St. Joseph Blvd, 7:30 am

- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Scouts - Hall, 6:30 - 8 pm
- Council - Library, 7 pm
- SDA - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday May 4: TOPS - Library/Lounge, 8:30 am

- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Property - Lounge, 10 am
- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 6 - 9 pm
- S-Anon - Lounge, 7 pm
- OUC Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 pm

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