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A Meaningless Hour

with
King Solomon & the Book of Ecclesiastes
presented by Tom Sherwood

Tomorrow, Friday, April 12th, 7 - 9 pm,
in the OUC Sanctuary. \$20 per person. A
"Fringe-Festival style" presentation of "King
Solomon" as he appears in the biblical
Book of Ecclesiastes, infused with humour
and contemporary references. **This is your
last Sunday to purchase tickets at coffee
hour.** Tickets are still available at:
<https://springevent2024.plenty.com/>

The Four Churchmen

Many thanks to
Brian Braceland,
Mel Embury,
Rob Palo and
Larry Peckford



Eclipse Glasses

We are collecting eclipse
glasses to send to
Astronomers Without
Borders, for distribution to
schools and charities in
Latin America in time for
their eclipse in August. Please deposit
yours in one of our collection boxes by April
21. Thank you!



Rainbarrels

Irrigating plants with
rainwater is wonderful
because plants love the
water so much. Fresh
from the sky, rain is
completely free of the
salts, minerals, and chemicals found in
other water sources. Rainwater also has
the perfect pH balance and nitrate delivery
to keep plants and soils healthy! Our
church will be distributing rain barrels again
this year on Friday June 21, 2024 from 6pm
to 8:30pm. Rain Barrels, composters and
accessories can be ordered online
at [https://rainbarrel.ca/orleansunitedchu
rch/](https://rainbarrel.ca/orleansunitedchurch/) New this year, we will also be offering
gardening accessories so check out our
page even if you already have a rain barrel.
We would like to sell at least 75 rain barrels
so we need your help in spreading the
word. Can you post this info onto your
favourite social media or other form of
advertising? For more information, contact
Annemarie Humenuk at
kayakforever@gmail.com

News from the OUC Book Club

We will be meeting on

for vacuuming the entire Sanctuary (including the pews!), tightening screws on the pews, and washing Sanctuary and Hall windows.

Thanks also to Rob Orchin, Brian Braceland, and Debbie Arcand for acquiring and installing edge protectors on the walls in the Narthex.

Well done, good and faithful servants!



You are invited to join us for the Audacious Hope National Gathering, a transformative event designed for youth, young

adults, and their leaders.

Date: Wednesday, July 3 - Saturday, July 6, 2024

Location: Brock University, 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way, St. Catharines, ON

Format: In person

Presented by the Rendez-vous 2024 team of The United Church of Canada and the uplift team of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, this event marks an exciting collaboration to inspire, empower, and uplift our communities.

Highlights of the gathering include:

- Worship Leadership by Adele Halliday and Mitchell Anderson
- Young Adult Keynote Speakers: Andrew Hyde (The United Church of Canada) and Spencer Edwards (The Presbyterian Church in Canada) discussing the theme "Call and Vocation"
- Adult Leaders Keynote Speaker: Jim Cain
- Youth Theme Time Speakers sharing personal stories of audacious hope

Cost and Registration:

Early bird registration: April 15 - May 15 (\$425)

Regular registration: May 16 - May 31 (\$500)

Registration closes: May 31, 2024

[DOWNLOAD THE EVENT BROCHURE HERE](#)

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to connect, learn, and grow together.

If you are a woman - older or younger - and looking for assistance with your Audacious Hope event or travel expenses, consider applying to the [United Church Women Agatha Kaasa Fund](#). **Deadline to apply to this fund is April 15!**

April 30 at 1 pm in the church Library to discuss *Patriot Games* by Tom Clancy. All are welcome to join us.

Contact Marie Ruddick at mdruddick@gmail.com for additional information.



Camp Awesome



Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat at Camp Merrywood near Perth will take place April 26 to 28th this year. The theme will be "Where Friends

Gather". Registration is now open. Forms and payment can be left at the Fundraising table on Sundays or left in the office during the week. Register early to ensure your spot. Cost will be \$150 for the weekend. For information contact Jean Shaddick at scrapbookjean@icloud.com



OUC Fun Golf and BBQ

For all, please save **Sunday, June 23rd, 2024** for this Annual fellowship event.



Men's Retreat

Friday September 6 - Sunday September 8

Fellowship after Worship



Great sunny day and very good turnout for fellowship this Sunday. Thank you for all the persons helping with the fellowship.

Set-up: Rob Palo and Rob Orchin

Baked Donations: Joan Brockelbank, Gordon Gray, Rob Palo, Barattia Family (Anthony and Lucie)

Clean-Up: Heather Young, Dorann Low, Debbie Arcand, Rob Palo, Rob Orchin, Richard Davis and others who helped put away the tables and chairs

Paul and I are travelling in early May and we now have one volunteer to offer the coffee service on 12 May. We are still looking for two more persons. Please email me at lemaylegaf@yahoo.com.

Thanks,
France

Community Corner

Choral Singing and the Aging Voice

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 3 pm
Glebe-St. James United Church

Why does my voice wobble?
Why am I running out of breath?
Will I ever get my high notes back?
Should everyone have vibrato?
Do I have to "blend" my voice in a choir?

Dr. Mark Wilkinson will share the truths of the human voice to answer these questions and more. Bring your curiosity and a writing tool to learn how to keep your voice healthy for a lifetime.



Camp Kalalla News

2024 Registration is open- come join the fun this summer! (Camper dates July 21-28) Visit <http://kalalla.com/register/> for more info.



Bring a new friend to camp and get a

Special guest Captain Reverend Mike Perreault, speaking about Military Chaplains. For more information, contact Peter Holt (pjholt49@yahoo.ca).



Help Hints

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

Voices of the Bereaved

"After 12 years, I still miss her just as much as the day she died."



Keep your 2024 grocery budget on track by using **GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Grocery gift cards are available in the hall after services and in the office during the week. Any questions regarding this long standing fundraiser (that costs you nothing extra) can be sent to:
dianne.davis@bell.net

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 Plently App:

discount on your registration! For more details, reach out to registrar@kalalla.com

Bursaries are available, application deadline is approaching – please inquire at registrar@kalalla.com

Want to help send a child to camp? We appreciate all support! Reach out to treasurer@kalalla.com for more info. (Tax receipts for donations over \$20).

Want to help get our site ready for our summer fun? Come lend a hand at the June Work Party! (June 8/9) Email campkalalla@gmail.com for details.
Instagram: @campkalalla49
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CampKalalla/>

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Be in Touch!

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

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

Really bad puns...

I once dated a guy who broke up with me because I only have 9 toes. Yes, he was lack toes intolerant.

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

This Week at OUC

Friday April 12: Orleans Noon - Chapel, 11:30 - 1:30

- **A Meaningless Hour - Sanctuary, 7 pm ***

Saturday April 13: Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary, 9 am - 2 pm; Chapel 9 am - 3 pm; Choir Room/Room 12, 9 am - 2 pm

Sunday April 14: Worship - in person and live-streamed, 10 am

- Adult Education & Health Promotion meeting - Library, Noon
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 1 - 4 pm

Monday April 15: Craft Group - Library, 9 am - noon

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

Tuesday April 16: TOPS - Nursery, 6 pm

- Scouts - Library/Hall/Choir Room
- Coro Vivo - Lounge, 6:15 - 7 pm; Sanctuary, 7 pm

Wednesday April 17: Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am

- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Property meeting - Library, 10 - noon
- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday April 18: TOPS - Library/Lounge, 8:30 am

- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 6 - 9 pm
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 pm

* See announcement above for more details

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