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Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 12:30

Keep the Faith Flowing!

I am so pleased to say that the early response to our fundraising campaign, Keep the Faith Flowing has been very positive. We have received donations, pledges and monies from our fundraising events totaling just over \$40,000. We are on track to undertake the replacement of our main waterline this summer. Replacing our waterpipe will protect our church and the many ministries led from it and communities that meet in it and ensure it remains open and welcoming.

Thank you for your continued generosity, your continued support to enabling God's ministry work at OUC.



YOUR OUC Newsletter

We hope this Thursday newsletter keeps you informed of all the happenings in our community. Are there there other pieces you would like to see added here? News of the family? Notes from the Revs? Prayers/Scripture readings/Spiritual reflections? Other ideas? If you have thoughts about what should be included in this weekly update, or ways you might contribute, please send an email to

Boston Pizza

The Boston Pizza fundraiser is back! If you dine at BP in Orleans, write "Orleans United Church" on the back of your receipt and place it in the box at the front counter and we will receive a 10% rebate. Fundraising made easy - and tasty!



Join us for Brunch at Boston Pizza (Innes Road) after church THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 19th. There will be no coffee hour

orleansunited@rogers.com we want to hear from you!!

that day, volunteers are getting a well deserved day off. This is a Fundraiser for the waterline replacement.

Upcoming Waterline Events!



Concert at OUC

Friday, May 8, 7:30 pm "Downstream" with Musica Viva Singers, directed by our own Scott Richardson. An evening of tunes about rivers and the people who love them. The program features a mix of folk, gospel, and pop, including songs by Allister MacGillivray, Joni Mitchell, Peter Gabriel, and many more. Tickets are \$25 each, available at the Gift Card table after service next Sunday or at the door. Proceeds to be split between the Waterline Project and Musica Viva.



*Mother's Day Tea
(and goodies!)*

Silent Auction and display of quilts
May 9, 2 – 4 pm, \$15
1111 Orleans Blvd.
Fundraiser for waterline

GARDENING HELP NEEDED. One of our busiest gardeners has had open heart surgery. He and his wife looked after up to 4 flower beds at OUC. Could you lend a hand by adopting a garden this season? Mentoring or advice is available. Contact

Garage Sale

The Garage Sale that was advertised in church last Sunday has been postponed indefinitely.



Book Club

The OUC Book Club is meeting in the library on April 28 at 1 pm to discuss 'Lullabies for Little

Criminals' by Heather O'Neill. Anyone interested in joining the OUC Book Club, or have questions about joining, may communicate with Marie Ruddick at ruddick.marie@icloud.com, or with Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com.

The OUC FOOD BANK BOX is getting a little low



Let's top up our donations



Prayer Circle:

If you have a concern - for yourself, a loved one, or something going on in the world - you can share it with our OUC prayer partners and know it is being lifted up in love and prayer. All prayer requests are shared with the prayer



Shirley Holt at 613-841-5143 or text at 613-620-6185.

team confidentially, unless you request that your name be used. Feel free to send your prayer request directly to ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com, an email monitored by only one pastoral care team member. You will be amazed at how it feels to know that others are praying for you! For more information, please contact the office.

Buttons wanted!

The OUC Bazaar team is looking for unwanted button collections to use for an upcoming craft activity. Please bring your donations to the church office anytime, labelled "Craft group"



If you have any ideas to share or would like to get more involved, you can reach our bazaar coordinators at the new email address: bazaarouc@rogers.com

Keep your 2026 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. (PC, No Frills, Metro, Food Basic, Sobey's, Fresh Co., Farm Boy, and Shoppers Drug Mart) Any questions regarding this long standing fundraiser (that costs you nothing extra) can be sent to: dianne.davis@bell.net. **Please Note: The Gift card table closed this Sunday, April 19th as the volunteers head to brunch at Boston Pizza!**



First Aid/CPR training

Help make OUC and our community a safer place! A Standard First Aid/CPR training course available to anyone in the congregation is being offered either May 30 or June 13. Please let Rev. Molly know ASAP if you are interested. It would involve some online work ahead of time then 8 hours of training in person. Cost would be approximately \$100. We would need 8 participants to go ahead with offering the course. If you would be interested please let Rev Molly know.

Ways to Give

THE FINANCIAL DONATIONS OF YOU, THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION, ARE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR OUC. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION WITH THEIR TIME AND WITH THEIR FINANCIAL DONATIONS. PLEASE GIVE AS YOU ARE ABLE.

You can contribute financially 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 Pllenty App: <https://uc-orleans.pllenty.com/>

Fund raising? Fun raising?

We're always looking for new ideas! Please share yours for fun(d)raising at OUC, with Joe Tomlinson at 613-720-2058.

Support Orleans United Church with Mabel's Labels!

Keep track of what matters — and support our church at the same time. Mabel's Labels are personalized, waterproof labels perfect for



clothing, shoes, water bottles, glasses cases, medications, bags, and more. They're durable, dishwasher-, laundry-, and microwave-safe, with fun designs you can customize.

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👉 Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and select Orleans United Church to shop.

A place to lay your burdens

The Quiet Centre (down the hallway, past the office) will be available after Sunday worship between 11 am and 12 pm for confidential, one to one support. Care

Hosts from our congregation will offer a calm, unhurried space to talk, reflect, pray if desired, or sit in silence with a caring listener. This service does not replace counseling or therapy. It is intended as gentle accompaniment for those experiencing stress, grief, uncertainty, or simply a need for stillness. All are welcome to come, pause, and be met with care.

Our Hosts to the end of June are:

April 19 - Lee Chisholm
April 26 - Donna Kemp
May 3rd is Cheryl Marvin
May 10 - Heather McGrath
May 17 - Janice Eddy
May 24 - Pat Young
May 31 - Andrea Fisher
June 7 - Denise Connors
June 14 - Denise Connors
June 21 - Suzanne Moore Allen
June 28 - Suzanne Moore Allen



Closed Captioning of Sunday morning service

For those who experience challenges hearing the worship service on Sunday mornings, the Closed Captioning option is turned "ON" for the YouTube broadcast. This means not only can those at home watch the video stream with closed captions, but if you are with us in person and would like to read along with what is happening, just bring your device (phone, ipad etc) and have the



Be in Touch!

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

Website: <http://orleansunitedchurch.com>

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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)

Community Corner

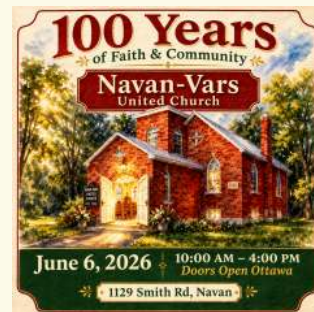
Ham Dinner – Saturday, April 18 at 6 pm

Enjoy a ham dinner with all the trimmings at Carleton Memorial United Church on Saturday, April 18 at 6 pm. Musical entertainment featuring Malcolm Wade will follow. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner starts at 6 pm. Adults: \$30.00, Kids 8–12: \$15.00, Rest: Free. Tickets must be purchased/reserved in advance and are available from Erin Linnen 613-224-3761. Take-out orders also available when arranged in advance. 740 Melfa Crescent (two blocks south of Meadowlands, off Prince of Wales).



Navan-Vars United Church

on Smith Road is celebrating a historic achievement on June 6, 2026. 100 years of faith and community right



here in our village! Our cornerstone was laid on June 21, 1926, and the church officially opened on September 10, 1926. The pews were gathered up from several local churches in the area, the pulpit chairs were a gift from the Western United Church on Wellington.

In 1971 Navan received the Vars congregation and changed its name to Navan-Vars United Church. Now in this one hundredth year, we are kickstarting our celebration with 'Doors Open Ottawa, 2026. "This annual event highlights Ottawa's architectural, cultural, and historical heritage." On June 6, from 10 am

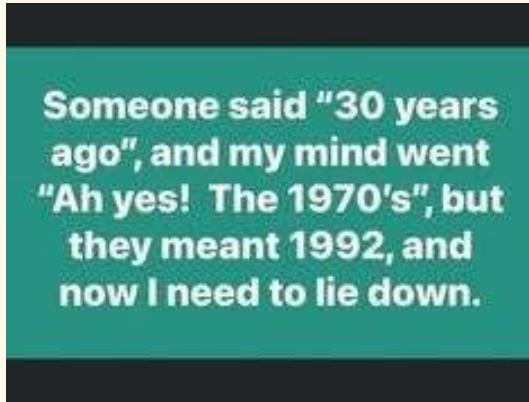
video stream playing during the service. This may help some better follow the sermon and prayers during worship.

to 4 pm come visit this remarkable, historical church! There will be photos, articles, and historical documents to look over. All are welcome.

Care for the Caregiver

Check out supports in the community:

<https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>



South Gloucester United Church is holding their annual Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday April 25. Old TV's, radios, cell phones, toaster, (basically anything with a cord!) will be accepted. Donations can be brought to the OUC Office by noon on Friday the 24th, and Kim will see that they get to South Gloucester.



This Week at OUC

Friday April 17:

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 - 12:30
- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists Choir Practice - Chapel, 7 - 10 pm
- Venturers Sleepover - Hall/Kitchen, 7 pm Friday to 9 am Saturday

Saturday April 18:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1
- Coro Vivo rehearsal - Sanctuary, 2 - 4 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists meeting - Chapel, 4 - 7 pm

Sunday April 19:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Brunch @ Boston Pizza, Innes Road - immediately following service
- Pleinchant rehearsal - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 2 - 4 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists meeting - Library, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Monday April 20:

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm
- Scouting - Hall/Chapel/Choir Room/Library, 6 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 - 9 pm; Kitchen/Quiet Centre, 6:45 - 7:30

Tuesday April 22:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 am - 3 pm
- Coro Vivo concert set-up, Sanctuary, 1 - 4:30 pm, rehearsal 6 - 9:30 pm
- TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- Scouting - Hall/Choir Room/Library, 6 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday April 23:

- Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- Quilter's Workshop - Hall, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Coro Vivo dress rehearsal - Sanctuary, 6 - 9:30 pm
- Saving Jesus - Library, 7 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday April 24:

- TOPS - Library, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 - 11 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 6 - 8 pm
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Alanon - Chapel, 7 - 8:30 pm/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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