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Our Sunday School GRADE 1 & 2 class is looking for someone who would like to spend some time with them. We have about 4 Sundays

between now and the end of June where we are in need of a teacher. The first date is MAY 5. Rev. Molly will provide all you need including a delightful group of children to learn with. Please contact her if you can help with one or more Sundays.

**Do you love ice cream?
Do you love fun?
Then Save The Date!!**

Sunday May 26 right after worship we will have a Spring Fling on our front lawn....

Merry Dairy ice cream truck! School of Rock performances! Games! Fun! Surprises!

More details to come....See Rev. Molly if you want to help out.

Plus for the month of May there will be a Merry Dairy ice cream fundraiser as we sell pre-packs of some of their fave flavors to be picked up on May 26!



OUC Funeral Reception Group

A big thank you to those who helped with Saturday afternoon's funeral

reception, for food, set up and clean up. There were 50 or so attending the service and the family very much enjoyed the refreshments and the chance to be together.

The deceased Suzanne Gauthier nee Sicard was not known to any of us. Normally the group hosts receptions only for those connected with OUC. However this was a request that Rev Mike brought to us and we decided to take it on as an outreach gesture, a response that was appreciated beyond measure.

One very small connection - as we were leaving one of the men, a carpenter by trade, took some pride recounting how he had worked on the roof of the church as it was being built in 1988. His late wife was a sister of the deceased Suzanne.

Orleans United is blessed to have a wonderful group of some 25 – 30 men and women who answer to the call as they are available to provide food and help in hosting funeral receptions. In return the family is asked to donate to OUC for the service. For more information contact Ann Babin ann_babin@bell.net or 613-830-8826.



Spring Fling help needed

Many Sections of 8th Orleans have been participating in Clean Up the Capital at various locations



We are currently seeking anyone who has a lead on:

- Fish pond prizes
- Large outdoor games to borrow (Jenga, checkers, ring toss etc)
- A sponsor for hot dog bbq
- A bouncy castle rental
- Community booths to be present at the fair

If you have any brilliant ideas, please let Rev Molly know asap!

Camp Awesome



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

around Orleans.

Last night, Pack A was cleaning up around the perimeter of the OUC parking lot and collected 3 bags of garbage. A prolific amount of cigarette butts were collected along with a broad selection of discarded clothing and fast food cups/lids. Doing their part to help take care of our small corner of the planet on Earth Day.



Rainbarrels

We will be distributing rain barrels again this year on Friday June 21, 2024 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Rain Barrels, composters and

accessories can be ordered online at <https://rainbarrel.ca/orleansunitedchurch/>. What if your existing rain barrel suffers a leak? Leaks can occur from time to time, but they are almost always repairable. Our spigot assembly has a very thin, flat, rubber gasket at the top of the thread that inserts into the barrel. This gasket is designed to create a proper seal all the way around the opening in the barrel. Sometimes strands of plastic around the opening in the barrel can cause a leak and they should be removed, but be careful not to enlarge the opening.

Sometimes the spigot assembly has been threaded in on a bit of an angle causing the gasket to seal on one side of the opening, but not the other side. This can be best seen when the barrel is empty and turned upside down. This way, the spigot area can be closely inspected on all sides of the opening in the barrel. The fitting can be backed out with a wrench and reinstalled in a more perpendicular position. Sometimes everything is the way it should be and it still leaks. In this case we recommend removing the fitting, discarding the rubber gasket and using Teflon tape or silicone on the fitting threads. Once the fitting is fully installed, silicone can be used to seal the gap between the fitting and the side of the barrel. This always resolves a leak. For more information, contact Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com.

News from the OUC Book Club

We will be meeting on 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.



- 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.

Help Hints



Please join us and members of other faith communities on May 5, 2-5 pm, as we share the tools the Healthy End of Life Project team has developed to support those who are caregiving, ill, at end of life and grieving.

The event will be in the Sanctuary, with coffee, tea and snacks in the Hall.

To register, please contact Heather McGrath at hmcgraths@gmail.com.



Check out supports in the community:

<https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>



Voices of the Bereaved

"I wasn't finished with being mad at him."

Community Corner

The YMCA Summer Work Student



Exchange Program is looking for members of the community to host 16- and 17-year-old exchange students from Québec for 6 weeks this summer. From June 29 to August 10, families provide lodging for the incoming youth while they get to learn more about your family and culture. This low-barrier program is a



Fellowship after Worship

Thank you to all the persons involved in the coffee time logistics.

Set-up: Glen Stoudt, Rob Palo, Rob Orchin and George Teather

Baked Donations: Rob Palo, Heather Young, George Teather and the leftovers from the funeral on Saturday.

Clean-Up: George Teather, Rob Palo, Emily del Castillo, Debbie Arcand, Heather Young and all the persons who helped put away the tables and chairs.

We have two volunteers for 12 May, we are looking for a third. Please email me at

lemaylegaf@yahoo.com.

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

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:

valuable opportunity for Canadian youth to travel, improve their English, and gain work experience at a full-time summer job in Ottawa. The program relies on generous community members who are willing to welcome a student into their home! To learn more about how to host, please reach out by e-mail before May 12th to abby.traina@ymcagta.org, or visit ymcagta.org/swse/hosting.

Benefits of hosting include:

- Give a youth the opportunity to participate when they otherwise could not
- Form a lasting connection with a student while learning about their language and culture
- Minimal availability requirements due to youth working and attending program activities
- A team of program staff will support you and create a hosting plan that best accommodates your specific needs or barriers



Camp Kalalla Work Party (June 8, 9)

Come join the Camp Kalalla community on June 8 and/or 9 as we open the camp up

after the winter! Contact Maureen at mlcleary@rogers.com for more info and to RSVP. Come see the site, meet others in our community, and lend a hand as we get ready to welcome this summer's campers. **Volunteer hours happily signed for high school students!**

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: <https://uc-orleans.plently.com/>

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)

This Week at OUC

Friday April 26: Orleans Noon - Chapel, 11:30 - 1:30

- Guides sleepover - Hall/Kitchen, Friday 6 pm to Saturday 9 am

Saturday April 27: Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel 9 am - 2 pm; Choir Room/Room 12, 9 am - 2 pm

- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 2 - 4 pm
- Scouts - Hall, 6:30 - 9 pm

Sunday April 28: Worship - in person and live-streamed, 10 am

- Worship Committee - Choir Room, after service
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 2 - 4 pm
- Scouts - Hall, 6:30 - 9 pm

Monday April 29: NO Crafting today

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

Tuesday April 30: TOPS - Nursery, 6 pm

- Scouts - Library/Hall/Choir Room
- Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Wednesday May 1: Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am

- Quilter's Workshop - Choir Room, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- A Joyful Yarn - Lounge, 7 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday May 2: TOPS - Library/Lounge, 8:30 am

- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 pm

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