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



Mundy Thursday April 2, 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday April 3, 10 am in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunrise April 5, 6:23 am on Petrie Island, East parking lot

Easter Breakfast April 5, after Sunrise service, at Gabriel's on St. Joseph
(financial assistance available if needed)

Easter Celebration April 5, 10 am in the Sanctuary

Keep the Faith Flowing!

Last Sunday we formally launched our fundraising campaign, **Keep the Faith Flowing**. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 to pay for replacing our main waterline coming into the church.

Last August, our main waterline burst, forcing the closure of the church building and requiring a costly emergency repair. We found out that the waterline is deteriorating far sooner than expected and is at high risk of another expensive failure.

To protect our church and the many ministries led from it and communities that meet in it, and to ensure it remains open and welcoming, we decided to replace the main waterline this summer.

In her sermon 3 weeks ago, Rev. Molly noted that replacing pipes seems mundane, invisible. But, she went on to note that if our pipes fail, our ministry stops flowing. If water does not come into the church, the building cannot serve, children cannot gather, community groups cannot meet. This work is about tending to a place where living water flows, where God's grace is shown in many, many ways.

I am so pleased to say that, already, the early response to our campaign and to our fundraising events has been very positive. As shown in our graphic, to date, we have received donations, pledges and monies from our fundraising events totalling \$36,596.60! Thank you for your continued generosity, your continued support to enabling God's ministry work at OUC. We look forward to continuing to update you on our progress.

Keep the Faith Flowing!

Donations	\$20,512.00
Pledges	12,975.00
Fundraising	3,059.60
OUC User Group	50.00

Total **\$36,596.60**

As of March 31, 2026

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Donations and Fundraising

Pledges

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

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 SUNDAY, APRIL 19th. There will be no coffee hour that day, volunteers are getting a well deserved day off. This is a Fundraiser for the waterline replacement.



First Aid/CPR training

Help make OUC and our community a safer place! We are looking at offering a Standard First Aid/CPR training course for anyone interested in the congregation. It would involve some online work ahead of time then 8 hours of training in person. Cost would be approx \$100. We would need 8 participants to go ahead with offering the course. If you would be interested please let Rev Molly know.



UPCOMING!!!!

Orleans United Church Fund Raiser

Sunday April 12, 2-4 PM

1111 Orleans Blvd.



Smokin Joe T A Singer of Old Time Rock and Roll, Country and Blues. I will be accompanied by some of the best guitar players in Ottawa. If you love Rock and Roll, **COME ON OUT!!!**

ParNOVA is an acoustic duo made up of **Mel Gilmour** and **Mark Pare**, with a style and repertoire that includes folksy and sincere covers spanning the decades, offering a little something for everybody.



Lovarra and the Mystiks

The **Mystiks** are experienced professionals, including Ottawa's Gerald Yemensky and Mike Hamer, who round out the trio with **Lovarra**. You might know them from **Moose McGuire's Open Mic Nights**. In fact, they had over 35 shows around Ottawa in the last year, including a guest spot at **the NAC**, and guest appearance at **Red Bird**.

Admission is only \$20 per person at the church or at the door.

The OUC FOOD BANK BOX is getting a little low



Let's top up our donations

If you missed the concert this month, please save the date for our next Music Concert, **Sunday, April 12th, 2 - 4 pm.** \$20 per person

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

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.

Order clothing labels, stamps, silicone bottle bands, and more — shipped free to your home.

👉 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



Women's Retreat Registration is now open. We will be attending beautiful Camp Merrywood near Perth on April 24th to 26th. If you have never attended retreat, let this be the year you make the decision to come. You could make lifelong friends. The theme is The Cup of Life. Visit the table in the hall to get your retreat registration forms. We have approximately

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.

April's hosts will be:

- April 5 - Gerard Bondt
- April 12 - Janet Osborne
- April 19 - Lee Chisholm
- April 26 - Pierre Pelletier

Care for the Caregiver

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

Voices of the Bereaved

"My grief didn't stop when the casseroles stopped coming. That's when it started. I didn't need the food. I needed someone to pick up the groceries, answer the mail, clean the bathroom."




Community Corner

Get Ready — The 34th Annual Kanata UC Book Fair Is Coming!

The beloved KUC Book Fair will be rolling into the neighborhood **May 6*–9, 2026**, and we couldn't be more excited. Our leadership team has been hard at work crafting a volunteer experience that's smooth, enjoyable, and incredibly rewarding.

Key Dates

 **Book Drop: April 6 –25**

 **Book Fair: May 6* – 9**

* **May 6 is KIDS-ONLY from 2–6 pm.**

A special afternoon just for children to explore and shop on their own! They'll have exclusive access to our Children's section (books geared to ages 0–12).

Want to Support the Book Fair? Here Are More Ways to Help!

There are many ways to support:

1. **Donate books** during the book drop period (**April 6–25**)
2. **Spread the word!** Post book fair posters around your neighborhood,

3 spots available. For more information or receive your forms on line, contact Jean at scrapbookjean@icloud.com.
Registration will close 15th of April.

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.



Prayer Circle:

OUC has rebirthed our 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 with the prayer team confidentially, unless you request that your name be used. You are invited to send your prayer request directly to

ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com, an email monitored by only one pastoral care team member. For more information, please contact the office.

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, Sobeys, 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.

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:

workplace, or community spaces.

3. Share our social media:

- Facebook: @BookKUC
- Instagram: @kucbookfair
- Website: kuc.ca

1. Come shop the fair (and bring at least two friends!) May 6*-9.

We are so grateful for the generosity and enthusiasm of this community. Thank you for helping us make the 34th Annual KUC Book Fair our best one yet.

- 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/>

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)

Mission and Service

Partnership in Bloom

Spring doesn't arrive quietly. It pushes. It breaks through frozen ground, insisting on life.

That same insistence is at work through Mission and Service partners around the world. And when we give to Mission and Service, we're not simply supporting good intentions. We're strengthening this steady, rooted, courageous work that is already underway.

Our generosity supports partners as they show up, day in and day out, wherever there is need.

When wildfires displace families: they're there to open their doors in welcome.

When food prices rise beyond reach: they're organizing food distribution before cupboards are bare.

When storms wash away infrastructure: they're planting crops in soil made fragile by climate change.

When isolation presses in on communities: they're creating safe spaces for learning, healing, and belonging.

Every gift we give through Mission and Service is fuel for this response. Our collective generosity becomes groceries on a table, a workshop that shifts harmful beliefs, seeds planted in changing climates, and training for leaders.

This work is not theoretical. It's daily, practical, and faithful. And it grows because, together, we continue to help it grow.

Spring is coming. Let's make sure hope grows everywhere it's needed.

Give to support Mission and Service today; help love take root. It's easy!

- Simplest: Use the Mission and Service envelope in your pew
- Via your regular church envelopes: Use the Mission and Service line



· Electronically: Use your regular method of donation to OUC: e.g., e-transfer to oucdonations@rogers.com; PAR; etc. Be sure to state "Mission and Service" on the message line.

Questions? Contact Paul Sales, OUC's Mission and Service Enthusiast, at paul.sales93@gmail.com

This Week at OUC

Friday April 3:

- Church Office closed
- Good Friday Service - Sanctuary, 10 am
- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Single & Single Again - Hall/Kitchen, 3 - 9 pm

Saturday April 4:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1

Sunday April 5:

- Sunrise Service - Petrie Island, east parking lot, 6:23 am
- Easter Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 2 - 4 pm

Monday April 6:

- Church Office closed
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 - 9 pm

Tuesday April 7:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 am - noon
- TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- Scouting - Hall/Choir Room/Library, 6 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 7 - 10 pm

Wednesday April 8:

- Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Christian Women's Club - Hall/Kitchen, 9 - 11:30 am
- Property Meeting - Library, 10 am - Noon
- **Building closed for gas meter replacement - Noon - 5 pm**
- Saving Jesus - Library, 7 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday April 9:

- 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/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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