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

## 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.





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

## 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](mailto:bazaarouc@rogers.com)



## 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.

## Concert

Join us in the sanctuary this Sunday, April 12th, 2 - 4 pm.  
\$20 per person tickets at the door

## Communion at Portobello

Rev Molly/Mike will be officiating Communion at the Venvi Portobello Retirement Community, at 691 Valin Street, Orleans, ON K4A 0G3, Wednesday April 15, 2026. at 2 pm. Some members of the Care and Support Team and the church will be attending. If anyone is interested in joining this group please contact Janice Eddy 613 424 1765 or [jkemorningstar@gmail.com](mailto:jkemorningstar@gmail.com). tea/coffee/ cake to follow.

## 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.



The OUC  
**FOOD BANK BOX**  
is getting a little low



Let's top up our donations

Closed Captioning of  
Sunday morning service

**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.

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.



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

**Support Orleans United Church with Mabel's Labels!**



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**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



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

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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 12 - Jan Osborne

April 29 - 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

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### **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.

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### **Care for the Caregiver**

Check out supports in the community:

<https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>

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### **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."



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## **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

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](mailto:dianne.davis@bell.net).

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### **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](mailto: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/>

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:paul.sales93@gmail.com)



### This Week at OUC

#### Friday April 10:

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 - 12:30
- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm

#### Saturday April 11:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1
- Sew & Sews - Hall/Kitchen, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Pleinchant rehearsal - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm

#### Sunday April 12:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Pleinchant rehearsal - Choir Room, 1 - 4 pm
- **Smokin' Joe T's Jam - Sanctuary, 2 pm \***
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 2 - 4 pm

#### Monday April 13:

- 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 14:

- 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 15:**

- Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Council - Library, 7 pm
- A Joyful Yarn - Lounge, 7 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm
- Contemplative Prayer - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

**Thursday April 16:**

- 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

**\*for more information, see notice above**

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