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Office hours: Tuesday to
Thursday, 9 - noon

Service Scripture

Sunday August 23: Mark 6:30-45, 53
'Jesus Feeds the 5000'



Regular Office hours
will resume on
Monday August 24.
The Office will be open
Monday to Friday, 8:30
am - 12:30 pm.

Bazaar Requests

The Craft Group is looking for donations of Creative Memories Frosted Splits (double sided, self-adhesive stickers) for a project they are doing for the Bazaar. If you have any lying around, please bring them to the Office. Thank you!



Calling All Unwanted Plates of any size!

We're looking for donations of odd, mismatched, or simply no-longer-needed plates of any size that we can use to package and display baked goods for our upcoming bake sale at the Christmas Bazar.

Carpet Cleaning

This Sunday, 23rd of August, OUC will have ALL their carpets cleaned. We are requesting volunteers to help with removing tables and chairs from the Chapel, Choir Room, Lobby/Narthex, Classrooms and Library. They will be moved into the Hall. This must be done by 1 pm so we should start immediately after Coffee Time, 11:30.

The following Monday morning, we need volunteers at 8 am to place back all the tables and chairs before Tai Chi at 9 am. Your help will be greatly appreciated since more hands make the task lighter.

Repair Café

The third annual Repair Cafe will take place in the Hall on September 19th, between 2 and 5 pm.

Hosting the Repair Cafe is the Convent Glen - Orleans Wood Environment Committee, a sub-committee of the Convent Glen - Orleans Wood Community Association. Repair Cafes are free, community-led events where volunteer fixers and menders assist other members of the community with repairing household items such as small appliances, textiles, electronics, furniture, toys, etc. Repair Cafes are open to everyone and are a wonderful place to share skills and knowledge, keep broken items out of landfills and build community. There are thousands of these Repair Cafes all over

Christmas-themed plates would be especially wonderful, but plates of any design, colour, size or style are very welcome! 🌲☀️

If you have a few plates tucked away in a cupboard that you no longer use, we'd be delighted to give them a new purpose — helping us make our bake sale both festive and fun!

Please bring your donated plates to the church office or give them directly to Debbie de Grasse any time after October 24th!

Thank you for helping us make our bake sale a success! ❤️



Rhubarb Needed for the OUC Bazaar Baking Team!

Do you have extra rhubarb in your garden? The OUC Bazaar Baking Team would be grateful for donations to help with this year's baking.

- **Frozen rhubarb can be dropped off at the church during regular office hours.**
- **Fresh rhubarb is also welcome. Please email**

Pheona.arnott@gmail.com to arrange a drop-off time.

Thank you for helping make our Bazaar baking a success!

Jam Makers Need Jars!

Big thanks to everyone who has brought in jars for the Bazaar jam makers! However, they are very prolific, and still in need. If you have any empty **250 ml jars**

you no longer need, please bring them to the Office so the Jammers can continue their good work!



the world. In addition to the repairs, visitors will be able to have complementary tea, coffee and snacks.

All of the repairers at this year's Repair Cafe are from the Convent Glen Orleans Wood community. We will have bike repairers, sewists who can fix clothing and other textiles, a knife sharpener, repairers who can fix all household items including electrical and wood objects, as well as representatives from the Community Computer Refurbishing Program who will fix computers or take donations of computers that will go back to the community free of charge.



Tickets are on sale now, in the hall Sunday mornings, at the door, or in the church office by debit, credit or cash. Purchasers can also call the office and reserve tickets to be picked up at the door or they can purchase tickets by e-transfer to: oucdonations@rogers.com with a line item saying murder mystery.

Church Storage Area Clean-Up This Summer

Many of our storage area have become cluttered with unused and unorganized items.

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain safe, organized, and welcoming spaces

LLWL Activity This Week

Our own Heather McGrath will be leading worship at OUC this Sunday.

OUC Men's Retreat 2026

throughout Orleans United Church, we will be focusing on cleaning up:

- Storage Room #2 in Fellowship Hall
- Classroom #5 in Fellowship Hall
- Storage Room #8 in the Chapel

Our goal is to organize these areas, ensure seasonal and holiday items are stored safely, and maintain clear access to all electrical panels for emergency purposes. If you have items stored in any of these spaces, we kindly ask that they be:

- Clearly labelled with the group name (ie: Scouts Group)
- Neatly stored
- Positioned at least one metre away from any electrical panel

The Property Committee will be removing unused items and disposing of garbage as part of the clean-up process. We will notify everyone about the day for final removal of items in this newsletter.

Everyone is welcome to join us and lend a hand. If you have questions or would like to provide information about items in these storage areas, please contact Property Committee Chair, Heather Graham, at grahamheather408@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us keep Orleans United Church safe, organized, and welcoming for all.



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.

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 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.



September 25 to 27 at Camp Merrywood.

Our theme is Faith in times of Chaos. Join

us for great food, fellowship and conversation in a peaceful setting. To register or obtain more information, see Peter Holt or Mel Embury in the Hall or at Breakfast at Gabe's.



Summer Coffee Time

During the month of August, our hosts extraordinaire France and Paul are taking a well-

deserved rest. Thank you to the volunteers that have stepped forward. We have all five weeks of August covered. It can be as simple as lemonade and freezies (both of which are already in the kitchen!) or as elaborate as you wish. All supplies are in the kitchen, there is no out-of-pocket expense to you.

Summer Nursery

Our amazing Nursery Helpers will be taking the summer off. Our Nursery will remain open each Sunday for parents to use. Little ones are also welcome to stay in the worship service or bring their parents and join our one room Sunday school!

Mabel's Labels!

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

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



Even in the summer, we all need a moment of silence to breathe. 🕯️

Our Quiet Centre stays open on Sundays after worship through the summer and offers a calm space to rest, pray,

or simply be still. It's **unhosted from July 5 to September 6**, but the door is always open.

You'll find it down the hallway, past the office. Come knock anytime. 🚪

"To the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Congregational Corner

YOUR OUC Newsletter

We hope this Thursday newsletter keeps you informed of all the happenings in our community. Are 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 orleansunited@rogers.com we want to hear from you!!

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>

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 August 21:

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 - 12:30
- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary, 7 - 10:30 pm

Saturday August 22:

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

Sunday August 23:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Carpet Cleaning - whole church, 1 - 6 pm

Monday August 24:

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Tuesday August 25:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 am - noon
- TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 8 pm

- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday August 26:

- Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Lounge, 6 - 8 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm

Thursday August 27:

- TOPS - Library, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Al-Anon - Chapel, 7 - 8:30 pm/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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