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Office hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9
am - noon



□ OUC at Capital Pride Parade! □

Rev. Mike is planning to walk in the Capital Pride Parade on **Sunday, August 24**—and he'd LOVE some help carrying OUC's banner!

We know this is short notice (holidays, plus Region only shared details late last week), but we'd love to have an OUC crew join in.

What to know:

- Parade: Sunday afternoon, Aug 24
- Join the EOORC Affirm Team behind the Region's banner and truck—or bring the OUC banner and walk with us!
- Staging: Laurier Bridge in front of City Hall, enter from any direction between 11:30 am–1:00 pm
- Staging Code: A62 | Colour Zone: ORANGE

Questions (OUC): Rev. Mike —
ouc.mikeperreault@rogers.com

Let's show up as OUC to celebrate love, diversity, and belonging for all. □□



Happy news! **The water supply to the church was restored at approximately 2:30 pm. on Wednesday** thanks to the great work done by the crew from S.W. Farrell & Sons Ltd.

There was lots of activity and noise in the parking lot today as the contractor excavated the area where the water main broke, diagnosed the problem, and then made the repairs (see picture of repaired pipe).

The contractor found an oval-shaped hole in the pipe about 2.5 x 3 inches in size. This was repaired using a metal sleeve-bracket to cover the hole. Then the bracket was securely clamped to the pipe.

The last steps in the process were to ask the City of Ottawa to turn the water back on from their end of the pipe, and then for the contractor to flush water out of the pipe to make sure things were working OK (see the fire hydrant picture). We turned on all the taps inside the building to flush out water while the hydrant testing was in progress.

Repairs to the curb adjacent to the hole and repaving of the entrance to the parking lot will take place on Thursday. We may

Office Hours

Church Office hours return to normal next week. Kim will be in the Office Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 12:30.



keep the Sugar Creek Way entrance closed until Friday afternoon to allow time for the pavement and curb repairs to cure.

A big shout out to my two sidekicks – Ron Hunt and Rob Orchin – who helped me navigate through the various challenges presented by this crisis over the last seven days.

Interactive Seminar: Walking for Health and Happiness

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 7 pm.

Please register for the seminar before Sept. 3rd by contacting **Ron Hunt**



The Adult Education committee has invited Ron to present an interactive 90-minute seminar about the health benefits and spiritual side of hiking and walking. Get some tips on how to make this activity a regular part of your lifestyle. Then join Ron on an easy, urban walk on Saturday September 20 for fellowship and fresh perspectives.

And I really appreciate the support from Mike, Molly, Karen Dodds, Jim Peverley, Kim Gratton, Craig Bater, Cheryl Holden, Luc Lamadeleine and Bernie Eisener. The feedback and encouragement from the members of the congregation was also appreciated.

Thanks, and be in touch if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,
Heather Graham
OUC Property Chair
grahamheather408@gmail.com

OUC Book Club

Please note the OUC Book Club's list of books for the year 2025-2026. The Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month, at 1:00 pm, in the OUC library. All are welcome to join us. For information about the Book Club, you may communicate with Marie Ruddick at mdruddick@gmail.com and/or Annemarie Humenuk at ahumenuk@magma.ca.

The Maid by Nita Prose, September 30

Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty, October 28

The Concubine's Children by Denise Chong, November 25

A Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers, January 27, 2026

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett, February 24

From the Ashes by Jessie Thistle, March 24

Lullabies for Little Criminals by Kathy O'Neill, April 28

Revenge of the Tipping Point: Over Stories, Superspreaders and the Rise of Social Engineering by Malcolm Gladwell, May 26



Junior Choir is back this fall! We will be rehearsing most Sundays after worship. Our first practice will be Sept 21 in the Choir Room.

Rehearsals will generally last 30-40 min. I'm hoping to have the Juniors sing in church three times between now and Christmas. The age range is SK to Grade 6 (though please feel free to chat with me about kids who are interested but fall just outside that range). Please e-mail me at cscottrichardson@rogers.com, or find me after church. Thanks! Scott

Congratulations

to Rev. Dr.
Kimberley Heath,



who was elected last week as the 45th Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Rev. Heath has been the minister at Wall

Street United Church in Brockville ON since 2007. You can watch an interview with our new Moderator at [Moderator Elect Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath](#).

IT'S BERRY SEASON! If you are making jams, jellies or preserves this summer, please consider setting aside a few extra jars for OUC's Christmas Bazaar. These items always sell out fast! And if you can't make jam yourself...



MASON JARS (250ml size) are needed to make jam over the next few months for the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any jars to donate, please leave them in the office.



Sunday School Update

A special thank you to all who helped out with Summer Sunday school this year! We are grateful for everyone who

provided a caring and fun environment for our children - especially those who stepped outside of their comfort zone and volunteered for the FIRST TIME! And special shout out to Zomo and Behi Odiana who were our rocks this summer, always willing to step in and lend a hand!!



It's that time!!!

Sunday School plans for the fall are well underway



September 14 will be our first day of Sunday School and Blessing of the Backpacks (get your backpacks, purses, lunch kits, laptop bags, briefcases, suitcases etc. ready!!)

If you are interested in finding out about TEAM teaching, leading a class approximately 1-2 times per month, now is the time to let Rev. Molly know. We have



Empower caregivers to set boundaries, care for themselves, and navigate the health-care system.

October 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM



1111 Orleans Boulevard

613-837-4321



Featuring OUC's own:
Glen Stoudt – A Spiritual Opening for Care for the Caregiver
Speakers
Heather McGrath – Establishing Boundaries
Andrea Fisher – Maneuvering the Health Care System
Suzanne Allen – Wellbeing for the Caregiver
The Community Paramedicine Team and the Orleans Resource Center to attend and have a table available with information.



OUC Repair Café

On September 27th, the Convent Glen Orleans Wood Environment

Committee will be hosting their second Repair Cafe from 2 to 5 pm. The Environment Committee is a sub-committee of the Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association. They are a small group of volunteers who have been undertaking a number of projects that are geared towards improving the health, beauty and sustainability of our community. For example, they have been growing native plants and creating pollinator gardens, holding clean-up days and bird walks, and hosting information nights on topics such as energy efficiency and Monarch Butterflies. The committee has a

fabulous curriculum, the best children and youth anywhere, and amazing partners!!

We will have FOUR classes this fall:
JK/SK, Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5+

We also plan to have monthly youth events for Grade 6+ and some Family events as well. More information and dates to come....its going to be a great year!!



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!



2025 Bazaar

The bazaar needs a crafty person... someone with great ideas...but perhaps not

enough time to spend crafting. We would like to form an ideas group that could advise on the latest trends and marketable crafts. If that sounds like something that interests you, please contact Pat Young (patriciafayeyoung@hotmail.com).

ADOPT A GARDEN

BED! OUC has very extensive garden beds which can use your helping hand. If you can take on looking after one of them for the season, please contact Shirley Holt at 613-841-5143 or shirleyjholt@outlook.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.

HELP (Healthy End of Life Project) update

OUC was one of 4 research sites for Carleton University's HELP project. As part

special focus on reducing and reusing household waste and recently had a clothing swap at Terry Fox Elementary School.

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

The committee is in need of repairers and menders for the Repair Cafe. They are hoping to find community members who are able to fix bikes, clothing and textiles, and small appliances or other household items. A bonus would be someone who can fix computers, instruments, wooden objects, toys or jewellery. This year, they are also interested in including a knife sharpener.

If you are interested in volunteering as a repairer, please email to:

CGOWCARepairCafe@gmail.com



Save the date for a Vintage Stock Production of:

of the project, OUC developed and hosted a grief walk. The effects of this have rippled out and folks from Christ United church in Chesterville will be meeting with some of us who attended the walk to discuss how they might host one at their church.

HELP also hosted several advanced care planning workshops given by Compassionate Ottawa. The Riverside Hospital Academic Family Practice Unit has sent a letter to all their patients over age 65, urging them to attend one of the workshops. OUC is a happening place!!

Heather McGrath (HELP OUC Site facilitator)

Care for the Caregiver

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



Voices of the Bereaved

Death causes grief but grief never dies. Doesn't seem fair.

Wheelchair available

The church has a wheelchair available for use of anyone who might find it helpful on a Sunday morning. Please let us know if you would like to make use of it and we will have it ready and waiting for you!



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

MURDER AT THE MARINA

📅 October 26th

🕒 3:00 PM

📍 Orleans United Church

Tickets: \$20

Available at the door

or oucdonations@rogers.com

(Please specify the money is for Murder Mystery tickets)



Step into 1924 and help solve the mystery at The Cumberland Marina!

All proceeds go to Orleans United Church

Come for the mystery. Stay for the cause.

Tickets on sale now in the hall after service, in the church office during regular office hours. (cash, debit, credit or e-transfer)

Keep your 2025 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:

dianne.davis@bell.net. Please note that the Gift Card Table will be closed on August 31.

Farm Boy \$100 Cards - The gift card table now has \$100 Farm Boy cards. And by the way, we earn an extra \$1 per card for every used Farm Boy card that you return to us. So for every \$100 you spend at Farm Boy, OUC earns \$7. See us after church at the gift card table.

Ways to Give

THE FINANCIAL DONATIONS OF YOU, THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION, ARE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR OUC. WE

contact the office.

**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 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

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 22:

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

Saturday August 23:

- Seventh-day Adventists Service - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 8:30 am - 2 pm

Sunday August 24:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 2 - 4 pm

Monday August 25:

- TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Tuesday August 26:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 am - noon
- TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- Coro Vivo Auditions & Registration - Sanctuary, 6 - 9:30 pm
- CA East Solutions - Choir Room, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 9 pm

Wednesday August 27:

- Breakfast @ Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- PleinChant rehearsal - Choir Room, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday August 28:

- TOPS - Library/Nursery, 8:30 am
- Seventh-day Adventists Youth Department - Library, 6 - 9 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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