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Office hours: Tuesday to
Thursday, 9 - noon

Service Scripture

Sunday August 30: Exodus 3:1-6;
Matthew 16:21-25

☀️ Come Join the Sunday School Team!

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Do you like kids,
laughter, and the
occasional bit of
organized chaos?



We'd love to have you!

We are looking for a few more wonderful people to join our **Sunday School teaching team** this fall, working with either our **JK/SK** or **Grade 1/2/3** class.

And don't worry — **you don't have to teach every week!** You can teach as little as **once a month**, or team up with someone and teach **every other week**.

We provide:

- A **great, easy-to-use curriculum**
- Lots of ideas and resources
- **Tons of support from Rev. Molly**
- A classroom full of terrific kids who make Sunday mornings a whole lot of fun!

Youth age 15+ who have completed the babysitting course are also warmly invited to talk with Molly about getting involved. Teaching Sunday School really is one of the **most rewarding — and most fun — things you can do at OUC**. Just ask our long-time teachers **Peter and Sheila!** 😊

JAVA JIVE

Please join us for Java Jive. The first meeting this season will be Thursday, September 10, 2026. The Group meets weekly in the chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 am to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday and occasionally other timely topics. Hoping to see some new participants. For further details about the Group, please contact Debbie Arcand at 613-407-0456 or debarcand@sympatico.ca. Hope to see you on the 10th!



Our Sunday School classes begin **September 13**, and we can't wait for another year of learning, laughing, creating, wondering, and having fun together.

Interested? Curious? Not quite sure but willing to hear more?
Talk to Rev. Molly!



Junior Choir is back this fall! We will be rehearsing most Sundays after worship. Our first practice will be Sept 20 in the Choir Room. Rehearsals will

generally last 30-40 min. I'm hoping to have the Juniors sing in church two or 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 cscotttrichardson@rogers.com, or find me after church. Thanks! Scott

Summer Nursery

Our amazing Nursery Helpers are 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!

OUC Men's Retreat 2026

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.



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!



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.

Care & Prayer



A place to lay your burdens.

Resuming **September 13, 2026**, the Quiet Centre (down the hallway, past the office) will be available after Sunday worship 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 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.



Contemplative Prayer returns this September



🍪 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.

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! ❤️



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!

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.



What if you could simply be still for a while?

Step away from the noise and busyness of the week and join us for an evening of silence, prayer and contemplation. Together, we'll slow down, listen, and make space to encounter the Divine.

First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, beginning September 2. Come as you are. No experience is needed, and newcomers are always welcome.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?
Our winter 10 session program may be for you.



Thursday, January 29
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Divine Infant Parish
In the parish hall

For more information, please contact
Diane Jemus at 613-614-0980 or
djem3380@gmail.com



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.

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**



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.

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.



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!!

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
- 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 28:

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

Saturday August 29:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1
- Pleinchant sectional rehearsal - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm

Sunday August 30:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Pleinchant sectional rehearsal - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm

Monday August 31:

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

Tuesday September 1:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 am - noon
- TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- Coro Vivo registration & auditions - Sanctuary, 6 - 10 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday September 2:

- Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm
- Contemplative Prayer - Sanctuary, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Thursday September 3:

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

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