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Office hours: Tuesday to
Thursday, 9 - noon

Keep the Faith Flowing August Update



Wow, the response to the Keep the Faith Flowing campaign to replace our waterline continues to be phenomenal. As of the end of July 2026, the combined total of fundraising, grants and donations received is just over \$90,000! With this level of secured funding, OUC is in a confident position to implement the waterline project as soon as possible.

The Property Committee is now waiting for approval from the City for work permits. Unfortunately, they were informed this week that the City is several weeks behind in permit reviews, so we are now anticipating the work will start this fall. We will keep you informed as the project moves ahead.

Thank you to all of you who have donated, worked on, or participated in fundraising or supported this project in any way. We will certainly want to celebrate this amazing achievement with you this fall. More information on that to come.

What amazing things this faith community can do together!

Air Conditioning Project to be Completed Today!

We are excited to share that our air conditioning upgrade project is almost complete! For many years, our church has relied on air conditioning units that were installed when the building was constructed 38 years ago. Three of our four units are still original, and it was time to replace another to improve both comfort and reliability.

We now have a new air conditioning unit installed in Furnace Room 1 (Office Area). It will cool the Minister's Hallway and half of the Sanctuary. The original unit from this location, which is still operating well, has been relocated to Furnace Room 4(F4) (Library Hallway), where it will now provide cooling for the library hallway rooms and Fellowship Hall. That original unit for F4 ceased working a couple of summers ago.

In 2024, another new unit was installed in Furnace Room 2 (outside the Chapel). This unit cools the Chapel and the other half of the Sanctuary.

The remaining original air conditioning unit is located in Furnace Room 3 outside of the kitchen. Replacing these final two units will be considered as part of future building improvements.

These upgrades will make a noticeable difference in the comfort of our worship spaces, meeting rooms, and common areas during the warmer months. Thank you to everyone

whose generous support helps us care for and maintain our church building. We hope you enjoy a cooler, more comfortable Orleans United Church for the rest of the summer!

Service Scripture

Sunday August 2: Romans 7:14-25
'The Inner Conflict'



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!



Thank you from the GO Project!

What a week we had with the GO Project. It was full of adventure, excitement and changes of plans. Hosting this experience for youth and young adults was an enormous task and could not have been accomplished without YOUR support. Again and again, the participants commented on the warmth and generosity they experienced here. They could hardly believe the level of care shown to them by people they had only just met. To everyone who cooked, baked, drove, hosted, organized, donated, prayed, encouraged, and welcomed: thank you. Your generosity made this week possible, and your ministry will continue to bear fruit in the lives of these young adults for years to come.

Church Storage Area Clean-Up This Summer



Ticket sales start Sunday, August 09th and can be made 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.

LLWL Activity This Week

Heather McGrath is at MacKay United Church



OUC Book Club

The following books are on the schedule for this year:

Sept 29, *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir;

October 27, *The Spoon Stealer* by Lesley Crewe; November 24, *The Winter Witch* by Jennifer Chevalier; January 26, 2027, *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid; February 23, *The Secret Messenger* by Mandy Robotham; March 30, *James* by Percival Everett; April 27, *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn; May 25, *How to read a book* by Monica Wood.

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 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.

Curious About Orleans United? New Here? Been Here Forever? Wondering What's Next?

This fall, Revs. Mike & Molly will host a relaxed three-part Wednesday evening series for anyone who would like to learn more about the United Church of Canada, the story and spirit of Orleans United, and the many ways people can connect, belong, participate, and grow within our community.

Whether you are brand new, returning after time away, exploring faith, considering Membership, or have been part of the church for years but want to reconnect in a deeper way — you are warmly invited.

Together we'll explore questions like:

- What is the United Church about?
- What does the United Church believe?
- What makes Orleans United... Orleans United?
- How can I find my place here?

Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month in the Library at 1 pm. Please join us for any or all of our discussions!

Jam Makers Need Jars!

It's berry season! Please bring your empty **250 ml jars only** to the office so that Jam can be made for the bazaar.



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.



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!

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

- What does belonging really look like?

No pressure. No expectations. Just conversation, curiosity, laughter, and community.

Dates and details will be announced this fall. Everyone is welcome.

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.



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

orleansunited@rogers.com We want to hear from you!!



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.

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



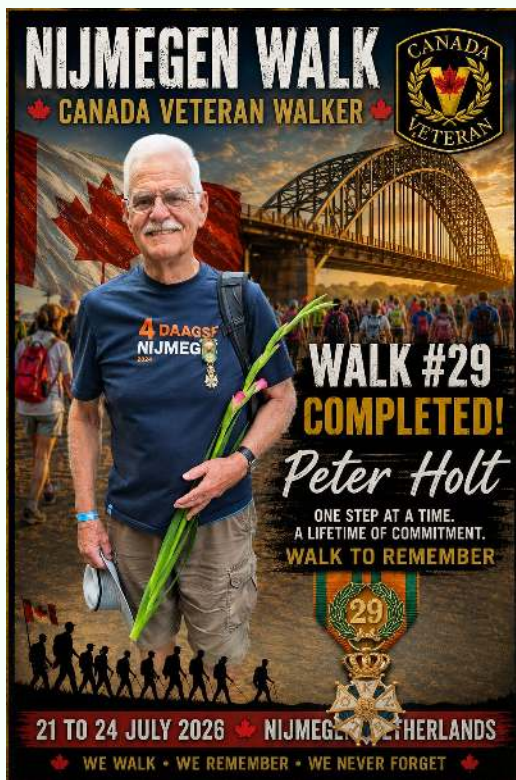
Grocery gift cards are available in the hall after services and in the office during the week. (PC, No Frills, Metro, Food Basic, Sobeys, Fresh Co., Farm Boy, and Shoppers Drug Mart) Any questions regarding this long standing fundraiser (that costs you nothing extra) can be sent to: dianne.davis@bell.net. **Please Note: The Gift card table will be closed on Sunday, August 2nd for the long weekend.**

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



Congratulations to Peter Holt on completing his 29th Nijmegen Walk. Well done, good and faithful servant!

- (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 7:

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

Saturday August 8:

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

Sunday August 9:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am

Monday August 10:

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

Tuesday August 11:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 am - noon
- TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday August 12:

- 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

Thursday August 13:

- TOPS - Library, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 6 - 8 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel, 7 - 8:30 pm/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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