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



Orleans Pride presents




PRIDEMAS COFFEEHOUSE

Come join us for a not so Silent Night of Conversation, Cocoa & Chaos


Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 6:30 to 8:30

Orleans United Church - 1111 Orleans Blvd, Orleans

Everyone is welcome to jump into the cozy vibes with holiday nibbles, trivia, art, live music, and more!



Bring your family, friends, and those you love



Sunday Dec 14

It's the day you've all been waiting for! The Sunday of JOY! Come worship with us and experience the joy of the Advent season through our Christmas pageant including the Junior Choir and other musical guests. Don't forget to wear your festive holiday clothes - pretty dresses, light up sweaters, Christmas ties, that once-a-year cardigan - the merrier, the better! And let's help share the joy by bringing new socks, underwear, mitts, hats and scarfs to give to our neighbours in need when you get to Sock it to the Revs. Bring your friends and family for this service of celebrating the holy chaos of Christmas.



Donations of cookies and other goodies

On Sunday
December
14 we will be

would be welcomed!

Thank you so much!

To Revs. Mike & Molly, the Catering Hospitality Team, the CST Team, Java Jivers, and to all the OUC family, On behalf of myself, Philippe & the whole Del Castillo family, I would like to express our heartfelt thank you for the prayers, love and support to us at this very difficult time. In Christ's love,
Emily & family



Parking-control measures during December

There will be 4 more evenings when we will be completely blocking off the Sugar Creek Way entrance, and posting signs at the Orleans Blvd. entrance which say "Church Event Parking Only". The reason for doing this is to discourage people who are visiting the Taffy Lane Christmas light display from parking at OUC on those evenings.

The dates when these special measures will be in place are:

- Pridemas Coffeehouse on Wednesday Dec. 17th
- Blue Christmas on Thursday Dec. 18th
- SDA Annual Concert on Saturday Dec. 20th
- Christmas Eve services on Wednesday Dec. 24th.

The Sugar Creek Way entrance will be blocked off at 4:00 p.m. on the above dates. Please use the Orleans Boulevard entrance instead on those nights.

Ron Hunt, Property Committee



collecting NEW socks, underwear, mitts, hats, and scarves to give to our neighbours. We are in particular need of women and

children's items as we will be supporting our local resource centres and The Elizabeth Fry Society. Get your pitching arms ready and bring your gifts to our Christmas pageant worship service. M&M look forward to being the recipients of your generosity. □



Together, We Cook. Winter Wonderland Baking Class!

Our next Together, We Cook class will celebrate the season with a hands-on baking experience featuring festive holiday cookies and decadent dessert squares. There will be lots of goodies for participants to take home and to enjoy over the holidays. Let's bake, laugh, and create memories—Together, We Cook!

- Date: December 13
- Time: 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- Cost: \$30 per student

Individuals at all levels of baking experience are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring a hand mixer with them to class.

Only 3 spots left, so be sure to reserve your place with Kim at the OUC office.



OUC Christmas Market

Last minute shopping opportunity after service this Sunday! We have already raised \$47,000 and with this final sale we

will finish the year in style and look forward to 2026.

Sincere thanks to all for your contributions that made this year's fundraiser such a success. Additional thanks to Bev and Alan Smith for their very generous donation of craft supplies.

Join the OUC Communications Team!

Are you creative, organized, or just love helping people stay connected?

- ✓ Keep website welcoming and up to date
- ✓ Share stories on Facebook and other social media
- ✓ Help with the weekly newsletter
- ✓ Support YouTube, visuals, and design projects
- ✓ Ensure a clear, consistent message that reflects OUC's values

Who We're Looking For

Writers • Editors
Photographers
Designers

Social Media Storytellers

Meets quarterly (or as needed)

ouc.mikeperrault@rogers.com



We Really, Really Need Help!

Please contact Rev. Mike at the e-mail address in the poster if you would like to know more about this. And we apologize for the typo; did you notice it? That's one of the reasons we need you! Make that two typos: Rev. Mike's correct address is ouc.mikeperrault@rogers.com!

OUC Property Committee is working on creating a list of OUC volunteers who are willing to be called upon for helping the set-up or down of tables and chairs, such as, for Sunday Coffee Time. Normally, 2 to 3 volunteers are needed and the task would take approx. 1/2 hour, which means they start the work at 9:30AM of placing the tables and chairs before the Service. Another example is the removal of tables and chairs for the Blood Donor Clinic, which is a good revenue rental partner. The more volunteers on this list will mean not always the same persons are doing the work.

If you wish to register for this volunteer listing, please send an email to lemaylegaf@yahoo.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.



Moderator's Advent Message

Our new Moderator, Rt. Rev. Kimberley Heath, has offered a message of Advent Hope to the church. You can view it [here](#)



2026 donation

envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex.



Mission and Service

An Advent Lesson from Children

Last year, a small gift reminded us just how powerful generosity can be.

We received a cheque for \$125 from a longtime **Mission and Service**

donor. But the money didn't come from her... it came from her three grandchildren. They had gathered loose change from around their house, rolling loonies, quarters, and dimes. They were told they could spend it on anything they wanted. Instead, they chose to send it all to help children in Ukraine.

Their letter said simply, "They decided to send it to help children in need." Their gift reflects the heart of The United Church of Canada's **Mission and Service**: meeting people with compassion, supporting partners who respond to crises, and working for justice and healing in Canada and around the world. This Advent, **Mission and Service** invites you to share sparks of compassion that can ignite fires of change. Thank you for supporting **Mission and Service** and helping that spark shine brightly this season.

Why not donate to **Mission and Service** through Orleans United?

- To make a one-time gift:
 - e-transfer to oucdonations@rogers.com.
 - Cash or cheque
 - Include "Mission and Service" on the message line.
- To make a regular weekly or monthly gift,





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!



TOURTIERES AND CHICKEN POT PIES ON SALE!



Our Pie Team outdid themselves this year and there are still a few pies left. For 2025, the prices are \$28.00 for large tourtières and large chicken pot pies, and \$12.00 for small tourtières and small chicken pot pies. Order forms will be available during the week from the office. Please stop by the table in the hall to place your orders and pick up your pies! If you have bags to carry your pies home, please bring them with 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

use:

- Your church envelopes indicating your gift on the Mission and Service line.
 - The PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Program. Contact the Church office to enroll or to add a regular donation amount for Mission and Service.
- Questions? Contact Paul Sales, OUC's Mission and Service Enthusiast at paul.sales93@gmail.com.

ADVENT CAROLS AND PRAYERS A Daily Time of Contemplation

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30 and is the season of preparing for Christmas. We invite you to pause in quiet reflection to pray through a carol every day, opening your heart to hear what God may be whispering to you.

Glen Stoudt, OUC's retired minister, now serves as a Spiritual Director here. He has prepared this collection of carols and prayers to help make your journey to Christmas more spiritually enlightening. You can access the guide [here](#) or pick up a paper version at the church.

Sunday Announcements

The Worship Committee requests that anyone wishing to make an spoken announcement in church submit their request to the Office by the Wednesday before. Thank you!

Battery and Compact Fluorescent Collection



The container to deposit your used batteries and compact Fluorescent bulbs has been moved from the front entranceway to the hallway beside the Lost and Found. The church continues to collect these items for disposal.



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

contact the office.

waiting for you!

Care for the Caregiver

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

Voices of the Bereaved

"Every time I throw out something of theirs or give it away, I feel like I am betraying them."



Community Corner

**Choral Festival, Saturday,
December 13th at 3 pm** The Kanata Choral Society presents a night of festive singing, at Glen Cairn United Church (GCUC), featuring the choir of GCUC and the Goulbourn Male Chorus. A cash donation of \$10 or a non-perishable food item will gladly be received.



Come and join us for a Christmas sing-song... all are welcome!

Carols, Christmas songs, refreshments, and more!

When: December 22, 7:00 – 8:00
(refreshments to follow)

Where: Mackay United Church, 39 Dufferin Ave

Why: To enjoy some Christmas singing together, and raise funds to replace our deck

Come join us as we Deck the Halls Kalalla-style... Click [HERE](#) for more info.



Seminars at St. Pauls

Fraud Prevention Seminar
Samantha Adams from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) will give an overview of the centre then talk about the tools that the fraudsters use, the top reported frauds, how to protect yourself and how to report a fraud.

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

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>

• Using either a debit or credit card through the Plently App: <https://uc-orleans.plently.com/>

Be in Touch!

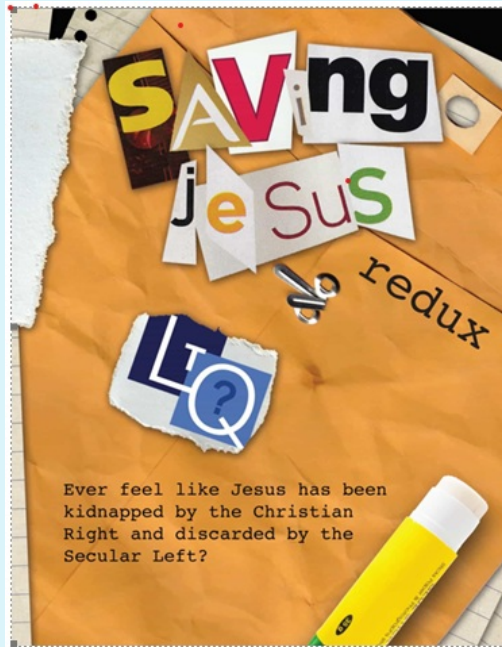
We would love for you to reach out to us....
we are here for you!

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)



Has Jesus been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left?

Beginning October 29 at 7:00 PM

 *In the OUC Library*

With leadership from **Rev. Molly, Rev. Mike, Jasmine Vesque, Heather McGrath, and Peter Holt**

Saving Jesus runs every second Wednesday at OUC from late October to April (with a few breaks).

Join us for one, two, or all 12 sessions!

This Week at OUC

Friday December 12:

- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Pleinchant dress rehearsal - Sanctuary, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Saturday December 13:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1
- **Together, We Cook - Kitchen/Library, 12:30 - 4:30 pm ***
- Pageant rehearsal - Sanctuary/Chapel/Hall/Sunday school rooms, 2 - 5 pm
- Pleinchant rehearsal - Choir Room, 2 - 8 pm

Sunday December 14:

- Worship Service - Pageant Sunday- in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Sock it to the Revs sorting - Library, 11:30 am
- PleinChant concert - Sanctuary/Chapel/Hall/Kitchen, 4 pm

Monday December 15:

- Scouting - Hall/Chapel/Choir Room/Library/Kitchen - 6:15 pm
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm

Tuesday December 16:

- TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 - 7 pm
- Scouting - Hall/Choir Room/Library, 6 - 9 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday December 17:

- Breakfast @ Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30
- **Pridemas - Hall/Kitchen, 6:30 - 8:30 pm ***
- Joyful Yarn - Lounge, 7 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday December 18:

- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Blue Christmas Service - Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
- Scouts - Hall, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Beavers - Library - 7 - 7:30 pm
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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

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