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



Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed until January 2.



Rev. Molly and Rev. Mike will be taking turns being on call in case of pastoral emergency during the holidays. The best way to contact the minister on call is to leave a message at the church Office (613-837-4321). Voicemail will be checked regularly but email will not be monitored over the holidays.

This will be the last newsletter for 2025.

From the staff of Orleans United Church, we wish you a Christmas season filled with all of God's many blessings.

Molly, Mike, Scott & Kim



Parking-control measures during December

There are 2 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:

People needed on Council - Make a difference at OUC!

Our Council needs new members for 2026. OUC's Council is our local governing body, a necessary component of OUC church life. Its responsibilities include decisions about the life of OUC, including worship, care, spiritual practice, learning and local mission; local administration, finances, and property.

We are looking for a Vice Chair and three elected Members. Elected Council members act as a liaison between a select Ministry Area (Worship, Learning, Pastoral Care, Outreach, Communications), the congregation and Council. They attend monthly meetings of Council (Sept – June) to both report on their area and provide input and advice on all issues as voting members.

Helping OUC in this way directly impacts the good work that we do and can be an excellent way of getting to know people at OUC.

If you are interested in any of these roles, or if you would like more information, please talk to me during coffee time or contact the office. Thanks so much for your support to OUC.

Karen Dodds, Chair of Council

2026 donation envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex.



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

- 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



Women's Retreat

The excitement is starting to build. The theme will be The Cup Of Life. Be sure and mark April 24 - 26th on your calendar. Registration will begin in early January. For more information contact Jean at scrapbookjean@icloud.com.

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](#)



Mission and Service

Empowering Bold Leadership



Support youth as they inspire communities and engage in leadership

"I want The United Church of Canada to continue the policies, as well as the vision and the actions that make our slogan 'Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice, and Deep Spirituality' truly mean something."

These are words from Matthew Tyhurst, one of The United Church of Canada's Youth Forum Leadership Animators. More of Matthew's thoughts on the United Church's Centennial can be found on [YouTube](#).

In July 2024, Matthew was one of eight passionate youth from across Canada who

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.mikeperreault@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.

Dine-in at Boston Pizza Orleans to support Orleans United Church. Simply write "ORLEANS UNITED CHURCH" on your receipt, drop it in the white fundraiser box and 10% of all food sales from your order will be donated to Orleans United Church.

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DINE-IN AT
ANY TIME

10% OF FOOD
SALES WILL BE
DONATED BACK

DINE-IN ONLY, NOT AVAILABLE FOR TAKE-OUT/DELIVERY

gathered in Calgary. Together, they worked to lay the foundation for 100 young people under the age of 30 to attend The United Church of Canada's General Council 45 in 2025, coinciding with the church's Centennial commemorations.

The group of talented and diverse youth are committed to developing leadership among their peers. After their time in Calgary, they returned to their local communities and regions to work on learning goals and projects for four weeks, but remain engaged throughout the year. The group focused on building leadership and guiding their peers as they explore their roles in the church. Their placements in local and regional communities are designed to help them grow and prepare for the future.

Your gifts to **Mission and Service** support youth as they inspire communities and engage in leadership. Thank you.

Donating to **Mission and Service** through Orleans United is easy.

For a **one-time gift**:

- o e-transfer to oucdonations@rogers.com.
- o cash or cheque
- o Be sure to include "Mission and Service" on the message line.

For a **regular weekly or monthly gift**:

- o Your church envelopes
- o The PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Program. Contact the Church office to enroll.

In all cases, include "Mission and Service" on the message line.

For more information, contact Paul Sales 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

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 contact the office.

Care for the Caregiver

Check out supports in the community:

<https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>

Voices of the Bereaved

"I light a candle every day, place their picture beside it and let the memories, and sometimes the tears, flow."



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 waiting for you!



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:Grocery Gift card / Fundraising table will be closed Dec. 28th. Thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraising efforts this past year and to those that faithfully volunteered each week.

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

Community Corner

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.

Tuesday January 6th 2026 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Hosted by St. Paul's United Church, 3760 Carp Road, Carp, ON

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 Pllenty App: <https://uc-orleans.pllenty.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)

This Week at OUC

Friday December 19:

- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists concert set-up - Sanctuary, 5 pm - 2 am

Saturday December 20:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary, 1 - 11 pm; Chapel, 6 - 9 pm

Sunday December 21:

- Worship Service - Choir Sunday- in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Seventh-day Adventists - Library, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Monday December 22:

- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm

Tuesday December 23:

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

Wednesday December 24:

- Christmas Eve services:
5 pm, for the Young and Young-at-Heart
7 pm, Do You "No-el"?
- 9 pm, Candlelight and Communion

Thursday December 25: **Merry Christmas!**

Friday December 26:

- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm

Saturday December 27:

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

Sunday December 28:

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

Monday December 29:

- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm

Tuesday December 30:

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

Wednesday December 31:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday January 1, 2026: No events scheduled



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