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



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



Food Bank Sunday

This Sunday, December 7, is Food Bank Sunday. The bin will be in the

Narthex, ready to accept your donations. Please remember we cannot accept fresh produce here at Orleans United.

Parking-control measures during December

There will be 6 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

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

will be in place are:

- Les Jeunes de Coeur concert on Saturday Dec. 6th
- Cumberland Community Singers concert on Sunday Dec. 7th
- 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

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](#)



OUC's Christmas Star Shines Bright in Worship

On this first Sunday of Advent we will light our sanctuary star in memory of founding members, Ralph and Doris Flockton. In 2011, Ralph donated the original star to remember his wife who had recently died. Because her birthday was on Christmas Eve, Rev. Glen (now retired) suggested hanging a Moravian Star in our church sanctuary through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. It has become a central symbol in our sanctuary at this time of the year.

With his roots in the Moravian Church, Rev. Glen explains: "Originating in this German protestant denomination during the nineteenth century, stars like the one in our sanctuary were carried throughout the world by Moravian missionaries and were displayed in their churches and homes proclaiming the hope of Advent." This star was made near Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and constructed by a few OUC volunteers.

Join us this Sunday to warm your heart in

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

Spots are limited, so be sure to reserve your place, with Kim at the OUC office.

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



The **Lost and Found bin** in the hallway is full. Next week the Property team will be emptying it and find new homes for the items. If you think something in the bin might be yours, please remove it before Wednesday December 10th.

Gifts with Joy, Gifts with Hope, Gifts with Vision



Credit: The United Church of Canada
December always seems to arrive in a blink, doesn't it? Some are already checking off shopping lists, and others are thinking about starting. Wherever you fall, The United Church of Canada's [Gifts with Vision](#) can make your Christmas giving simple and meaningful.

With Gifts with Vision, there's no wrapping, no shipping deadlines, and no frantic mall searches. Instead, you can choose a gift that truly matters. Every gift supports communities across Canada and around the world—addressing poverty and hunger, strengthening education, supporting healing and reconciliation, and more. There's something thoughtful for everyone on your list.

Each Gift with Vision connects directly to a Mission and Service project that relies on the generosity of people like you. Your gift becomes part of real change and real hope for people who need it.

As you settle into the season, whether you're a planner or a last-minute shopper,

the light of this simple, spiritual, Christmas symbol. It is a star of promise, encouragement, and fulfillment, reminding us of the Bible's Nativity story.

consider a gift that gives back. [Gifts with Vision](#) is just a click away. Questions? Contact Paul Sales, OUC's Mission and Service Enthusiast at paul.sales93@gmail.com

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.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.

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.



Gingerbread House Decorating December 7 after church

Please email the church office by Dec 4 if you are interested
All supplies included
Cost approx \$15-20 per house



Gingerbread house decorating December 7

Orders are now **CLOSED** for gingerbread houses. Everyone who has submitted their names to the office, to Rev Molly or paid online will have a house waiting to be decorated on Sunday after church. There will be no extras on Sunday for those who did not order ahead of time. If you ordered, please be sure to pay your \$15 online or bring cash on Sunday.

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.

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.



HELP RAISE SOME DOUGH!

EARN BACK PROGRAM

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.



BOSTON PIZZA
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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

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



On Sunday December 14 we will be 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. □

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





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

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



Community Corner

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 7, 2025 7 p.m.

Come sing your favourite carols, led by Ernie and Lynda Cox, with special musical guests.

Freewill offering. Parking at the Supreme Court building across the street from the church.



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

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

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/>

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.

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 5:

- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Beaver Colony F sleepover - Hall/Kitchen, 6:30 pm Friday to 9 am Saturday
- Nicole Lalonde recital - Sanctuary, 6:15 - 7:15

Saturday December 6:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1
- Sew & Sews - Hall/Kitchen, 9 - 1:30
- Les Jeunes de Coeur - Sanctuary/Hall/Kitchen, 2 - 10 pm

Sunday December 7:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Adult Education & Health Promotion meeting - Library, 11:30 am
- Gingerbread House decorating - Hall, 12:30 - 3:30 pm
- PleinChant rehearsal - Chapel, 2 - 5 pm
- C5 choir - Choir Room, 4 - 6 pm
- Cumberland Community Singers concert - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm

Monday December 8:

- Scouting - Hall/Chapel/Choir Room/Library - 6:15 pm
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 - 9 pm

Tuesday December 9:

- Book Club Christmas Luncheon - Hall/Kitchen/Lounge, 8:30 am - 3 pm
- 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 10:

- Breakfast @ Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- Christian Women's Club - Hall/Kitchen, 9 - 11:30 am
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30
- Property Meeting - Library, 10 am
- Saving Jesus - Library, 7 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday December 11:

- TOPS - Library/Nursery, 8:30 am
- Quilter's Workshop - Hall, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Scouts - Hall/Kitchen, 6:30 - 9 pm
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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