

Merry Christmas!

December 22, 2022



Christmas Services at OUC

Christmas Eve

There will be three services on Christmas Eve, at **5 pm**, **7 pm** and **9 pm**, all led by Rev. Eric.

Christmas Day Worship

Christmas Day Worship - 10 am

Join us for a time of prayer and singing your favourite Christmas hymns followed by fellowship and refreshments in the Hall.



We would like to get an idea of how many people will attend. Please RSVP to Jasmine Vesque at jasminevesque@gmail.com.

Come in your jammies, your ugly sweater, or your Christmas finest. All are welcome!

Please note that the Christmas Day service will be both Live and On-Line!

New Year's Day

The service on Sunday January 1, 2023, will be led by David Clemis.

Congregational Meeting on Jan. 22, 2023 to Approve Search Team's Recommendation

I am pleased to announce that the Search Team has selected a candidate that they recommend be called to Orleans United Church to fill our vacant ministerial position.

All members and adherents are encouraged to attend a **congregational meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2023** following the after-service fellowship gathering, at which time the congregation will be asked to consider and approve the Search Team's recommendation.

At the meeting, the Search Team will present the candidate's name along with the appropriate information which supports their recommendation. Following the presentation and discussion, the members of the congregation attending the meeting will be asked to vote in favour of calling the recommended candidate to Orleans United Church.

For privacy and process reasons, the identity of the candidate will remain confidential until the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Ron Hunt, Chair of Council
613-298-1626 / re.hunt@sympatico.ca

Congratulations to Scott on celebrating 20 years as our choir director!



Christmas Eve Ushers



Christmas Remembrance Tree

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the hanging of ornaments in memory of loved ones on our evergreen Remembrance Tree located on the front lawn of the Orleans Blvd entrance to the church. The tree is looking quite lovely, and we invite you to take a moment to visit it if you have not already. The basket of ornaments will remain in the church office during the next week or two and anyone who wishes to is welcome to write the name of loved one(s) you wish to remember on an ornament of your choice. You can hang the ornaments yourself, or leave them for a HELP team member to hang on your behalf.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl Marvin at

We are still looking for people to volunteer as ushers on Christmas Eve, especially at the 9 pm service. We will be taking up collection the "old way" and will need some help!

kenmarvin@gmail.com or Ruth Fox at ruthfox21@gmail.com.

Your HELP team



Inspiring Gifts from the United Church's Giving Catalogue

Still looking for a meaningful gift for that one person who has everything? Well, look no further.



"Every year, I purchase a gift from The United Church of Canada's Gifts with Vision catalogue for each member of my family -- children and grandchildren. I try to match a gift to each person's area of interest. That way we all feel connected to the Church's work toward social justice in Canada and around the world." Paul Sales

There is a gift for every budget and you can choose from a wide range of programs and services across Canada and around the world.

Gifts with Vision: You can make a difference this Christmas—anytime!
<https://mailchi.mp/.../you-can-make-a-difference-this...>



Meat Pies Now Available - Quantities are very limited!

We have some frozen food available for you to enjoy this Advent and Christmas season. There are large 3-meat tourtières, large and small chicken pot pies, and vegetarian chili still available. Please stop by the office, or order on Sunday following worship. And, thank you again to all who have purchased frozen food and helped make the bazaar an amazing success!

Coffee Time

Check out supports in the community:

<https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>



Grocery Gift Cards

The Grocery Gift Card table is open in the hall after service. Purchases

of gift cards for Metro, Basics, Independent, No frills, Loblaws, Sobeys, Farm Boy, and Shoppers Drug Mart will be available by cash, cheque, e-transfer, or debit. Please note there are **no Tim Horton** gift cards at this time. Gift cards are also available for purchase in the church office during regular business hours. 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 Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. We will reopen Sunday, Jan. 8th.

Boston Pizza are still giving us a percentage back from our receipts. Please remember to print Orleans United Church on your receipt and put it in the box each time you eat there. Every dollar helps the work of the church.



2023 Offering Envelopes

The new envelopes will be available in the Narthex on Sunday morning. You can also pick them up from the Office through the week.

Ways to Give

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION



Scott was celebrated at Coffee Time with a cake to commemorate his 20 years with OUC! a good time was had by all.

Thank you for the following persons for their help with Coffee Time:

Set-up: George Teather

Baked Goods: Denise Connors (rice Krispies squares), Rob Palo (beet and ginger muffins), George Teather (mini iced cupcakes), France (peanut butter cookies) and OUC with Jean Shaddick for Scott's cake.

Clean-up: George Teather, Rob Palo, Heather and Stephen Young, Helen Guth, Emily de Castillo

OUC has a Prayer Chain!



For many years now, OUC has offered a 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 request are shared among the group confidentially. You are invited to send your prayer request directly to ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com, an email monitored by only one CST member. For more information, please contact the office.

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)

WITH THEIR TIME AND WITH THEIR FINANCIAL DONATIONS

If you would like to contribute financially, you can do so:

- By cash or cheque to the main office
- 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>



Support Centre 507 at Christmas

The holidays are a time for giving thanks and looking forward to a happy new year. Please **support Centre 507 today** and help us make 2023 full of brighter days for everyone in our community.

Centre 507 has seen more people coming through our doors than ever before! This year, we recorded the highest increase in Centre 507's history, serving meals to 4,390 people in a single month. We don't want to have to close our doors or turn anyone away. With your help, we can welcome everyone who needs our support. Please consider making a \$15 gift to provide a hot meal for 10 people.

Special offer for new donors: Until December 31, 2022, Hobin Architecture pledges to **match new donations to Centre 507**. We are grateful for Hobin Architecture's generosity and support. If you have never donated to Centre 507 (or you know someone who might want to support us for the first time) now is the time to help Centre 507. Hobin Architecture's generosity means Centre 507 could receive \$10,000 in matching donations.

Centre 507 is a community nourished by good food and opportunity thanks to the generosity of people like you

This Week at OUC

Friday December 23: Orleans Noon - Chapel, 11:30 - 1:30

TOPS - Nursery/Kitchen, 5 pm

SDA - Sanctuary, 6 pm

Saturday December 24: SDA - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 9 am - 1 pm

Christmas Eve Services - Sanctuary, 5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm

Sunday December 25: Christmas Day Service, led by Jasmine Vesque

in person and live-streamed, 10 am

Monday December 26: Church Office closed, Monday Dec. 26 - Monday Jan. 2, inclusive

TOPS - Nursery/Kitchen, 6 pm



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