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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.

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STAR WORDS 2023

In 2017, Rev. Molly started a new tradition at OUC – Epiphany Star Words were prepared for each member of the community to pick up,

take home, and use as a guiding star for the new year. We are pleased to continue this tradition in 2023.

You are invited to pick up your 2023 Star Word on Sunday, January 8, 2023, following the worship service. We hope that these Star Words will offer you hope to encourage and strengthen your relationship with God and each other.

If you are unable to attend worship on the 8th, Star Words will be available in baskets in the church office; please stop by and pick up your Word for 2023.

Some people choose to share their Word with their friends and family; others choose to keep them for individual prayer and discernment. Whatever you choose, we hope these Words bring meaning and grace to you this year.

Remember that Rev. Molly's guidance was that when you first pick up your Word, you may say - "Not sure what this Word means for me" - So, sit with your Word for a while, look it up, reflect on it, let the Spirit speak to you!

Sunday School classes will resume this Sunday, January 8.

SAVE THE DATES!

Adult Education - Workshop

Providing peace of mind for you and your loved ones is the aim of this learning workshop. Based on the practical planner, *"I'm Dead, Now What"*, this workshop will share valuable hints on organizing personal information, passwords, leaving instructions and more. Guided by Dot Cooper, you're invited to participate in this creative, peace of mind planning workshop on **Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 10 am** in the OUC Library. Peace of mind planning is a gift your family will truly appreciate.



UKRAINIAN GET-TOGETHER/POTLUCK

A Ukrainian Potluck Supper is being held at OUC this Saturday evening, January 7, 2023, from 5-9 pm. It will be a time of fellowship for those who have arrived in our community as a direct result of the war. Members of OUC are invited to join in the pot-luck dinner and meet with the Ukrainian arrivals to our community.

Ukrainians started arriving in Canada (Ottawa) last spring. Many are being housed with host families who connected with them through the Facebook page, "Ukrainian Settlement Helpers Ottawa". Quite a few are now employed in our area. Some have found rental accommodation. There is a great need for affordable rental housing in Orleans so that they are close to their work and the schools that children are enrolled in. And, of course, we are searching for host families to shelter newly arriving Ukrainians while they complete intake paperwork and find employment.

If you know of any rental accommodation (either apartment, townhome, basement suite, single or house sit while you are away on vacation) or you would like to assist Canadian host families with the care of their Ukrainian guests, please contact: Carolyn Fair at 613-869-0537 or carolyn.fair@gmail.com

Coffee Time

**Happy New Year
OUC family,**



We had about 30 persons during fellowship on New Year's day. Wonderful service done by David Clemis, Jasmine Vesque and Scott Richardson. Holy Mother Mary is looking out for us.

Thank you for the help of the following persons with fellowship:

Set-up: Rob Palo

Baked Goods: Rob Palo for the carrot muffins

Take-down: Rob Palo

I believe it's time to recognize Rob Palo for his baking and set-up efforts. Rob, you make a big impact for fellowship and we thank you for all your efforts.

Men's Roast Beef Dinner

February 11, more information to follow.

Pancake Supper

On Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, join us for the return of for Peter's Perfect Pancakes! Presented by 8th Orleans Scout Group. More information TBA.



Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Joan at 613-327-2523 to reserve.



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.



Meat Pies Still Available - Quantities are very limited!

Tourtières and Vegetarian Chili are still available in the Hall on Sundays, or at the office through the week. The cost is \$25 for a family-size pie and \$8 for the Chili. Please bring your own bag if possible.

HELP Hints



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.

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.



Ways to Give

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION 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>

Be in Touch!

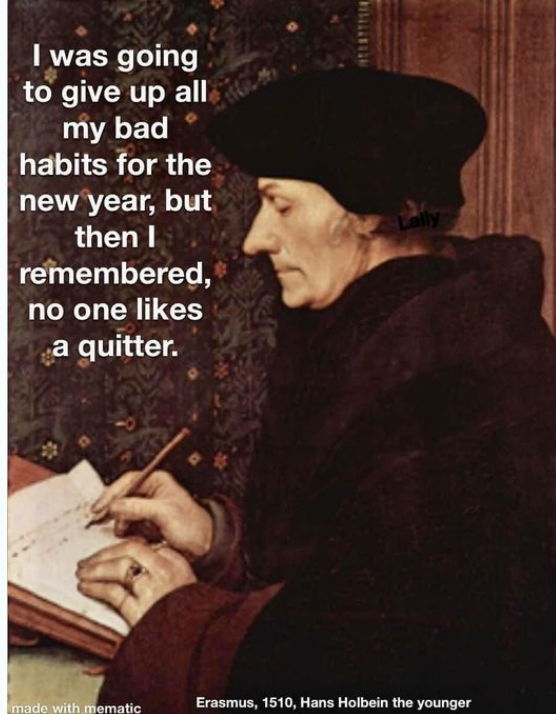
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we are here for you!

Website: <http://orleansunitedchurch.com>

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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)



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Erasmus, 1510, Hans Holbein the younger



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 requests 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.

This Week at OUC

Friday January 6: Orleans Noon - Choir Room, 11:30 - 1:30

TOPS - Nursery/Kitchen, 5 pm

Saturday January 7: Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 9 - 1

Sew & Sews - Hall, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Ukrainian Café - Hall/Kitchen, 5 - 9 pm **See notice above for details**

Sunday January 8: Worship service, in person and live-streamed, 10 am

Monday January 9: Scouts - Hall/Library/Choir Room/Chapel

TOPS - Nursery, 6 pm

Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Tuesday January 10: Kim John Tai Chi - Chapel 10 - 11 am

Scouts - Hall/Choir Room/Library, 6:30 pm

Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 6:30 - 10 pm

Wednesday January 11: Men's Breakfast - Gabriel's, St. Joseph Blvd, 7:30 am

Christian Women's Club - Hall/Kitchen, 9 - 11:30 am

A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Men's Dinner Meeting - Library, 11 am

Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm

Sounding Board Meeting - Library, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday January 12: TOPS - Chapel/Nursery, 8:30 am

Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am

Zumba - Hall, 6:45 pm

S-Anon - Nursery, 7 pm

Senior Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30

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