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

**RAISING INCLUSIVE CHILDREN**  
*How adults model empathy, fairness, and belonging*

**Workshop Details**

A workshop that explores how everyday words, actions, and attitudes influence children's understanding of difference, helping families nurture empathy, kindness, and belonging.

**Sunday, February 1, 2025**  
1:30 - 3:30 PM  
Orleans United Church

**Corinne Davison**  
Equity and Inclusion Educator  
• Mentor Coach  
Retired Secondary School Educator

*Creating spaces of empathy, awareness, and belonging*  
Open to all adults who play a role in the lives of children.

**Orleans United Church**  
believe. belong. become.

**Saving Jesus returns**  
on every second  
Wednesday in the Library  
at 7 pm, starting January  
14. All are welcome to  
attend any or all sessions.



### Junior Choir is back!

We will be rehearsing most Sundays after worship. Our first practice will be Jan 11 in the Choir Room. Rehearsals will generally last 30-40 min. I'm hoping to have the Juniors sing in church twice before Easter. The age range is SK to Grade 6 (though please feel free to chat with me about kids who are interested but fall just outside that range). Please e-mail me at [cscott-richardson@rogers.com](mailto:cscott-richardson@rogers.com), or find me after church. Thanks! Scott

### Do you want to lend your voice in shaping the life and future of OUC? 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.

For 2026 we are looking for a Vice Chair and three elected Members. Elected

### Java Jive

Looking for a realizable new year's resolution? This is the perfect time to join Java Jive. Beginning next Thursday, January 15, 2026, Java Jive will resume its weekly meetings in the chapel from 10 to 11 am. The group gathers to share coffee while discussing the reading for the upcoming Sunday and occasionally delving into other timely topics. New participants are warmly invited to join. For further details about the group, please contact Debbie Arcand at



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.

This exciting, creative work makes a difference in our church, our community and the wider world. We would love to share it with you.

Karen Dodds, Chair of Council

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

(613) 407-0456. We hope to see you there next week!

## 2026 donation envelopes

There are still 32 boxes of envelopes waiting to be picked up. If you have not yet, please pick up yours, and consider picking up a neighbour's too!



## Worshiplude 2026!

**Worshiplude = Worship + Winterlude.**

Throughout the weekend, many youth groups will be participating in Winterlude, both from Ottawa and elsewhere in the province.

On the evening of Saturday January 31st, we will hold a special worship service.

United Church Moderator Kimberly Heath will be present at this event.

More information to come!



## 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](mailto:scrapbookjean@icloud.com).

## 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



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](mailto:lemaylegaf@yahoo.com).

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## 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.



**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 ORLEANS**  
3884 INNES RD

**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!



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## Prayer Circle:

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!

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Keep your 2026 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. (PC, No Frills, Metro, Food Basic, Sobeys, Fresh Co., Farm Boy, and Shoppers Drug Mart) Any questions regarding this long standing fundraiser (that costs you nothing extra) can be sent to: [dianne.davis@bell.net](mailto:dianne.davis@bell.net). **Please Note: Grocery Gift card / Fundraising table will be closed Feb. 15th**

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## 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](mailto:oucdonations@rogers.com)
- Using a credit card Through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org>



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](mailto:ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com), an email monitored by only one pastoral care team member. For more information, please contact the office.

• 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](mailto: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)

## Care for the Caregiver

Check out supports in the community:

<https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>

## Voices of the Bereaved

"My grief didn't stop when the casseroles stopped coming. That's when it started. I didn't need the food. I needed someone to pick up the groceries, answer the mail, clean the bathroom."



Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

## This Week at OUC

### Friday January 9:

- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Venturers sleepover - Hall/Kitchen, 7:30 pm Friday to 9 am Saturday

### Saturday January 10:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1
- PleinChant rehearsal - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists Meeting - Hall/Kitchen, 5 - 9 pm

### Sunday January 11:

- Worship Service - Choir Sunday- in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- **Junior Choir practice - Choir Room, after service \***
- Adult Education & Health Promotion - Library, 11:30 am
- PleinChant - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm

### Monday January 12:

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm
- Scouting - Chapel/Hall/Choir Room/Library - 6:15 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 - 9 pm

### Tuesday January 13:

- Roast Beef Dinner meeting - Library, 9 am - noon
- Scouting - Choir Room/Hall/Library, 6pm
- TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 7 - 10 pm

### Wednesday January 14:

- Breakfast at 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 am
- Saving Jesus Redux - Library, 7 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

**Thursday January 15:**

- TOPS - Library, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- **Java Jive - Chapel, 10 - 11 am \***
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 - 9:30 pm
- Alanon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

\*For more information, see notice above

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