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Reminder: Masks Must Be Worn During In-Person Worship

This is a reminder that masks must be worn in the Sanctuary when attending worship services.

Singing during worship services at OUC was reintroduced several months ago on the premise that attendees would wear masks. The rationale then was that masks reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 when congregants are singing. This is still valid, in spite of the fact that most of us have had 3 or 4 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Many of us have friends and acquaintances who have become infected recently with COVID-19. We know from recent news report that multiple versions of COVID-19 are present in our community and that the rate of infection is on the increase. I became infected with COVID-19 while traveling in Ireland a few weeks ago because I let my guard down and because the vast majority of people in Ireland were not wearing masks when indoors and on public transit.

Having three or four doses of the vaccine does not guarantee that we will not become infected with COVID-19.

The goal is to ensure that in-person worship is safe for everyone – especially people who live with immunocomprised individuals or who may be caring for grandchildren who are not yet vaccinated. Let's avoid the possibility of inadvertently passing COVID-19 along to other people.

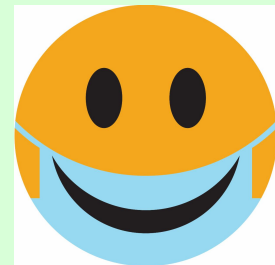
I am counting on your cooperation in this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information and/or if you have any feedback that you would like to share with me.

Thanks and blessings,

Ron Hunt, Chair of Council

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IRG Fundraising Concert

Musical partners Robin Guy and Scott Richardson will present an evening of songs on **Friday, July 15 at 7 pm**. Enjoy their warm duo harmonies, backed by Scott's acoustic guitar. Featuring tunes by some of their favourite folk-rock songwriters (Leonard Cohen, Sarah



To the women of the church: You are invited to an evening of fellowship and good food, Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30 pm. Contact Joan for details (613-327-2523, joanbrockelbank@gmail.com)



Harmer, Tom Petty, The Rankins and many more). A portion of the proceeds will go to support the work of the Interchurch Refugee Group. Admission by donation (suggested \$20).



Coffee Time

What fun we have to catch up on our news! Coffee time was well attended (50+)

persons.

Thank you to the following persons for their help:

Set-up: Rob Palo

Baked donations: Ruth Oswald and Debbie Arcand

Clean-up: Emily del Castillo, Helen Guth, Rob Palo, Heather and Stephen Young and Alison Sales

Exchange for the month of July 2022: What would you like to exchange for the month of July? We will continue to put out the collected books, puzzles, cds and dvds.

Paul and I will be away from Ottawa on **7 August and 4 September**. We need volunteers to make the coffee.

Thanks to Debbie Arcand and Brian Braceland for volunteering to make coffee on 14 August 2022.



Summer Office Hours began on Tuesday, June 28, and will run to Thursday August 26. The office will be open from 9 - noon, Tuesday to

Thursday.

The **OUC Men's Retreat** will be returning to Rideau Hill Camp from **9-11 Sept.** this

year. As usual, it will feature campfires, games, and "men's aromatherapy" over the BBQ pit! This year, there may also be some work needed on the camp after last month's windstorm. The price is not yet fixed, but will likely be \$ 70.00 to cover the two nights, Friday and Saturday. Contact Peter Holt (pjholt49@yahoo.ca, 613-841-5143) to sign up for this camp.



Rain Barrel Fundraiser: A big thank you to Carol Fair, Winston Babin, Rick Verwey, Robbie Chapman, Sandra and Paul Sales, Dave Humenuk and

Elizabeth Perevalova. We raised \$547 for the church. If you missed getting a rain barrel, rolling composter or accessories, save the date. We will be back on June 9, 2023.

MASON JARS (250ml size) are once again needed to make jam over the next few months for the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any jars to donate, please leave them in the church office.



Broadview

Broadview subscription renewal time is upon us. The price is \$25 for the year, beginning in September. That is excellent value if you compare similar

magazine prices. The articles are thought provoking, and the news from the wider church is particularly welcome. Payment may be dropped off in the form of cash or cheque in an envelope marked Broadview to the church office. Cheques should be made out to Orleans United Church, with an indication for Broadview. Payment may also be made by etransfer to the church with the same indication. Contact Shirley Holt at shirleyholt@outlook.com or at 613-841-5143 to confirm your renewal or start a subscription.

A Request:

Looking for new or like-new gender neutral baby clothes for expectant mom. Asking for a friend of my family. Please contact Joan (joanbrockelbank@gmail.com 613-837-6313) if you can help. Thank you.



Ways to Give

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION WITH THEIR TIME AND WITH THEIR FINANCIAL DONATIONS



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 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.

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>

Community Corner

Just in time for our holiday weekend, we are



delighted to announce that we have exceeded our \$100,000 goal! Thanks to a generous estate gift, we shot past the \$114,000 mark earlier today and have broken last year's Tulipathon record of \$104,400! We simply do not have the words to describe our gratitude for the support we received from so many of you. The year 2022 marks the third consecutive year of record-setting Tulipathons... and how wonderful to have set a new record in the year of MHI's 20th anniversary.

Best wishes,
MHI staff

Grocery gift cards

are available for all President's Choice stores, Metro/Food Basics, Farm



Boy and Tim Horton's. These cards are an excellent fundraiser for OUC. Email [Dianne Davis](mailto:DianneDavis) to order yours today!

Be in Touch!

We would love for you to reach out to us....
we are here for you!

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If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter, sign them up through the main office (call or email)



HELP Ottawa

Our Hope Arising dedication made the 6 PM CTV news!! Hopefully viewers will see that OUC offers support and hope in times of loss and grief to all who enter our doors.

Many, many thanks to Rev Glen and Jason Hirst for the installation, to Glen for naming the work "Hope Arising" and blessing us with his beautiful poem, to Rev Caroline for leading us in a beautiful blessing and prayer, to Amy del Castillo and Rob Palo for their reflections on participating in the activity and to all those who picked up a paintbrush, stepped out of their comfort zone and helped create this beautiful celebration of hope arising from grief and loss.

We could not have done this without the collaborative, inclusive and inspirational guidance of artist Claudia Salguero whose heart and soul warm and embrace all whom she meets.



This Week at OUC

Friday July 8: Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon

Saturday July 9: SDA - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 8:30 - 1 pm

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

Monday July 11: TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 pm

Tuesday July 12: Crafters, Library 9 am - 2 pm

SDA - Room 12, 10 am

TOPS - Nursery/Kitchen, 6:30 pm

Coro Vivo - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Wednesday July 13: SDA - Chapel, 6 - 9 pm

Thursday July 14: TOPS - Chapel/Nursery, 8:30 am

Friday July 15: IRG Fundraising Concert featuring Scott Richardson & Robin Guy - Sanctuary, 7 pm

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