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Update: Search for New Minister

Progress is being made on the search for a new minister.

- The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region **has appointed Rev. Laurie McKnight to be the Pastoral Relations Liaison person** to guide the work of OUC's Search Team. Rev. McKnight is the former minister of St. Paul's Eastern United Church and she has some familiarity with OUC as a consequence of her involvement with a number of the online worship services (a.k.a. Virtch) during the pandemic in partnership with Carleton Memorial, McKay, OUC, Queenswood, and Rothwell United churches.
- The **Search Team will be having a kick-off meeting very soon** to review the processes and procedures involved in carrying out their work. Rev. McKnight and Peter Holt (past Chair of Ministry & Personnel) will facilitate this discussion.
- Finally, I am happy to report that **several candidates have already submitted applications** for OUC's opening via the United Church of Canada ChurchHub.

Please hold the Search Team in your thoughts and prayers, and grant them your trust, as they embark on the important work that they will be doing on our behalf. It is essential that we respect the confidential nature of this work and refrain from prying for details.

Yours in Christ,
Ron Hunt, Chair of Council

Sunday School

Sunday School began on May 1st and will run weekly until June 19th. This will be one-room Sunday School for all ages, and children and teachers will be asked to wear a mask.



The Interchurch Refugee Group is having a fundraising Garage Sale on May 28 in the Glebe. If you have any items small enough to fit in a car that you would like to

donate, we have some temporary storage space available to us. Please contact Rick Vervey at rick.lynnne@outlook.com or 343-204-1345.

Upcoming Worship

Our guest preacher on **Sunday, May 29**, in honour of World Environment Day, is Rev. Dr. Jessica Hetherington, an ecotheologian

and ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. Rev. Jessica offers an ecotheology ministry to people of faith who seek to transform their lives and actions in response to the ecological crisis. As we know, the time for action is NOW. Rev. Jessica is launching a website, jessicahetherington.ca, in early May, which will include her services and a blog of theological and personal reflections, sermon snippets, book reviews and more. If you would like to sign up for her newsletter, *Following in the World*, please email Rev. Jessica at: jessica@jessicahetherington.ca, and she will be happy to add your email address to the list.



Coffee Time

Last week, Coffee Time was well attended (50+) persons!

Thank you to the following persons for their help:

Set-up: Rob Orchin, George Teather

Baked donations: Gordon Gray, George Teather, France Legault

Clean-up: Stephen and Heather Young, Emily del Castillo, Helen Guth

Exchange of books/plants: The exchange of books and plants will continue during the month of May. We had quite a variety of garden plants, thank you for those who donated.

Paul and I will be away from Ottawa a few weekends this summer and we are looking for volunteers to replace us for Coffee Time on the following dates: **26 June, 7 August, 14 August, 4 September**. Please email lemaylegaf@yahoo.com to say which Sunday you can volunteer and we will get together for a training session on how the coffee and set-up is done.

France Lemay-Legault

Church Office

The church office will be closed next Monday, May 23 (Victoria Day).

Kim will be on holiday from May 24 - 30, inclusive. In her absence Jean Shaddick, Kimberley Unterganschnigg and Marni

Family: Mother Maria, children: Ania and Zenia. They come from the capital of Ukraine, from Kiev. They have been with us at the UMC parish in Stare Juchy for 2 months, together with their grandmother, Tatiana and their dog, Dora. Maria works in part-time jobs and the children go to school every day. Zenia likes skateparks and scooter riding. This is how he spends his free time most often. Ania loves to play with other children and meet new people.



Here is the latest on the Ukrainian refugees we are supporting in Elk and Stare Juchy in Eastern Poland:

The money we sent last month has purchased soccer uniforms, food, and is helping pay for language lessons.

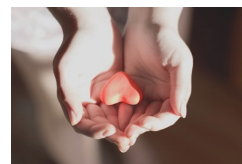
I am hoping to send more money from OUC this month. So far, we have \$ 117 in small bills and change.

Please consider helping these families.

Thanks,
Peter Holt



Family: Mother Irina, children: Sofia and Daniel. They come from the city of Dnipro in eastern Ukraine. They live in a guest room in the UMC parish in Elk, next to the pastor's apartment. They often visit the pastor's apartment, where they use the washing machine, kitchen and play in the children's rooms. Daniel goes to Polish school during the week, and Sofia goes to kindergarten right next to the parish.



CAREGIVERS' LUNCHEON

– June 11th at OUC
Jesus said, "Do unto others".

Are you a caregiver? Do you like to eat home-cooked church meals? Do you enjoy some lighthearted and heart felt entertainment? If you can say "yes" to all three of these questions then you don't want to miss this event – **June 11th, 11:30am until 1:30 ish.**

The **OUC Help Project** and **Care and Support Team** are teaming up to put together a luncheon for caregivers. Caregiving is such important work that is not always simple. One might even say that the work is sacred.

Hunt-Stephens will share office duties. The office will be open normal hours, except Wednesday May 24 when it will close at noon.

Thank you Jean, Kimberley and Marni!

Café Zoom with Caroline!

Café Zoom will take place on Zoom (no kidding!) on Thursdays at 11:15am. It will run until June 16th.

The link is:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82992003827?pwd=cGhIMTRxUWpQMmpSbzhLQkICWjRlXZz09>

Meeting ID: 829 9200 3827
Passcode: 547260

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.

HINTS FROM HELP

May is Mental Health month, so this month's Helpful hints are about supporting, caring for and being present for someone who is struggling with their mental health.



Mental health illness is not a choice, showing compassion is! If you know someone who is struggling with their mental health there are a number of ways you can show compassion.

- Reach out to them, with a note, a card, or a text, without any expectations of hearing back.
- Continue to show you care even when it's not reciprocated.
- Let them know they are not alone....even in the darkness.
- Listen without judgement, solutions or suggestions.
- Validate their challenge, as you would if someone was struggling with a physical health issue.
- Let them know they are valued and cared for.

We can you expect on this day – besides great food?

- Feel a sense of wider appreciation
- Be seen in the midst of your own commitment to the well-being of others
- Feel understood amid your personal questions and/or experiences

AND – Rev. Caroline and Rev. Eric will be doing a talk back about their own experiences in the wake of Rev. Caroline's ongoing recovery from her concussion back in January.

Want to know more and register? Please call the office before June 1st. **613-837-4321**

COST: No charge but do bring a smile. 😊😊😊

Update on the potential rain barrel fundraising event: We are thinking of distributing the rain barrels and accessories on June 25th from 10 to 2. In order to do that, we need at least 4 more volunteers for the day of the event and at least 3 some time earlier in the week when the rain barrels are delivered to the church. If you can help, contact Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com sometime during this upcoming week. This activity would qualify as community service for high school students still needing some hours.



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. Shirley Holt will have a table in the Hall on Sunday morning, or you can contact her at 613-841-5143 or shirleyholt@outlook.com to renew, or begin subscribing.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS,

or wanna-be gardeners: there are some lonely garden beds at OUC that would like to be adopted for the season! A couple of hours once a month is normally enough



Caring Connections: Check out what our partner, the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre can offer you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDJOOIAcYp0>

Women's Lunch Bunch will take place on Tuesday May 31 at Little Turkish Village. Please let Jean know if you can attend as soon as possible so reservations can be made at



scrapbookjean@icloud.com. Hope to see you there.



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!

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>

Save the Date: Chamber Music Concert on June 26

This is a heads up that another fabulous chamber music concert will be held at Orleans United Church on Sunday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Rachel Mercer, principal cellist with the

to keep a flower bed free of weeds, or twice a month for a large one. Hands-on help is available for those who would like to learn about perennial flower gardening. Please contact Shirley Holt (shirleyjholt@outlook.com, 613.841.5143).

OUC Fun Golf and BBQ



Calling all golfers and duffers: Are you ready for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and food? If yes, then the OUC Fun Golf at White Sands followed by a pot luck BBQ at the Gray's is where you'll want to be on Sunday, June 12th. The golf will take place at White Sands off St Joseph with the first tee starting around 12:30 pm followed by the BBQ at the Gray's. Golfers of all abilities and ages are welcome, as is anyone wishing to only join in at the BBQ. Our Fun Golf Day is also a wonderful opportunity to invite guests. For more details and to register, please email Dot at dotcooper@hotmail.com. BBQ information, groupings and tee times will be emailed to all registrants closer to the date.

Community Corner

Rothwell United Church

PLANT & YARD SALE

8 to 12 noon • May 28

42 Sumac Street

Riverside United Church

3191 Riverside Dr.

Book Nook Sale

Saturday, May 21st

10:00 AM to Noon

Large selection of used books (during the Ottawa Organic Farmers Market).

Masks are required and physical distancing is expected.

National Arts Centre Orchestra, will be hosting this concert and she describes it as a **full-length superwomen program!**

- Nadia Boulanger Nocturne and Cortège for violin and piano
- Rebecca Clarke Piano Trio (1921)
- Jocelyn Morlock Serpentine Paths for violin and cello
- Fanny Mendelssohn Piano Trio in D minor Op. 11.

Further details including ticket pricing and availability will be published soon. For now, **put this event in your calendar, and talk it up with your friends and neighbours!**

Ron Hunt, Chair of Council

Be in Touch!

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

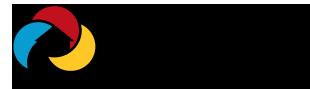
Website: <http://orleansunitedchurch.com>

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)

Our Manager of Communications & Marketing is



going back to school and the search has begun to find her replacement! We're looking for a candidate who lives in Ottawa and has...

- ✓ excellent writing & proofing skills
 - ✓ the ability to create basic designs/manipulate templates in Canva or another design program
 - ✓ education/experience in comms & marketing
 - ✓ a learner's attitude and great teamwork skills
 - ✓ a passion for helping to bring homelessness to an end
- Applicants should submit their cover letter, resume & small portfolio by May 27 (portfolio should contain a long-form writing sample & a graphic design sample) to communications@multifaithhousing.ca. Full details are listed at multifaithhousing.ca/careers.

This Week at OUC

Saturday May 21: SDA - Sanctuary, 8:30 - 1 pm

Scott Richardson - Sanctuary, 2 - 4 pm

SDA - Hall, 3 - 7 pm

Sunday May 22: Worship service, in person and live-streamed, 10 am

Monday May 23: Victoria Day - Office closed

PleinChant - Sanctuary, 6:30 - 9:15 pm

Scouts - Hall/Library/Choir Room/Chapel, 6 pm

TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 pm

Tuesday May 24: Coro Vivo, Sanctuary, 7 pm

Scouts - Hall/Choir Room, 6 pm

Wednesday May 25: A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 am

Just Us - Chapel, 1 pm

Joyful Yarn - Lounge, 7 pm

Thursday May 26: Choir - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Friday May 27: PleinChant - Sanctuary/Choir Room 6 pm

Saturday May 28: SDA - Sanctuary, 8:30 - 1 pm

PleinChant - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 3 - 10 pm

Sunday May 29: Worship service, outdoors, weather permitting, and live-streamed, 10 am

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