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Looking for help serving Communion

If you would be interested in helping serve communion during worship on June 11, July 30, or during future worship services, we would welcome your participation! Rev. Molly will be spending a few minutes going over the basics with people interested after worship next Sunday (June 4). Please let Rev Molly know if you would like to share God's love in this meaningful way!

Summer Nursery and Sunday School

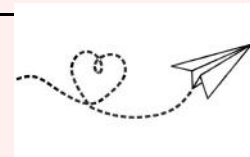
In the summertime we love to give our hardworking teachers and nursery volunteers a well-deserved break....AND we love to have activities to offer our children!

As always children are welcome in our worship services.

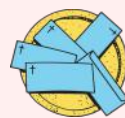
The Nursery will be open for parents to use with their children and the service can be heard through the PA system.

We would be delighted for volunteers to sign up for one Sunday of Summer Sunday school - come and do a craft, play a game, sing songs, read books, go outside and play, teach a skill, whatever your heart desires. This is a low-tech, all ages time with children. An opportunity for you to have fun with a group of exceptional kids doing something that you feel confident and comfortable doing (and with tons of support from Rev. Molly). All we ask is you have an open heart, a sense of humour, and a willingness to have fun for one hour. You

Please Produce Pentecostal Paper Airplanes Proudly!!



On Sunday as part of the children's time, EVERYONE will be making paper airplanes (and maybe even throwing them). If you would like to get a head start, please craft your best paper airplane and bring it to church on Sunday. Feel free to decorate and modify the airplane as you wish. The only request is that somewhere on the airplane (even folded inside), you write one way you will share God's love with someone else this week! This is NOT just for the children. Adults I expect your airplanes to fly high and proud!!! Happy Pentecostal Plane-making!!
Rev. Molly



Looking for a way to help the church that doesn't involve a lot of time?

We are looking for additional people to help count the offerings. It takes place right after church and normally takes less than 15 minutes. We are looking for enough volunteers so that you would only be called on every 6 weeks or so, subject to your availability. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com

Project to Update OUC Website is Underway

can sign up on the bulletin board in the hall, or with Rev. Molly, or by sending a note to the office. This is a tremendous gift you could offer this summer to our families. If you have any questions, please talk to Rev. Molly.

Teen help is ALWAYS welcome - Molly provides volunteer hours, candy, and eternal gratitude!!!

Sunday Announcements

If you wish to make an announcement during the service on any Sunday, please let either Rev. Molly or Rev. Mike know by Thursday. This really helps the worship leaders and sound booth plan out the service ahead of time. Thank you!

Give a Gift of Music!

Did you know you can make a gift through Gifts with Vision to help support the creation of *Then Let Us Sing!*, the new United Church digital music resource coming in 2024? This portal will include hymns from *Voices United*, *More Voices*, and *Nos voix unies*, plus a collection of new music—and more hymns will be added in the future. Your Gift of \$50 will help develop a new way of sharing music for the United Church's second century.

<http://ow.ly/Qe8y50O5hE1>. More info?

Dave Patterson and Paul Sales are part of the Development Team. Just ask us!



Sit Down Young Stranger - An Evening of Gordon Lightfoot

The singing duo of Robin Guy and Scott Richardson, aka 100 Floors Above, present an evening of their favourite Gordon Lightfoot songs. The event is in support of the refugee sponsorship work of the Interchurch Refugee Group, with a portion of proceeds going to the IRG. Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Boulevard. Admission by donation (\$15 suggested).

Here is the link to the Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3080309212274187>



I am pleased to announce that OUC Council has approved the proposal for the *OUC Website Improvement Project*. This initiative will develop and implement a new OUC website, update the content on the website and enhance OUC's content management procedures.

Revamping the OUC website and related content management procedures is expected to deliver the following benefits:

- Convey a more modern and appealing image about OUC to people who visit the website;
- Make it easier for users to find the information that they are looking for; and
- Ensure that the information on the website is kept up to date in a timely manner.

The company that has been hired to develop the new website has started their work. And this week an OUC team has been formed to oversee the process of updating the content and the related website management procedures.

The new website is expected to be operational by August 2023.

Ron Hunt

Chair of Property Committee

re.hunt@sympatico.ca / 613-298-1626

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH KITCHEN RENO PARTY

JUNE 11TH / 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tickets now on sale!

The OUC kitchen renovation fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 11th, at Taproom 260. There will be special musical guests, opportunities to sing along and time for visiting.

This is your opportunity to surprise those special folks in your life with a gift of fun, fellowship and song. Think about bringing a neighbour or a friend; this is a great outreach opportunity for our church community.

Tickets prices: \$25.00 for adults / \$5.00 for kids 17 and under.

Tickets will be available on Sundays after worship and through the church office.

We look forward to celebrating with you on Sunday, June 11th.

SAVE THE DATE



The OUC **Fun Golf and BBQ** at the Gray's is being planned for Sunday, June 25th, 2023 - Save the Date.

Non-golfers are very much invited to the

ADOPT A GARDEN - BE PART OF THE GREEN TEAM

As many will know, Shirley Holt, with Peter alongside, has overseen the gardens at OUC. Through her vision and steadfast stewardship she has nurtured the seasonal beauty that our gardens provide for the enjoyment of our community at large. OUC is grateful and blessed by Shirley's commitment to our gardens, and while her commitment is unwavering, a lingering shoulder ailment will limit Shirley's physical ability to tend to the gardens this year. Hence, this call for individuals, family groups and/or ministry teams to Adopt a Garden. With Shirley's mentoring and your enthusiastic adoption of a garden, we can keep our gardens blooming. To Adopt a Garden please see Shirley Holt (613-841-5143, or shirleyholt@outlook.com) and stake your claim. Remember, no experience is necessary and thank you for sharing your time and talent by being part of the Green Team.
Dot Cooper



Help Hints



A loved one moving to a nursing home is a huge loss. Grief, in some form, is always present. Yet, the one who is left in the community does not receive cards of condolences, flowers or food. Let's be a community that supports each other in all forms of loss.



Check out supports in the community:
<https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>

InterChurch Health Ministries Canada invites you to hear Daniel Whitehead, CEO of Sanctuary Mental Health Services speak on equipping churches to support mental health and well-being. **June 7, 6:30 PM** via Zoom. Cost \$25.00 Register with Anne Marie Mohler at amohler@sympatico.ca

BBQ. This is a fun, fellowship event for all.



Men's Retreat

September 8-10, 2023 at Rideau Hill Camp. Details to follow. For more information, contact Peter Holt (pjholt49@yahoo.ca).



Coffee Time

Great and beautiful Sunday for the Queen's anniversary holiday. Thank you for those who have brought some plants to donate. We will keep this exchange going for about a month. Special gratitude goes for the persons helping with the Coffee Time.

Set-Up: George Teather, who also donated lots of outdoor plants to share with you.

Baked donations: Rob Palo for muffins; Pat Young for rhubarb cake; Joan Brockelbank for Tim Bits; Gordon Gray for muffins; Heather Young for Nanaimo bars; Anne-Marie Villeneuve for coffee cake and cucumbers; Paul Sales for the banana coconut bread.

Clean-Up: George Teather, Paul Sales, Helen Guth, Emily del Castillo, Heather Young



Help Wanted - Coffee time for June 4th

Would you like to learn how to prepare and make the coffee/tea? Paul and I would love to show you how so that you can do coffee time on June 4th. We want to be able to provide refreshments after every service, so we are looking for one extra team (2 persons) that can prepare the drink and snacks. We are already blessed with Brian and Debbie. Please send me an email at Lemaylegaf@yahoo.com and we will set a training session for you.

Keep your 2023 grocery budget on track by using **GROCERY GIFT CARDS.**



The **Grocery Gift Card** table is open in the hall after

Food Bank Collection

The Food Bank Collection bin in the parking lot entrance is once again open for business. Please consider adding an extra non-perishable item or two to your grocery shop, to help out our neighbours who cannot. Thank you!



Camp Awesome 2023 - July 10 - 14 and 24-28

We are so excited to have Camp Awesome back this year!!

For those who haven't attended before, this is a day camp for 4-12 year olds run out of our church, offered as a ministry of the United Church. It offers a fun, engaging program for children and a leadership opportunity for youth. It has proven to be a great "first day camp" experience for many of our children, a fun activity for children when visiting grandparents or for groups of friends/cousins to attend together, an affordable boredom-buster week, and an all-round AWESOME time!

For our returning families, a few wonderful changes to note:

- Camp will be an ALL DAY experience with camp running from 9:30-3:30 and before and after care at NO COST from 8:30-9:30 and 3:30-4:30
- CA Crew will be offered for ages 12-13
- LIT will be offered for ages 14-15
- registration will be done centrally and will be completely online (see information in the graphic)
- cost will be \$150 per camper

If you have questions, need assistance figuring out registration or need assistance covering the cost of registration, please contact Rev. Molly

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. 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 that the Gift Card Table will be closed on Sunday May 21. Cards are available in the Office the rest of the week.



Boston Pizza is 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 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

Using a credit card Through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org>

- Using either a debit or credit card through the pilot Pllenty App (instructions at the end of the Newsletter)

Community Corner

CGIT Camp Kalalla is partnering with local ice creamery The Merry Dairy on a



Camp Awesome is hiring!

They are still looking for 4 to 6 camp counsellors, 1 or 2 senior staff and 1 coordinator. If you are interested (or know someone who might be) please see the poster in the Hall, or contact the Office (orleansunited@rogers.com)

A Message from Revs. Caroline & Eric:



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

delicious ice cream pint fundraiser **May 13-June 3rd!** Every pint purchased through our online store helps our camp this summer. For information and to order visit <https://shop.themerrydairy.com/products/camp-kalalla>. Delivery and store pickup options are available, or come say hi at our **Pint Pickup Party** on **June 4 3:30-5pm** at City View United Church. Learn about our camp, pick up your pints and get an ice cream from the Merry Dairy truck!

The non-profit **YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange Program** is looking for members of the community to host 16- and 17-year-old exchange students from Québec for 6 weeks this summer. From July 1st – August 12th, volunteers provide lodging and meals for their youth participant while they get to learn more about your family and culture. This low-barrier program is a valuable opportunity for Canadian students to travel and practice their second language in another community while working a summer job placement. The program relies on generous community members who are willing to welcome a student into their home for 6 weeks! To learn more about how to host, reach out by e-mail before May 31st to abby.traina@ymcagta.org, or visit swse.ymcagta.org/hosting. Benefits of hosting an exchange student include:

- You form a lasting connection with the youth while learning about their language and culture
- By hosting, you give a student the opportunity to participate when they otherwise could not
- There's no expectation to occupy the student during the day, since they will be at work
- We have a team of program staff to support you and accommodate any needs or barriers

All are invited to an evening of musical comedy with the **Arrogant Worms** on Friday, June 2nd, at Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbeyhill Dr., Kanata. The fun starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at ticketsplease.ca. Hope to see

to ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com, an email monitored by only one CST member. For more information, please contact the office.

you there!

Be in Touch!



—We have so many talented, creative people in our midst. If you have something creative you would like to share with our congregation, please send it to Rev. Molly!

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)

The Interchurch Refugee Group (IRG) Fundraising and Sponsorships Update May 2023



GENEROUS DONOR MATCHING OFFER We have great news about our fundraising. We have received a very generous promise to match any donations to the IRG, up the magic number of \$15,000. We say "magic number" because \$15,000 is the amount that we need to sponsor one refugee. And matching that amount - doubling it - to \$30,000 means that we would have all the funds in place to sponsor a family. So, we REALLY want to get to that \$30,000, and with your help, we will. We have until the end of September to take advantage of this donation matching offer. (Please see "how to donate" at the end of this letter!)

Your money goes a long way with the IRG. Every penny goes to the support and settlement of refugees, and lives are changed each and every day.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT JUNE 13 The wonderful singing duo of Robin Guy and Scott Richardson, aka 100 Floors Above, will be presenting an evening of their favourite Gordon Lightfoot songs. The event is in support of the refugee sponsorship work of the IRG, with a portion of the proceeds going to the IRG. The concert will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at 7 pm, here at OUC. Admission by donation (\$15 suggested). For more information click [here](#) for the Facebook event page.

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE The IRG is an ecumenical group of volunteers devoted to settling refugee families and individuals. We are all volunteers, and we are supported by five churches in the East End of Ottawa - Community Pentecostal, Epiphany Anglican, Navan-Vars United, OUC, and Rothwell United. For the volunteers and our supporters, sponsoring refugees to Canada and supporting these newcomers for one full year, brings gifts of transformation, compassion, and love.

The IRG has had a very busy time since November 2022. Members of the IRG welcomed a young woman from the Congo in November; we welcomed a Syrian family of 5 in December; we have supported a young Palestinian man, living in Indonesia, as we wait for our application to bring him to Canada to work through the system; some of us supported a single Iranian woman, currently sheltering in Turkey, as she went to her final application interview in April; and a group welcomed two Afghani women who arrived in Ottawa on May 4.

For the Syrian family who arrived in December, we are submitting an application for their son-in-law Husam to come to Canada and be reunited with his wife Aesha. This sponsorship will cost that magic number of \$15,000. For this family, the month of May is their fifth month in Canada - they are settling into their new life, and at the end of each day, they return to a warm comfortable home, thanks to the generosity of our donors, supporters, and volunteers. But one important person is missing around the family dinner table. Shortly after they arrived in Canada, their daughter shared with us that she and her long-time boyfriend, Husam, had married shortly before the family's departure for Canada.

He has been left behind in Egypt, and the only way they can be reunited is for Husam to be sponsored as a refugee. We have begun the sponsorship process. Husam is currently living in Egypt and is unable to return to his homeland, Syria. The IRG members are fully committed to this sponsorship. And we are fully committed to raising enough to bring another family once the Syrian family's sponsorship is completed.

We ask for your prayers and financial support as we continue the journey of settling newcomers in Canada.

HOW TO DONATED TO THE INTERCHURCH REFUGEE GROUP

The IRG is a registered charity #891210148RR001. Charitable Tax Receipts will be provided for financial donations.

Cheques can be mailed to:

- Treasurer, The Interchurch Refugee Group, 1460 Laurin Crescent, Ottawa, K1E 3G7
- E-transfers can be sent to:
- interchurchrefugeegroup@gmail.com
- Our CanadaHelps donation page:
- <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-interchurch-refugee-group/>
- Our PayPal Giving Fund donation page:
- <https://www.paypal.com/ca/fundraiser/charity/3476194>
- Your United Way contributions can identify The IRG as beneficiary
- Cash or cheques can be donated through any of our five supporting churches: Community Pentecostal, Epiphany Anglican, Navan-Vars United, OUC, and Rothwell United. Simply identify The IRG in the subject line of your cheque or your cash envelope

ONLINE DONATIONS

We are now able to accept Visa and MasterCard (debit and credit) as a method of payment. We have been working with a team of experts from **Pllenty Inc.** to develop this capability. Our members and visitors have a new option to make donations online! You can use your Visa or Mastercard (debit or credit) to: make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift.

You can get started in 3 ways!

1. Use your **mobile device's camera**, scan the below QR code, and follow the instructions on the screen to make your gift.
2. On your **computer or electronic device**, go to the website: <https://uc-orleans.pllenty.com> and follow the instructions.
Or,
3. On your **computer or electronic device**, go to the OUC website: [Donations to OUC \(orleansunitedchurch.com\)](https://orleansunitedchurch.com), then click "Donate" and follow the instructions for online payment. Both the new method through the Pllenty QR code and the existing method through Canada Helps are available.

If you don't have an electronic device, please call 613-837-4321 or stop by the Office.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Am I charged a fee to use this service?

Answer: There is no charge for the individual making the donation. OUC is charged a small fee for each transaction.

Question: Can I decide where my donation goes?

Answer: You can choose from a variety of categories (examples: Regular Donations; the Kitchen Campaign; the Memorial Fund; the Food Banks and the Interchurch Refugee Group).

Question: Will I get a charitable donation receipt?

Answer: Plently is authorized and will issue you a charitable receipt for tax purposes.

Question: Is the system and my personal information secure?

Answer: Plently Inc. meets strict Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) for service providers.

Question: What do I do if I don't receive a receipt?

Answer: You can contact the OUC office 613-837-4321 and they will be able to send you a receipt from Plently.

Question: How can I make changes to a recurring gift?

Answer: You can contact the OUC office 613-837-4321 and they can update your recurring gift information.

Question: How do I update my card information?

Answer: You can contact the OUC office 613-837-4321 and they can update your card information.

This Week at OUC

Friday May 26: Orleans Noon - Choir Room, 11:30 - 1:30

- TOPS - Choir Room, 5 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday May 27: Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 9 - 1

- SDA Youth - Hall, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Sunday May 28: Sunday Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am

- Carrie Alain recital - Sanctuary, 2:30 - 5 pm
- PleinChant - Choir Room, 4 - 5:30, Sanctuary 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Monday May 29: TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 pm

- Scouts - Chapel/Library/Hall/Choir Room, 6 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Tuesday May 30: Craft Group - Hall, 9 am - noon

- Tai Chi - Chapel, 10 am
- Book Club - Library, 1 pm
- PleinChant - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
- Scouts - Library/Lounge/Hall, 6:30 - 8 pm

Wednesday May 31: Men's Breakfast - Gabriel's, St. Joseph Blvd, 7:30 am

- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Hall, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday June 1: TOPS - Library/Lounge, 8:30 am

- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Scouts - Hall, 7 - 9 pm
- S-Anon - Lounge, 7 pm
- OUC Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 pm

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