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Lawns and Gardens - Annual Spring Clean-Up - May 6th

Spring is here and before long the OUC lawns will be blooming with dandelions. This annual tradition of nourishing the bees is our cue to attend to our grounds and garden beds. Everyone (Bigs and Littles) are invited to help open the garden beds and clear winter debris, broken branches and twigs from the grounds. This fellowship gathering will take place from 9:00 -11:30 am, Saturday, May 6th. Please bring your own gardening tools and any extra yard waste bags if you have them. Any questions, please see Dot Cooper.



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



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!



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH KITCHEN RENO PARTY

WHERE? TAP ROOM 260
260 CENTRUM BLVD.
WHEN? 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

WHY? To raise funds for OUC Kitchen renovation and enjoy special musical guests from OUC

Tickets on sale starting Sunday May 13th.
MORE DETAILS TO COME!



Shirley Holt 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



Spring cleaning and decluttering - Think about the OUC Silent Auction

Spring has arrived and we are opening our windows and doors to fresh air and sunshine. When you are going about your chores in the house, ask yourself if you have outgrown some items and would they complement the Silent Auction table in fall. If the item has to leave your house ASAP, we will store the item for you, depending on its size. Please contact France at lemaylegaf@yahoo.com.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies, you are invited to come together for an evening of fellowship and good food. Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm. Contact [Joan](#) for more information and to reserve a spot.



Help Hints



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

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!



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 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

Paul and I are very grateful for Brian Braceland and all those who helped out at last Sunday's coffee time. France was at the Women's Retreat in Perth/Smith Falls and Paul is caring for his mother who is back in hospital.

Your help is very appreciated and we are pleased that people are volunteering to participate in the fellowship.

France and Paul Legault

A Message from Revs. Caroline & Eric:



Rain barrels, accessories and composters: We will be selling rain barrels again this year in case you missed your chance last year or if



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



you need a replacement part. Barrels are ordered on-line here:

<https://rainbarrel.ca/orleansunitedchurch/>

and can be picked up between 6pm and 8pm on Friday June 9, 2023. And why should you use a rain barrel? The answer is here: <https://rainbarrel.ca/benefits/> The composter is easy to miss (3rd row down, far left). We suggest you order early as we found out last year that some of the items sell out quickly. One item that may be of interest to those of you who already have a rain barrel is the clear dispensing hose. Please note that the ugly duckling is not really all that ugly and there are internet links on how to paint your rain barrel to reflect your sense of whimsy. And for those with cottages, you can order barrels without holes to make a floating dock (a special order). For further questions, contact Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com.

PS Annemarie is still looking for volunteers to help with this project.

Keep your 2023 grocery budget on track by using **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. 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 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:



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)

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.

This week we are blessed to share this poetry written by our own **Jasmine Vesque**. Enjoy it with a cup of Good Tea

This Good Tea

I can be my own worst enemy:
my anxiety,
my indecision,
this internal inertia
that paralyzes me.
I am surrounded by a heavy darkness.
I don't know which way to go.
I search for your light.
I yearn for the comfort of your embrace.
Enfold me in your loving arms, O God.
Keep me safe from harm.
Tell me everything is going to be alright.
I will try to be brave
with you by my side.
I will not walk this road alone,

- 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 Pillenty App (instructions at the end of the Newsletter)

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)

Community Corner

E-Recycling Fundraiser -

Saturday May 6, 9 am - 4 pm

South Gloucester United Church will take your unwanted electronics and small appliances at the church, 2536 Rideau Road, this Saturday. Items may also be dropped off at the OUC office today or tomorrow morning for delivery to SGUC.



for you understand me like no other.
 With you, I don't even need to speak words.
 You know the matters of my heart,
 often even before I do.
 And you do not patronize me for my very human problems.
 Instead, you put the kettle on,
 wrap me in a blanket,
 and pour me a cup of tea
 steeped in your love.
 You hold what I cannot hold.
 You keep what I cannot keep.
 You carry my burden when I can no longer carry it myself.
 You say to me:
 "rest a while."
 You can pick back up your anxieties and worries again tomorrow.
 But for today,
 let's just sit together
 and drink this good tea."
 Amen



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!



Cumberland Community Singers presents **30 Years of Song!** Friday May 12, 7:30 pm here at OUC. Tickets are \$25 each, and are available at eventbrite.ca, or at the door. For more information, visit cumberlandcommunitysingers.ca.



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 [Plenty Inc.](https://www.plentyinc.com) 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.plenty.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 Plenty 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: Pllenty is authorized and will issue you a charitable receipt for tax purposes.

Question: Is the system and my personal information secure?

Answer: Pllenty 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 Pllenty.

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 5: Orleans Noon - Choir Room, 11:30 - 1:30

- TOPS - Choir Room, 5 pm

Saturday May 6: Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 9 - 1

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

Sunday May 7: Sunday Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am

- Vintage Stock Theatre - Lounge, 2 - 4 pm
- Suzuki Music School Recital & Reception - Sanctuary/Hall/Kitchen, 2 - 8 pm

Monday May 8: TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 pm

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

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

- Play Group - Nursery, 9 - 11:30 am
- Tai Chi - Chapel, 10 am
- Lunch Bunch - The Mandarin restaurant, 10th Line Rd., 12:30 pm
- Scouts - Lounge/Hall/Chapel/Kitchen, 6:30 - 8 pm
- Coro Vivo - Library, 7 pm
- Cumberland Community Singers rehearsal - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm

Wednesday May 10: Men's Breakfast - Gabriel's, St. Joseph Blvd, 7:30 am

- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Christian Women's Club - Hall, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Hall, 6 - 9 pm
- Joyful Yarn - Lounge, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday May 11: TOPS - Library/Lounge, 8:30 am

- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 6 - 9 pm
- S-Anon - Lounge, 7 pm
- OUC Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 pm

Friday May 12: Orleans Noon - Choir Room, 11:30 - 1:30

- TOPS - Choir Room, 5 pm

- Cumberland Community Singers Concert, "30 Years of Song" - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm

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