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



Great News!

Thank you to everyone that donated to our lawn tractor campaign. We have reached our goal!

The OUC Book

Club will meet in the OUC library on May 27, at 1 pm to discuss 'Lessons in Chemistry' by

Bonnie Garmus. All are welcome. If you have any questions about the book club, you may contact Marie Ruddick at mdruddick@gmail.com and/or Annemarie Humenuk at ahumenuk@magna.ca.



□ Spring Fling 2.0 □

On Sunday May 25 from 11 am to 1 pm, Orleans United will be having a party and want you to join us! Come enjoy a free BBQ, music by School of Rock, community guests and information tables, lawn games, children's activities, Merry Dairy ice cream truck, a fire truck visit and more!

- *event happens rain or shine, so bring your sunscreen and a sunhat
- invite your friends and neighbours
- order Merry Dairy pints online to be picked up and bring money to buy cones and cups

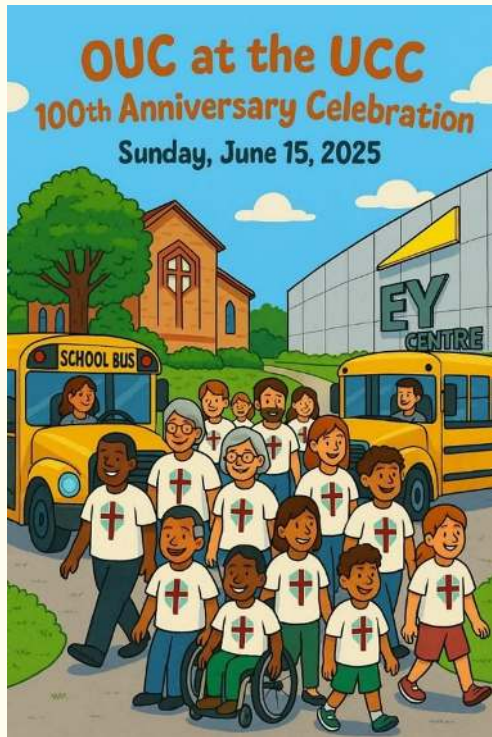


Summer Music

After June 8, our OUC choir goes on a well-deserved summer break. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation to share their musical gifts between

then and Labour Day. If you are interested in offering a special musical selection some Sunday, please get in touch with Scott or with the Office. It might be a vocal or instrumental solo, a duet, or a small ensemble. If you are singing, you are welcome to accompany yourself on guitar or piano; if Scott is leading music that

- ☐ dedication of our NEW little library
- ☐ fire trucks, fishpond, face painting, prizes, bubbles and more for the young and young at heart
- ☐ donations to help offset the cost of this event are welcome
- ☐ Any questions or want to get involved? Email Rev.Molly ☺



☐ **OUC at the UCC's 100th Anniversary Celebration!** ☐

On Sunday, June 15, Orleans United is heading to the United Church of Canada's once-in-a-century celebration at the EY Centre—and you're invited! Enjoy a mass choir led by Rev. Peter Woods, kids' activities, a pop-up museum, and worship with over 1,000 UCC friends.

- ☐ Buses leave OUC at 9:30 & 10:00 AM (after 8:30 continental breakfast & blessing)
- ☐ Suggested donation: \$30 (includes bus ride, breakfast, and t-shirt)
- ☐ Can't attend? Show your OUC spirit—t-shirts available for \$15

If cost is a barrier, Rev. Mike or Rev. Molly will confidentially help—everyone is welcome.

- ☐ Staying in Orleans? The service will be livestreamed in the Sanctuary at 11:00 AM.
 - ☐ T-shirt order deadline: Sunday, May 25
 - ☐ Bus sign-up deadline: Sunday, June 1
- Bring a water bottle and picnic lunch—let's celebrate together!

Sunday, he is happy to play for you instead!

Saturday June 7, here at OUC:



For details, see the poster in the Hall. Tickets on sale in the hall after service, by e-transfer or in the office

OUC Council has approved a new policy for the Thursday Update. Its focus is on sharing news about OUC events and activities, as well as related items from our ministers, the United Church of Canada, 8th Orleans Scouts, and church-hosted events. Personal promotions are not included. Questions? Contact Karen Dodds or a Council member.

Tulipathon Reminder



The actual walk is this weekend (Sun May 25th, 2-4pm, Dow's Lake) if you want to walk with the Multifaith Housing Initiative. Thank you for supporting my fundraiser. So far we have raised over \$997.66 on behalf of Orleans United for MHI. If you wanted to donate, but didn't get a chance, donations can be made online until June 30th at:

<https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/6242296>.



BED! OUC has very extensive garden beds which can use your helping hand. If you can take on looking after one of them for the season, please contact Shirley Holt at 613-841-5143 or shirleyjholt@outlook.com.

Did you know that...

...The United Church of Canada was founded in 1925 as a merger of **four** Protestant denominations with a total membership of about 600,000: the Methodist Church, Canada, the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, two-thirds of the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Association of Local Union Churches, a movement predominantly of the Canadian Prairie provinces?



Annual Christmas Market will be Nov 15, 2025.

You can start your involvement by donating your gently used jewellery for our Bling table. It can be dropped off at the office or directly to Marie Ruddick.



Crochet for the Bazaar

Come and join us for an evening of crocheting fidget toys for children and cat toys for the Christmas Market! We will provide the yarn, the patterns, and friendly coaches to help you if you are a beginner. Bring your crochet hooks if you have them (3mm & 4mm). See you on May 28th at 7pm at OUC lounge for a fun evening of crafts!



Are you talented at arranging flowers or have a flare for design? We are looking for someone to work with the bazaar team to make wreaths and table arrangements in a workshop event.

Fund raising? Fun raising?

Interchurch Refugee Group Fund Raiser Coming Soon!

Join us for afternoon tea, musical entertainment, and tasty treats at Epiphany Anglican Church (1290 Ogilvie Rd) on Saturday June 14th from 2 - 4 pm. Funds raised will support the work of the Interchurch Refugee Group an ecumenical coalition of Ottawa east end churches and community volunteers that have been working since 1989 to sponsor and support refugees to our city.

Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. All proceeds will be used to settle refugees in our city. Spaces are limited so register now to secure your spot! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yz2vtyd7> or by calling Epiphany Church at 613-746-9278. We're looking for helpers, so if you're willing and able, please sign up here at <https://tinyurl.com/3zmjwu3n> or by phoning Epiphany Church office at 643-746-9278

Prayer Circle:

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, an email monitored by only one pastoral care team member. For more information, please contact the office.



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!



Keep your 2024 grocery budget on track by using **GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Grocery gift cards are available in the hall

We're always looking for new ideas! Please share yours for fun(d)raising at OUC, with Joe Tomlinson at 613-720-2058.

OUC GOLF Tournament

We are looking for someone to organize the annual church Golf Tournament. It could be in late June, August or September at a date determined by whoever volunteers. If you are interested please let the office know as soon as possible.

Caregiver Voices

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

Voices of the Bereaved

"Who am I now? I have lost my sense of self."



Community Corner



Come Sing With Us

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 82 Kent St. is hosting a Gospel Music & Hymn Sing event led by Ernie & Lynda Cox and featuring Garth Hampson, on Sunday May 25 at 7 pm. Free will offering will be donated to the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. For more details, see the poster in the Hall.



after services and in the office during the week. Any questions regarding this long standing fundraiser (that costs you nothing extra) can be sent to:

dianne.davis@bell.net.

Farm Boy \$100 Cards - The gift card table now has \$100 Farm Boy cards. And by the way, we earn an extra \$1 per card for every used Farm Boy card that you return to us. So for every \$100 you spend at Farm Boy, OUC earns \$7. See us after church at the gift card table. **Please note that the Gift Card table will be open on May 18, but closed for the Spring Fling on May 25.**

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

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

• 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

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)

This Week at OUC

Friday May 23:

- Orleans Noon - Chapel, 11:30 - 1:30
- Seventh-day Adventists Choir Practice - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday May 24:

- Seventh-day Adventists Service - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 8:30 am - 2 pm;
- SDA Adventurers Club - Hall/Kitchen, 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Sunday May 25:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- **SPRING FLING - Outside the church, 11 am - 1 pm ***
- Mini-Play rehearsal - Sanctuary, 11:30 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Lounge, 2 - 4 pm
- PleinChant - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm

Monday May 26:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 - noon
- Brifitt Fitness - Hall 11 - noon
- Scouting - Chapel//Hall/Library, 6-9 pm
- TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 - 9 pm

Tuesday May 27:

- Brifitt Fitness - Chapel, 11 - noon
- Book Club - Library, 1 pm
- Scouting - Choir Room/Hall/Library, 6-9 pm
- TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- OUC Senior Choir - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 7:30 pm

Wednesday May 28:

- Breakfast @ Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Quilter's Workshop - Hall, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- Joyful Yarn - Lounge, 7 pm
- Contemplative Prayer - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 pm

Thursday May 29:

- TOPS - Library/Nursery, 8:30 am
- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Brifitt Fitness -Sanctuary, 11 - noon
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 6 - 8 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

*For more information, see notice above

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