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**Do you love
ice cream?
Do you love fun?
Then Save The Date!!**

Sunday May 26 right after
worship we will have a
Spring Fling on our front
lawn....

Merry Dairy ice cream truck! School of
Rock performances! Games! Fun!
Surprises! Community organizations
coming include Orleans and Cumberland
libraries, Fire Prevention, Eastern Ontario
Resource Centre, Councilor Laura Dudas.

More details to come.....See Rev. Molly if
you want to help out.

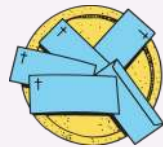
Plus for the month of May there will be a
Merry Dairy ice cream fundraiser as we sell
pre-packs of some of their fave flavours to be
picked up on May 26! See the notice below,
and [order here](#).



**Passing the plates – a
way to show we care**

This Sunday, OUC will
resume passing the offering
plates among the congregation.
Stewardship, sharing, and generosity are
key spiritual practices that are at the heart
of all our relationships as we strive to love
God and love our neighbours, using all we
have. OUC Council is grateful to the many
members of OUC who give of their time
and talents in helping us to accomplish our
goals. This Sunday, we will speak to the
benefits of a focus on stewardship and the
coming work of a Stewardship Task
Force. Stay tuned.

Karen Dodds, Chair, OUC Council



The Food Bank bin

is sadly very empty. We
have a volunteer willing
to deliver donations, we
just need to receive
them! If you are able,

next time you're in the grocery story, pop
an extra jar of peanut butter or bag of pasta
into your cart, and bring it in to the bin in
the entryway. Thank you!!



Library



ORDER ONLINE MAY 1-25 AND CHOOSE

- STORE PICKUP AT 102 FAIRMONT
- FREE HOME DELIVERY WITH MINIMUM ORDER
- PICK UP AT THE MERRY DAIRY TRUCK ON AT ORLEANS UNITED CHURCH ON SUN MAY 26 FROM 11AM-12:30PM!
- OR ASK FOR OUC PINTS IN-STORE!

\$2 FROM EVERY PINT & \$4 FROM EACH RECIPE BOOK SOLD SUPPORTS ORLEANS UNITED CHURCH!

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Spring Fling help needed

We are currently seeking anyone who has a lead on:

- Fish pond prizes
- Large outdoor games to borrow (Jenga, checkers, ring toss etc)
- A sponsor for hot dog bbq
- A bouncy castle rental
- Community booths to be present at the fair

If you have any brilliant ideas, please let Rev Molly know asap!

Donation of wheelchair

We now have a wheelchair at OUC. It was donated by Joan Brockelbank, for use by folks who have difficulty transporting their own wheelchair to the church. The wheelchair is being stored in Room 5 when it is not in use. The Sunday-morning greeters have been made aware of the existence of the wheelchair and where it is kept.

Thanks Joan!

Ron Hunt, Chair of Property Committee

Help Hints



Thank you to Marni and Heather for their terrific work sorting and organizing the Library! It has been noticed and appreciated.



Room 5

Thanks to Janet Quirt for organizing and tidying the stored items in this room!



Quick Repair of Chapel Sink

Big thank you's go out to **Rob Orchin** (who bought the parts) and **Lyle Fair** (who did the installation) for replacing a leaky faucet in the Chapel. The defective faucet was reported to me on Friday April 19th and the new faucet was in place and working by Thursday evening April 25th. Thanks for the quick work gentlemen!

Ron Hunt, Chair of Property Committee

Summer Music

After June 9, 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 Sunday, he is happy to play for you instead!



Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent fund is a dedicated pool of money always available to the ministers to help those in need within our congregation and community. While most often used for grocery gift cards, it has also been used to pay for bus passes, necessities for jobs, and one time emergency situations at the clergy discretion. While there is usually a healthy balance in this account, it has now become depleted. To replenish this important source of emergency assistance,

Please join us and members of other faith communities on May 5, 2-5 pm, as we share the tools the Healthy End of Life Project team has developed to support those who are caregiving, ill, at end of life and grieving.

The event will be in the Sanctuary, with coffee, tea and snacks in the Hall.

To register, please contact Heather McGrath at hmcgraths@gmail.com.



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

Camp Awesome



You are invited to join us for the **Audacious Hope National Gathering**, a transformative event designed for youth,

young adults, and their leaders.

Date: Wednesday, July 3 - Saturday, July 6, 2024

Location: Brock University, 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way, St. Catharines, ON

Format: In person

Presented by the Rendez-vous 2024 team of The United Church of Canada and the uplift team of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, this event marks an exciting collaboration to inspire, empower, and uplift our communities.

Highlights of the gathering include:

- Worship Leadership by Adele Halliday and Mitchell Anderson
- Young Adult Keynote Speakers: Andrew Hyde (The United Church of Canada) and Spencer Edwards (The Presbyterian Church in Canada) discussing the theme "Call and

the Coudriau bequest will be matching all donations to the Benevolent fund up to \$2000. All you need to do give is to indicate "Benevolent fund" on your donation. You may also donate grocery cards directly to the Benevolent fund through the main office. Thank you for your part helping us support those in need - The Revs



OUC Funeral Reception Group

A big thank you to those who helped with Saturday afternoon's funeral

reception, for food, set up and clean up. There were 50 or so attending the service and the family very much enjoyed the refreshments and the chance to be together.

The deceased Suzanne Gauthier nee Sicard was not known to any of us. Normally the group hosts receptions only for those connected with OUC. However this was a request that Rev Mike brought to us and we decided to take it on as an outreach gesture, a response that was appreciated beyond measure.

One very small connection - as we were leaving one of the men, a carpenter by trade, took some pride recounting how he had worked on the roof of the church as it was being built in 1988. His late wife was a sister of the deceased Suzanne.

Orleans United is blessed to have a wonderful group of some 25 – 30 men and women who answer to the call as they are available to provide food and help in hosting funeral receptions. In return the family is asked to donate to OUC for the service. For more information contact Ann Babin ann_babin@bell.net or 613-830-8826.



Rain Barrels

We will be distributing rain barrels again this year on Friday June 21, 2024 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Rain Barrels, composters and

accessories can be ordered online at <https://rainbarrel.ca/orleansunitedchurch/>. Are you getting too much rain for one rain barrel? Each rain barrel includes an overflow and interconnectivity adaptor. One end of the adaptor is open to allow overflow

Vocation"

- Adult Leaders Keynote Speaker: Jim Cain
- Youth Theme Time Speakers sharing personal stories of audacious hope

Cost and Registration:

Early bird registration: April 15 - May 15 (\$425)

Regular registration: May 16 - May 31 (\$500)

Registration closes: May 31, 2024

[DOWNLOAD THE EVENT BROCHURE HERE](#)

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to connect, learn, and grow together.



Voices of the Bereaved

"I wasn't finished with being mad at him."

Concert Central!

Peace and Freedom!



Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd.
Saturday May 4, 7:30 pm

The Cumberland Community Singers present 'Peace and Freedom', **this Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm**, here at OUC. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, (children under 12, free) and are available at <https://bit.ly/3vP23Qm>, or from Peter Holt or Kim Gratton. See poster in the Hall for more information.



water to escape from the rain barrel through the overflow hose. The other end is closed and can be opened with a hacksaw, punch or chisel or hole saw. The overflow hose from one rain barrel can be cut to size and connected directly to the newly opened end of the overflow adaptor on the second rain barrel. The overflow adaptor can be turned to direct water into the second barrel to ensure it fills completely before water runs out of the second overflow hose. This link shows you how to create a gravity fed drip irrigation

system. <https://www.bluebarrelsystems.com/blog/gravity-feed-irrigate-rain-barrels/>

For more information, contact Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com



Fellowship after Worship

Thank you to all the persons involved in the coffee time logistics.

Set-up: Glen Stoudt, Rob Palo, Rob Orchin and George Teather

Baked Donations: Rob Palo, Heather Young, George Teather and the leftovers from the funeral on Saturday.

Clean-Up: George Teather, Rob Palo, Emily del Castillo, Debbie Arcand, Heather Young and all the persons who helped put away the tables and chairs.

We have two volunteers for 12 May, we are looking for a third. Please email me at lemaylegaf@yahoo.com.

Thanks,
France



OUC Fun Golf and BBQ

For all, please save **Sunday, June 23rd, 2024** for this Annual fellowship event.



Musica Viva Singers

celebrates love -- all of its forms and phases -- in 'Lovers and Friends'. It may be our spring concert, but the choir is singing **all** the seasons of love: new love, true love, and yes... also the blues of love. Plus the love of that friend who you know will stand by you in times of fear and turmoil. The program includes music by pop music giants such as Carole King, George Gershwin, Gordon Lightfoot, and the Beatles. It also features compositions by leading choral composers Bob Chilcott, Matthew Emery, Donald Patriquin, and Dan Forrest.

Advance tickets: \$25 General Admission (plus transaction fee) via Eventbrite. Follow the ticketing link on the MVS website at <https://www.musica-viva.ca>

The concert will be held Monday May 6th at 7:30 pm at Centretown United Church, 507 Bank Street (accessible via ramp).



Men's Retreat

Friday September 6 - Sunday September 8
Special guest Captain Reverend Mike Perreault, speaking about Military Chaplains. For more information, contact Peter Holt (pjholt49@yahoo.ca).

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



Grocery gift cards are available 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.

Please note: The Gift Card table will be closed on Sunday May 26, so everyone can enjoy the Spring Fling!

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 Pllenty App: <https://uc-orleans.pllenty.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



We are celebrating 40 seasons of harmony! Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of choral music by renowned American composer Morten Lauridsen, Canadian maestro Stephen Chatman, and the timeless beauty of Palestrina's creations.

This concert promises to captivate and inspire. "Where words fail, music speaks".

Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/celebrate-40-seasons-of-harmonies-3211949>

Coro Vivo Ottawa link:

<https://www.corovivoottawa.ca/concerts/>

Thanks again for your continued support of the arts community in Ottawa.

Groooaan!



This Week at OUC

Friday May 3: Orleans Noon - Chapel, 11:30 - 1:30

- Roy McArthur funeral - Sanctuary/Hall, 2:30 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday May 4: Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel 9 am - 2 pm; Choir Room/Room 12, 9 am - 2 pm

- Sew & Sews - Hall/Kitchen, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Coro Vivo - Chapel, 2 - 4:30 pm
- **Cumberland Community Singers Concert - Sanctuary, 6 - 9 pm ***

Sunday May 5: Worship - in person and live-streamed, 10 am

- **HELP Open House - Sanctuary/Hall/Kitchen, 2 - 5 pm ***
- PleinChant - Choir Room, 6:30 pm

Monday May 6: Craft Group - Library, 9 - noon

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

Tuesday May 7: TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 7 pm, Lounge 6 - 8 pm

- Rovers - Nursery, 7 pm
- Scouts - Library/Hall/Choir Room
- Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Wednesday May 8: Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am

- Christian Women's Connection, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- Council - Library, 7 pm
- Coro Vivo dress rehearsal - Sanctuary, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday May 9: TOPS - Library/Lounge, 8:30 am

- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 pm

* For more information, see notice above

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