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Please note there will be **NO NURSERY SUPERVISION** on Sunday June 2 because our dedicated Nursery volunteers Holly and Nadine will be celebrating their Confirmation in the worship service. The Nursery will remain open for families to make use of themselves.



From BBQs to bubbles, sprinkles to stacking chairs, last Sunday's Spring Fling would not have been such an incredible success without the help of all of you! Thank you to everyone who pitched in through a million little ways to make our day such fun. As someone said "it was what OUC is all about". I guess it goes without saying... plans are already in the works for next year!!!



Summer Sunday School Volunteers

Over the summer months we offer our devoted teachers a much deserved rest and we offer a one-room Sunday school each week that we have volunteers to run a



Annual OUC Golf and BBQ – Registration Open

Registration is now open for our annual fun golf at White Sands on Sunday, June 23rd followed by a BBQ at the Gray's. Please register for golf and the BBQ by emailing Dot at dotcooper@hotmail.com. You don't need to golf to attend the BBQ. Your early email registration is appreciated as this will help us with meal planning and facilitate follow-on communications regarding tee times etc. If you have any questions, please see Dot or Gord or call/text 613-799-1941.

Looking for ushers

If you would like to help serve as an usher (essentially helping to take up collection during worship every once in a while) please send a note to the main office. If you **think** you are on the list of ushers and haven't heard from Mark Pogue recently, he probably doesn't have your latest email, so please reach out to him!



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 store, 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!!

program. We are seeking one or two volunteers each Sunday to offer an activity for our children - Rev. Molly has ideas or you can come up with something on your own (craft, games, stories, movies, outdoor play, cooking, whatever you like!). If you know you will be around and are able to spend a Sunday morning with our amazing children we would very much welcome your help. Please contact Molly to sign up for a Sunday (or more!)

Gardening Help Needed!

Many hands make light work. Would you consider joining our gardening team? Adopt a flower bed for the season or come out to help with weeding. Contact Shirley Holt by phone at 613-841-5143 or text at 613-620-6185.



News of the OUC Family

It is with deep sadness, and with great gratitude for a life well lived that we let you know Mary Thomas died this past week, surrounded by her loving family. There will be a celebration of her life at OUC on June 7th at 11 am. Please hold her children Sheila, Jenzy and Robbie in your prayers, as well as all who mourn the loss of our beloved Mary.



Fellowship after Worship

Thank you to all the persons who have volunteered to help with the fellowships for the past two weeks.

Camp Awesome

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, 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



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**





There are only a few spaces left in Camp Awesome this summer. If you were thinking of signing up, now is the time to do so! Don't miss out on this wonderful week of fun for your child! See Rev. Molly if you want more information or if you are in need of a subsidy.



Rain Barrels

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

accessories can be ordered online at <https://rainbarrel.ca/orleansunitedchurch/>. Don't like the look of the traditional rainbarrel? Consider painting it. Here are some instructions on how to do that. <https://www.bluebarrelsystems.com/blog/ways-to-paint-and-decorate-diy-rain-barrels/#:~:text=Spray%20the%20barrel%20with%20acrylic,drying%20time%20in%20between%20coast>. For more information, contact Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com

Help Hints

When visiting someone who is frail or ill, as you enter the home, set the alarm on your phone for 15-20 minutes, explaining that it is so easy to overstay a welcome. Then, when your alarm goes off, take your leave. People who are frail or tired, including caregivers, do not have the energy to tell you they need to rest.



Check out supports in the community:

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 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 31:

- Orleans Noon - Chapel, 11:30 - 1:30
- PleinChant Choir - Sanctuary/Library, 6 - 10 pm

Saturday June 1:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Room 12, 9 am - 2 pm
- Sew & Sews - Hall/Kitchen, 9:30 - 3:30
- PleinChant Choir - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm

Sunday June 2:

- Worship - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Repair Café - Hall, 2 - 5 pm
- PleinChant Choir - Sanctuary, 2:30 - 10 pm (Concert @ 8 pm)

Monday June 3:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 - noon
- Pat Messier - Sanctuary, 1 - 4 pm
- TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 pm
- Scouts, Chapel, Library, Hall, Choir Room
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 pm

Tuesday June 4:

- TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 7 pm, Lounge 6 - 8 pm
- Scouts - Library/Hall/Choir Room
- Rovers - Nursery, 7 - 9 pm

Wednesday June 5:

- Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30
- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday June 6:

- TOPS - Library/Lounge, 8:30 am
- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Scott - Sanctuary 4 - 7 pm
- Coro Vivo meeting - Library, 7 - 9 pm
- Scouts BBQ - Hall/Kitchen, 5 - 8 pm
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 pm

Friday June 7:

- Mary Thomas funeral - Sanctuary/Hall, 11 am

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