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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 shop <http://shop.themerrydairy.com/products/ouc>. (You may need to paste the link into your browser.)



### **Stewardship – a way to show we care.**

Last Sunday, I noted the importance of our financial givings to carrying out the support and care of our congregation, our activities and our church. I noted that our Treasurer had informed Council that, without changes in financial giving, our expenses this year will exceed our revenue. I asked the congregation for help in addressing this issue. Thanks so much to those who have responded, including taking steps to immediately increase their offerings (as simple as asking Winston Babin to increase their PAR offerings). We need to continue this positive response. We are still looking for people to help us with our stewardship task force. If you would be willing to serve on the task force, please speak to me (or email me c/o [orleansunited@rogers.com](mailto:orleansunited@rogers.com)) or to Rev. Molly or Rev. Mike. 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. Thank you.

*Karen Dodds, Chair, OUC Council*

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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.

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### **Looking for ushers**

If you would like to help serve as an usher



## ORDER ONLINE MAY 1-25 AND CHOOSE

- STORE PICKUP AT 102 FAIRMONT
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- 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!

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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!



## Ladies' Night out

All women are invited to meet up for dinner and conversation on Wednesday, May 22,

6:30 pm.

For reservation or information, contact Joan at 613-327-2523 or

[joanbrockelbank@gmail.com](mailto:joanbrockelbank@gmail.com).

Newcomers welcome.

## 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.



(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!!

## 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

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

**Cost and Registration:**



## 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](mailto:kayakforever@gmail.com)



## Fellowship after Worship

Thank you to all the persons who have volunteered to help with the fellowships for the past two weeks. Happy 50th celebrated with Lorna and Bob, best wishes to them.

**Set-up:** George Teather, Rob Palo, Rob Orchin

**Baked Donations:** Rob Palo, Gordon Gray, Heather Young, Barattia Family, Lorna and Bob's anniversary cake

**Clean Up:** Rob Palo, George Teather, Rob Orchin, Debbie Arcand, Emily del Castillo, Heather Young

A special thank you to the volunteers who will replace Paul and I next week: Sandra and Paul Sales and Pam Harasym.



## OUC Fun Golf and BBQ

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





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.

## Concert Central!



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.

*Coro Vivo Ottawa*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.plenty.com/>**

## Be in Touch!

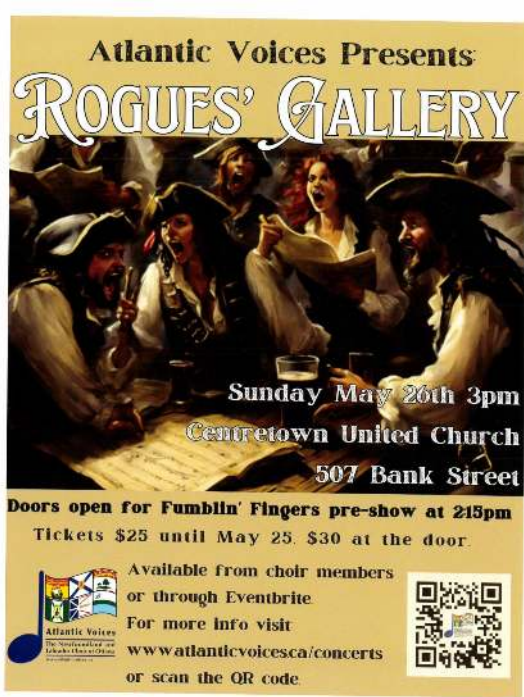
We would love for you to reach out to us.... we are here for you!

Website: **<http://orleansunitedchurch.com>**

Email: **[orleansunited@rogers.com](mailto:orleansunited@rogers.com)**

Phone: 613-837-4321

If you know someone who would like to



## Groooaan!

I've just finished reading a book about the world's greatest basement.....It was a best cellar!

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It's my first week working at the bicycle factory and they already made me a spokesperson.

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Horses have lower divorce rates. It's because they are in stable relationships.

## Atlantic Voices presents: A Rogues' Gallery

Privateers, bootleggers, defiant outlaws, sailors on a spree, and a whole host of seductive charmers: for their spring concert, Atlantic Voices presents a **Rogues' Gallery** in song. It's an afternoon of music that celebrates lovable scoundrels and folk heroes who defy society's rules. Join us May 26 at Centretown United Church, [507 Bank Street](#), as the choir makes bad behaviour sound SO GOOD! Doors open at 2:15 pm for pre-concert entertainment by the Fumblin' Fingers. Concert 3 pm, with a mug-up to follow. Tickets are \$25 until May 25 or \$30 at the door (free for children 12 and under).

**Tickets are available from choir members or through [EventBrite](#).**

Our online [silent auction](#) starts on concert day and runs all week. Visit [atlanticvoices.ca](http://atlanticvoices.ca) for more information.

## This Week at OUC

**Friday May 10:** Orleans Noon - Chapel, 11:30 - 1:30

- [Coro Vivo Concert - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm](#) \*

**Saturday May 11:** Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel 9 am - 2 pm; Choir Room/Room 12, 9 am - 2 pm

**Sunday May 12:** Worship - in person and live-streamed, 10 am

- Adult Education meeting - Library, after service

**Monday May 13:** Craft Group - Library, 9 - noon

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

**Tuesday May 14:** TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 7 pm, Lounge 6 - 8 pm

- Scouts - Library/Hall/Choir Room

- Coro Vivo meeting - Chapel, 7 pm

**Wednesday May 15:** Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am

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

**Thursday May 16:** TOPS - Library/Lounge, 8:30 am

- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Coro Vivo meeting - Library, 7 - 9 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 pm

\* For more information, see notice above

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