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Ministry & Personnel Update

This is to let you know that:

- Mary Lou Robillard, Chair of the Search Committee, will provide an update during the worship service on Sunday November 27 on the progress of the search for a new minister; and
- Council approved the extension of the supply-ministry contracts for Rev. Eric Lukacs and Rev. Nancy Best to April 30, 2023 at last night's OUC Council meeting. During last Sunday's "Ask the Minister" segment, Rev. Eric Lukacs was asked if he was staying at OUC. His response was that he would continue to serve OUC at the level of effort of 30 hours per week until April 30, 2023.

Here is the rest of the story. He and Caroline will be moving to Winnipeg in June. Rev. Eric has been hired by St. Augustine United Church (soon to be known as the Augustine Centre). Eric will lead them as they transition to a more community-based faith centre.

Ron Hunt, Chair of Council

Luc Lamadeleine, Chair of Ministry & Personnel



"It takes a village" Family Event

You're invited to connect with fellow OUC families with young children ages 0-12, on Friday December 2nd from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Hall. We will have a pizza dinner followed by entertainment with Monkey Rock Music. Kindly confirm your attendance including the number of children to: corleyorleans@gmail.com



Christmas Remembrance Tree and Blue Christmas Service

The Christmas season is a time when we are acutely aware of the empty chairs at our tables. As we move through the Advent season, and as we did last year, your HELP team will be hanging decorations in memory of loved ones on the Remembrance Tree by the Orleans Boulevard entrance. After Sunday worship during Advent, we invite you to visit the table in the Narthex where you can choose a decoration on which you can write the name of the loved one(s) you wish to remember. Decorations that

White Gift Sunday

Small things count and sometimes the

greatest needs are met by the smallest things. We invite you to bring new socks, mittens, winter hats, feminine products, small shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes for White Gift Sunday, which occurs on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. The beneficiaries of all these donations will be Centre 507 folk, for whom even the smallest of gifts fulfills a large need.



December 18 is our Advent 4 special service of music and readings led by the OUC choir. The choir's selections this year are all Celtic-themed, so we invite you to wear your Scottish tartan or Irish attire on that Sunday!

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of loved ones, or in celebration of family and friends, contact Kim in the Office (orleansunited@rogers.com, 613-837-4321), then bring your plant in between December 12 & 16. We will publish a list of remembrances in our December 18 bulletin.



Meat Pies Now Available - Quantities are very limited!

We have some frozen food available for you to enjoy this Advent and Christmas season. There are large 3-meat tourtières, large chicken pot pies, and vegetarian chili still available. Please stop by the office, or order on Sunday following worship. And, thank you again to all who have purchased frozen food and helped make the bazaar an amazing success!



HELP Hints

Palliative Care Resources

Useful websites:

Champlain Hospice Palliative Care program - <https://champlainpalliative>

were hung last year are also available for rehanging. Alternatively, you may bring your own unbreakable and frost-friendly decorations to hang. During the week, the basket of decorations will be in the church office. You are welcome to hang decorations yourself, or leave them for a HELP team member to hang on your behalf.

Please join us on **Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30 pm** for our Blue Christmas service, when we will take some time to sit with our feelings of grief and love, and seek comfort as we head into Christmas.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl Marvin at kenmarvin@gmail.com or Ruth Fox at ruthfox21@gmail.com.

Your HELP team



2023 Offering Envelopes

The new envelopes will be available in the Narthex on Sunday morning. You can also pick them up from the Office through the week.

Coffee Time



Many had a chance to view some of the great crafts leftover from the bazaar and quite a few purchased some really nice stuff.

Thank you to all who help out for OUC fellowship - Coffee and social time.

Set Up: George Teather, Rob Palo and Rob Orchin

Baked Goods: muffins from Gordon Gray (blueberry and walnut banana); leftovers from the bake sale; cookies from George Teather and chocolate croissants from YIG.

Clean Up: Heather Young, Emily del Castillo, Helen Guth, Rob Palo, George Teather



Grocery Gift Cards

The **Grocery Gift Card** table is open in the hall after service. Purchases

.ca/. Information and resources for patients, caregivers and health care providers

Champlain Community Support Network resources -<https://www.caredove.com/champlaincss>. Summary of community based resources, link specific to Palliative Care and Hospice

Advanced Care Planning Ontario - <https://www.advancecareplanningontario.ca/>. Explanation of what ACP is and guides you through the ACP process

The Care Channel - <https://carechannel.elizz.com/> An online portal with free resources for family and community caregivers to help them in their caregiving journeys. Available in **English**, **French**, **Mandarin**, **Spanish**, and **Punjabi**.

The Care Plan, by Odonata Care - <https://www.thecareplan.net/> Has videos demonstrating personal care in bedbound patients, link to purchase The Care Plan book.

The Ontario Caregiver Organization: <https://ontariocaregiver.ca/> Excellent practical tools and training for caregivers

Canadian Virtual Hospice <https://www.virtualhospice.ca> Support and personalized information about advanced illness, palliative care, loss and grief, to people living with illness, family members, people working in healthcare, educators, and researchers.

Podcasts:

The waiting room (Season 1 in particular) <https://www.waitingroomrevolution.com/podcast>. Information to help transform the experience of people living with serious illness

Books:

With the End in Mind by Kathryn Mannix <https://withtheendinmind.co.uk/>

A Beginner's Guide to the End by BJ Miller and Shoshana Berger <https://www.abgtte.com/authors>



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

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. Please note there are **no Tim Horton** gift cards at this time. 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 are 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:

- By cash or cheque to the main office
- 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>

Be in Touch!

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

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<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)



**OUC has a
Prayer Chain!**

For many years now, OUC has offered a prayer ministry. You can request that the



Coro Vivo Ottawa is pleased to invite you to immerse yourself under the stars with a music experience sure to start your Christmas season off right. You'll hear some familiar music, the ethereal sounds of our women's chorus and a piece written by one of our own. We can't wait to see you!

Orleans United Church, December 9th and 10th at 7:30pm

** tickets: \$25

** seniors \$20 and students 12 and under are free

** **available online only**

(a limited number of tickets will be available at the door)

[Click here](#) for tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/coro-vivo-ottawa-8064734718>

Atlantic Voices (directed by OUC's Music Director) is presenting 'A Christmas Ceilidh for Fiona Relief' on Dec. 13 at Riverside United Church (7:30 p.m). The

event will raise funds for the Red Cross's Hurricane Fiona in Canada Appeal. Atlantic Voices and musical guests will present an evening of seasonal music with an East Coast flavour. Guests include 100 Floors Above (the musical duo of Robin Guy and Scott Richardson), the Ottawa Celtic Choir, flautist Kelly Moorcroft, and... **our own OUC choir!** Admission by donation at the door (\$15 suggested), but attendees must obtain free tickets in advance through Eventbrite -- please follow the ticketing link on our Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/896197424651824>



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.

Community Corner



The 8th Orleans Group is once again offering contactless ordering and delivery of Christmas trees and wreaths. Delivery date will be Saturday December 10th between 9am and noon

We have a limited quantity of trees and wreaths: a total of 36 trees of either Balsam Fir or Fraser Fir of 6' or 7', plus 40 decorated wreaths.

Our secured order form and payment is available at <https://trees.8thOrleans.ca> Orders are due by **8:00 pm on**

Thursday, December 1st

Preferred method of payment: e-transfer to treasurer@8thOrleans.ca with passcode "scouting"

Questions? Please contact us at 8thorleanstrees@gmail.com



South Gloucester United Church's second annual "Merry and Bright Christmas Online Auction" is now open. Go to biddingowl.com/SGUCAuction to bid on many lovely gifts, and get your shopping done early!

This Week at OUC

Friday November 25: Orleans Noon - Chapel, 11:30 - 1:30

SDA - Chapel, 6 - 9 pm

Beavers Sleepover - Hall, 7 pm Friday to 9 am Saturday

Saturday November 26: SDA - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 9 am - 1 pm

Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 2 - 4:30 pm

All Nations Praise and Worship Band - Hall, 4:30 - 10 pm

Sunday November 27: Worship service, in person and live-streamed, 10 am

Monday November 28: Scouts - Hall/Library/Choir Room/Chapel

TOPS - Nursery/Kitchen, 6 pm

Tuesday November 29: Kim John Tai Chi - Chapel 10 - 11 am

Scouts - Hall/Choir Room/Library, 6:30 pm

Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 6:30 - 10 pm

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

A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm

Quilter's Workshop - Library, 6:30 - 9 pm

Thursday December 1: TOPS - Library/Nursery, 8:30 am

Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am

Zumba - Hall, 6:45 - 7:45 pm

Senior Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm



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