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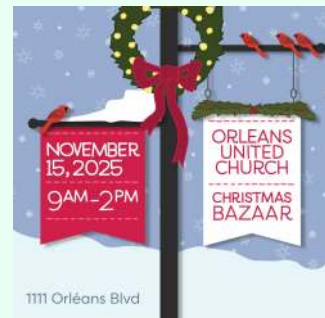
OUC Christmas Market November 15th

Two more sleeps until the OUC Christmas Market on November 15th!

Second-hand treasures drop off is November 14th only. Place the donation under the coat rack in the hall facing the library.

Baking drop off is Friday until 6pm. Please package and label your goodies and we will price them.

Spread the word. Let all your friends know about our bazaar!



Notice: Please be aware that someone is falsely advertising on Facebook that Orleans United Church is looking for vendors for a Christmas Market and requesting that interested people send money to reserve a table. OUC does **not** rent vendor tables at its annual Christmas Bazaar.

Thank you for Giving

One year after our Stewardship Campaign, we are so pleased to see its positive impacts on our church. Our revenues have increased year-over-year and the number of givers has increased as well. Our expenses have also increased but to a lesser amount. Our Treasurer anticipates that the year-end situation should be fairly good.

The recent campaign to raise funds for local food banks was a huge success. We raised approximately \$10,000 to which we added \$20,000 from the Coudriau bequest to OUC, to provide just over \$30,000 to the 3 area food banks.

Thanks to all for the many gifts made to OUC!

Karen Dodds
Chair of Council



Youth Games Night November 22

We are having a Youth Games Night Saturday November 22 from 7 to 9 pm. Youth ages 12 to 17 are welcome. **We need at least one adult who is able to stay and participate as a leader in order for this event to happen**. Bring a snack, bring a friend, come ready for some laughs and a good time! Let Rev Molly know if you are interested in attending or can help

LLWL Activity

This Sunday Heather McGrath will be providing pulpit supply at St. Paul's United Church in Kenmore.

Memorial Worship Service November 23

During our Worship Service on November 23, we will have a time to remember those who have died in the past year and to give thanks for their lives and witness. This reflective service at the end of our liturgical year invites us to look back with gratitude—for the good that has been, for the love that has sustained us, and for the ways our loved ones continue to live on in our hearts. Please join us.

Join the OUC Communications Team!

Are you creative, organized, or just love helping people stay connected?

- ✓ Keep website welcoming and up to date
- ✓ Share stories on Facebook and other social media
- ✓ Help with the weekly newsletter
- ✓ Support YouTube, visuals, and design projects
- ✓ Ensure a clear, consistent message that reflects OUC's values

Who We're Looking For

Writers • Editors
Photographers
Designers

Social Media Storytellers

Meets quarterly (or as needed)

ouc.mikeperrault@rogers.com



We Really, Really Need Help!

Please contact Rev. Mike at the e-mail address in the poster if you would like to know more about this. And we apologize for the typo; did you notice it? That's one of the reasons we need you! Make that two typos: Rev. Mike's correct address is ouc.mikeperreault@rogers.com!

OUC Property Committee is working on creating a list of OUC volunteers who are willing to be called upon for helping the set-up or down of tables and chairs, such as, for Sunday Coffee Time. Normally, 2 to 3 volunteers are needed and the task

supervise.



Gingerbread house decorating December 7

Thank you for all the candy you dropped off! We will have the best decorated houses ever!! If you would like to join in the fun after church on December 7, please email Kim in the office. Cost is still to be determined, but thanks to some generous donations it should not be too much (and we never let cost stop anyone from participating!). You provide your creativity, we provide all the supplies AND clean up the mess!!



Children's Christmas Pageant December 14

We have begun rehearsals for our pageant - they take place during Sunday school time on Sunday mornings. We will also have a dress rehearsal on Saturday Dec 13 in the afternoon. If your child has a speaking role, please make sure they can attend the rehearsals. ALL children are welcome to participate on the day of the pageant - we have plenty of costumes, they can wear something from home, or just join us at the manger. The more the merrier!



Save The Date for **Sock It To the Revs** on Dec 14.
More info to follow!



Councillor / Conseillère Laura Dudas
Senior's Tea - Speaker Series
Thé des aînés - série de conférences

Staying Safe and Secure Tips for Seniors
Rester en sécurité : Conseils pour les aînés

RSVP: Laura.Dudas@Ottawa.ca

Friday, November 28, 2025 from 9:30 to 11:00 am
Vendredi 28 nov 2025 de 9:30 à 11 heures
Orléans United Church - 1111 Boul Orléans Blvd

LAURA DUDAS
COUNCILLOR / CONSEILLÈRE
ORLÉANS WESTFOREST-PARIS

A circular inset photo of Laura Dudas, a woman with long brown hair, smiling and looking down at something in her hands.

OUC will be hosting Laura Dudas's Seniors Tea event on Friday morning, November 28.

If you plan to attend this event, please register by sending an e-mail to

would take approx. 1/2 hour, which means they start the work at 9:30AM of placing the tables and chairs before the Service. Another example is the removal of tables and chairs for the Blood Donor Clinic, which is a good revenue rental partner. The more volunteers on this list will mean not always the same persons are doing the work.

If you wish to register for this volunteer listing, please send an email to lemaylegaf@yahoo.com.



**Last Chance!
2026 United
Church
Calendars**
Now available -
this year's theme
is 'A New Heaven

and a New Earth.' Makes a wonderful Christmas gift for your favourite UC person! See Kim in the Office if you would like a copy. \$12 each. Deadline to order is November 15.

Ladies Night Out

Join us for dinner at 6:30 on Wednesday November 26. All ladies welcome! Contact Joan at joanbrockelbank@gmail.com or 613-327-2523 to reserve your spot.



Canadians Care Partnership Ministries

is recruiting volunteers to travel to the Dominican Republic from February 11-18th 2026 to assist in building a home for a

needy family. Co-founded by Reverends Robert and Hilary Merritt, this is the 10th year that this not-for-profit charity has provided a Partnership Ministry to build homes and provide support for medical and educational facilities.

Learn more about our "Vacation With A Purpose" on our website at www.CanadiansCare.org

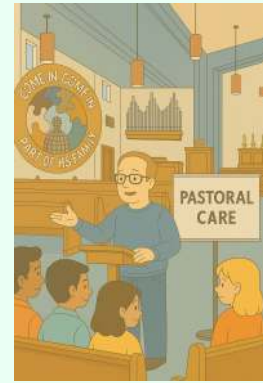
If interested in being part of our team please contact the Merritts at wer2revs@gmail.com.

Laura.Dudas@Ottawa.ca and include "Nov. 2025 Seniors Tea" in the subject line of that e-mail.

Walking Together: Learning Pastoral Care ♥

Join Rev. Mike Perreault for a Pastoral Care Workshop at Orleans United Church on Saturday, November 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This one-day session offers a warm, practical introduction to the ministry of caring and what it means to walk with others in faith, compassion, and hope. Together, we'll explore key elements of pastoral care including attentive listening, healthy boundaries, and spiritual presence. Through discussion and reflection, participants will gain tools and insights to support others more confidently within our church and community. Whether you're new to pastoral care or simply curious, this relaxed and welcoming workshop invites everyone who feels called to care.

□ Come, learn, and share as we grow together in faith and compassion. Please consider joining our Care and Support Team and help OUC's care continue to grow.



Book Club

Denise Chong, the internationally renowned human rights writer is coming to the OUC

Book Club on November 25, 2025. She is the author of "The Concubine's Children" (her family's history from China to Canada), "The Girl in the Picture" (the 12 year old girl hit by a napalm bomb during the Vietnam war, "Egg on Mao" (the Beijing massacre), and more recently "Out of Darkness, Rumana Monzur's journey through betrayal, tyranny and abuse". All are welcome, and anyone wishing information about our book club may contact Marie Ruddick at mdruddick@gmail.com or Annemarie Humenuk at kayakforever@gmail.com.

Fund raising? Fun raising?

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



A heartfelt **thank you** to Frances, Denise and Ruth for stepping in and organizing, decorating, serving refreshments, ticket taking and cleaning up for the murder mystery event. It raising \$700 for the church.



Boston Pizza

The Boston Pizza fundraiser is back! If you dine at BP in Orleans, write "Orleans United Church" on the back of your receipt and place it in the box at the front counter and we will receive a 10% rebate. Fundraising made easy - and tasty!



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.

Care for the Caregiver

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

Voices of the Bereaved

"We used to do so much as family. Since my husband died, our kids seem to avoid me. Do I remind

TOURTIERES AND CHICKEN POT PIES ON SALE!



Your OUC kitchen team has been hard at work, and the freezers are now full. We are excited to announce that we have begun selling tourtières and chicken pot pies on **Sundays, after worship**. Due to the significant increase in the cost of meat, poultry, pastry, and other main ingredients, we have had to slightly raise our prices. For 2025, the prices are \$28.00 for large tourtières and large chicken pot pies, and \$12.00 for small tourtières and small chicken pot pies.

Order forms will be available during the week from the office. Please stop by the table in the hall to place your orders and pick up your pies! If you have bags to carry your pies home, please bring them with you. Extra bags are always appreciated. Spread the word and share the news - OUC Christmas bazaar tastes are ready to enjoy.

Battery and Compact Fluorescent Collection



The container to deposit your used batteries and compact Fluorescent bulbs has been moved from the front entranceway to the hallway beside the Lost and Found. The church continues to collect these items for disposal.

Sunday Announcements

The Worship Committee requests that anyone wishing to make a spoken announcement in church submit their request to the Office by the Wednesday before. Thank you!



Keep your 2025 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

them of their grief?"



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!

Community Corner

South Gloucester UC has two fundraisers planned for November:

Purdy's Chocolates can be ordered from Nov. 16 - 30 using this link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1535857-129429>.



Deck the Halls Online Auction opens November 26 and closes December 3. The link is https://new.biddingowl.com/sguc_auction2025.

All proceeds to South Gloucester UC. For more information email sgucevents@gmail.com.



Good Shepherd parish, 3092 Innes Rd., is holding a Christmas Variety Night on November 30 at 7 pm, followed by a reception. There will be a sing-along at 6:45. Proceeds go to Food for Families, Coats for Kids, and local food banks. Free will offering accepted at the door by cash or cheque (made to "Good Shepherd Parish") or by e-Transfer to finsec9005@gmail.com.

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)



Has Jesus been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left?

Beginning October 29 at 7:00 PM



In the OUC Library

With leadership from **Rev. Molly, Rev. Mike, Jasmine Vesque, Heather McGrath, and Peter Holt**

Saving Jesus runs every second Wednesday at OUC from late October to April (with a few breaks).

Join us for one, two, or all 12 sessions!

PLEASE JOIN US

Beyond the playground: What parents should know about bullying

How bullying has evolved; how to support your children, prevent harm, and create a foundation for internal resiliency and strong relationships.

- What bullying looks like and how it has evolved
- Impact of social media
- How to prevent bullying
- Validating the child's experience, and why it is so important
- How to respond to bullying and why it matters
- Concrete examples of how to understand bullying behaviour
- How to solve problems together
- And lots more!

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

7:00 -8:30PM

ORLEANS UNITED CHURCH

**1111 ORLEANS BLVD
ORLEANS, ON**



PRESENTED BY
KIRSTIE DAVIS, MSW RSW

25-YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN
THE OTTAWA AREA



This Week at OUC

Friday November 14:

- Bazaar set-up - whole church, 8 am - 6 pm
- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm

Saturday November 15:

- OUC Christmas Market - whole church, 9 am - 2 pm

Sunday November 16:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Adult Education & Health Promotion meeting - Library, 11:30 am
- Senior Choir Practice - Choir Room, Noon - 2 pm
- PleinChant - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm

- Seventh-day Adventists - Library, 4:30 - 7:30

Monday November 17:

- Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- Scouting - Hall/Chapel/Choir Room/Library - 6:15 pm
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 - 9 pm

Tuesday November 18:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 am - 5 pm
- TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 - 7 pm
- Scouting - Hall/Choir Room/Library, 6 - 9 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Coro Vivo - Sanctuary, 7 - 10 pm

Wednesday November 19:

- Breakfast @ Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- Quilter's Workshop - Hall, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30
- Council - Library, 7 pm
- Joyful Yarn - Choir Room, 7 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm
- Contemplative Prayer - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm

Thursday November 20:

- TOPS - Library/Nursery, 8:30 am
- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Choir Room, 6 - 8 pm
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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