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Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 12:30



**2026 donation envelopes** are ready for pick up in the Narthex.

# OUC Christmas Market

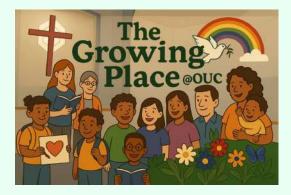
The big day is over and it was amazing! Thank you to all who participated for making this year's bazaar another remarkable fundraiser. Everyone did more...made more items for sale, donated more, and baked more goodies. What an incredible church family we have! We will share the results once all sales and expense receipts are collected.

# 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



# **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 supervise.



# Gingerbread House Decorating December 7 after church

Please email the church office by Dec 4 if you are interested All supplies included



OUC!

Karen Dodds Chair of Council

# 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

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 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

# 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!



On Sunday December 14 we will be collecting NEW socks, underwear, mitts, hats, and scarves to give to our neighbours. We are in particular need of women and children's



items as we will be supporting our local resource centres and The Elizabeth Fry Society. Get your pitching arms ready and bring your gifts to our Christmas pageant worship service. M&M look forward to being the recipients of your generosity.



OUC will be hosting Laura Dudas's Seniors

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 <a href="mailto:lemaylegaf@yahoo.com">lemaylegaf@yahoo.com</a>.

### **Ladies Night Out**

Join us for dinner at 6:30 on Wednesday November 26. All ladies welcome! Contact Joan



at <u>joanbrockelbank@gmail.com</u> or 613-327-2523 to reserve your spot.

# 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.





# **Boston Pizza**

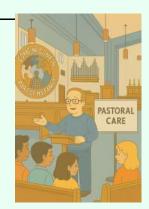
The Boston Pizza fundraiser is back! If you dine at BP in Orleans,

Tea event on Friday morning, November 28.

If you plan to attend this event, please register by sending an e-mail to 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 <a href="mailto:mdruddick@gmail.com">mdruddick@gmail.com</a> or Annemarie Humenuk at

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!



**Sunday Announcements** 

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



# **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

<u>ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com</u>, 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: <a href="https://www.communityhomesupport.ca">https://www.communityhomesupport.ca</a>

### 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 them of their grief?"



# Community Corner



Join us for Echoes of Noël: Dvořák, Fauré and World Traditions, a kayakforever@gmail.com.

# TOURTIERES AND CHICKEN POT PIES ON SALE!

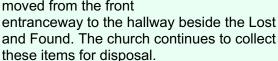


Your OUC kitchen team has been hard at work, and the freezers are now full. We are excited to announce that we have begun selling tourtières and chicken pot pies on **Sundays, after worship.** Due to the significant increase in the cost of meat, poultry, pastry, and other main ingredients, we have had 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 beand Found. The church continue the continue to the conti





### 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!



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grocery budget on track
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heartwarming concert filled with beautiful choral music from around the world. Enjoy the peaceful sounds of Fauré's Cantique de Jean Racine and Holst's In the Bleak Midwinter, the joyful energy of African Noël, and the powerful harmonies of Dvořák's Te Deum.

Featuring guest soloists Carmen Harris (soprano) and Ryan Hofman (baritone), this festive evening is sure to fill you with warmth, wonder, and holiday cheer. Tickets for the concert will be available for purchase at the door, in advance via a choir member, as well as online through **Eventbrite**.



South Gloucester UC has two fundraisers planned for November: **Purdy's Chocolates** can be ordered from Nov. 16 - 30 using this link <a href="https://fundraising.">https://fundraising.</a>



purdys.com/1535857-129429.

Deck the Halls Online Auction opens November 26 and closes December 3. The link is <a href="https://new.biddingowl.com/sgucauction2025">https://new.biddingowl.com/sgucauction2025</a>.

All proceeds to South Gloucster UC. For more information email <u>squcevents</u> @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.



# **CHRISTMAS CAROL SING**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 7, 2025 7 p.m.

Come sing your favourite carols, led by Ernie and Lynda Cox, with special musical guests.

Freewill offering. Parking at the Supreme Court building across the street from the church.

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: <a href="mailto:dianne.davis@bell.net">dianne.davis@bell.net</a>.

# 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: <a href="https://www.canadahelps.org">https://www.canadahelps.org</a>
- Using either a debit or credit card through the Pllenty App: <a href="https://uc-orleans.pllenty.com/">https://uc-orleans.pllenty.com/</a>

# Be in Touch!

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

Website: <a href="http://orleansunitedchurch.com">http://orleansunitedchurch.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:orleansunited@rogers.com">orleansunited@rogers.com</a>

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)

# Kirking of the Tartan

# **November 30**

Join us for a special opening to our worship service to celebrate St. Andrew's Day

Represent your clan wearing your tartan (or anything plaid) and come for a special blessing





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.

**NOVEMBER 26, 2025** 7:00 -8:30PM **ORLEANS UNITED CHURCH** 1111 ORLEANS BLVD ORLEANS, ON

- · 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!



### This Week at OUC

# Friday November 21:

- Moravian Star assembly & Installation Sanctuary, 9 noon; 3 5
- Orleans Noon Chapel, Noon 1 pm
- Beaver Colony C sleepover Hall/Kitchen, 6 pm Friday to 9 am Saturday
- Seventh-day Adventists Music Department Chapel, 7 9 pm

## **Saturday November 22:**

- Seventh-day Adventists Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 1
- Coro Vivo rehearsal Sanctuary, 2 4 pm
- Youth Games Night- Hall/Kitchen, 7 pm \*

### Sunday November 23:

- Worship Service in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- PleinChant rehearsal Choir Room, 2 5 pm

# **Monday November 24:**

- Christmas Tree set-up Sanctuary, 9 am
- Blood Donor Clinic Hall/Kitchen/Library, 8:30 am 4:30 pm
- Scouting Hall/Chapel/Choir Room/Library 6:15 pm
- TOPS Nursery/Lounge, 6 8 pm
- Bytown Beat Sanctuary, 7 9 pm

### **Tuesday November 25:**

- Book Club Hall/Kitchen/Library, 1 pm
- Coro Vivo set-up Sanctuary, 1:30 4:30
- 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 26:

- Breakfast @ Gabe's Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- A'Chord Chapel, 9:30 11:30
- Coro Vivo Dress Rehearsal Sanctuary, 6:30 pm
- Beyond the Playground Hall, 7 pm <sup>7</sup>
- Saving Jesus Library, 7pm
- Seventh-day Adventists Chapel, 7 9 pm

- Thursday November 27:
  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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