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



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



Christmas Eve 9 pm

We are looking for help in lighting the Advent candles and in serving communion at the 9 pm service on Christmas Eve. Even if you have not done this before, consider yourself invited to participate in worship in this meaningful way! Please let Mike or Molly know if you are interested



OUC's Christmas Star Shines Bright in Worship

On this first Sunday of Advent we will light our sanctuary star in memory

of founding members, Ralph and Doris Flockton. In 2011, Ralph donated the original star to remember his wife who had recently died. Because her birthday was on Christmas Eve, Rev. Glen (now retired) suggested hanging a Moravian Star in our church sanctuary through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. It has become a central symbol in our sanctuary at this time of the year.

With his roots in the Moravian Church, Rev. Glen explains: "Originating in this German

ADVENT CAROLS AND PRAYERS A Daily Time of Contemplation

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30 and is the season of preparing for Christmas. We invite you to pause in quiet reflection to pray through a carol every day, opening your heart to hear what God may be whispering to you.

Glen Stoudt, OUC's retired minister, now serves as a Spiritual Director here. He has prepared this collection of carols and

protestant denomination during the nineteenth century, stars like the one in our sanctuary were carried throughout the world by Moravian missionaries and were displayed in their churches and homes proclaiming the hope of Advent." This star was made near Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and constructed by a few OUC volunteers.

Join us this Sunday to warm your heart in the light of this simple, spiritual, Christmas symbol. It is a star of promise, encouragement, and fulfillment, reminding us of the Bible's Nativity story.

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 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

prayers to help make your journey to Christmas more spiritually enlightening. You can access the guide [here](#) or pick up a paper version at the church.



Gingerbread House Decorating December 7 after church

Please email the church office by Dec 4 if you are interested
All supplies included
Cost approx \$15-20 per house



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!

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.

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.



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. □



HELP RAISE SOME DOUGH!

EARN BACK PROGRAM

Dine-in at Boston Pizza Orleans to support Orleans United Church. Simply write "ORLEANS UNITED CHURCH" on your receipt, drop it in the white fundraiser box and 10% of all food sales from your order will be donated to Orleans United Church.



**BOSTON PIZZA
ORLEANS
3884 INNES RD**



**DINE-IN AT
ANY TIME**



**10% OF FOOD
SALES WILL BE
DONATED BACK**

DINE-IN ONLY, NOT AVAILABLE FOR TAKE-OUT/ DELIVERY

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
Orleans United Church - 1111 Boul Orleans Blvd



LAURA DUDAS
COUNCILLOR / CONSEILLÈRE
ORLEANS WEST/EST-HANES

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

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

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



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 them of their grief?"



Community Corner



Join us on
November 29 at
7:30 pm
for **Echoes of
Noël: Dvořák,
Fauré and World**

Traditions, a 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](https://www.eventbrite.com).



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>.



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.

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!

TOURTIERES AND CHICKEN POT PIES ON SALE!



Our Pie Team outdid themselves this year and there are still a few pies left. 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.

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.

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!

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.



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.



Come and join us for a Christmas sing-song... all are welcome!

Carols, Christmas songs, refreshments, and more!

When: December 22, 7:00 – 8:00
(refreshments to follow)

Where: Mackay United Church, 39 Dufferin Ave

Why: To enjoy some Christmas singing together, and raise funds to replace our deck

Come join us as we Deck the Halls Kalalla-style... Click [HERE](#) for more info.



Choral Festival, Saturday,

December 13th at 3 pm The Kanata Choral Society presents a night of festive singing, at Glen Cairn United Church (GCUC), featuring the choir of GCUC and the Goulbourn Male Chorus. A cash donation of \$10 or a non-perishable food



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

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)

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!

This Week at OUC

Friday November 28:

- [Laura Dudas's Speakers Tea - Hall, 9:30 am *](#)
- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Scout Pack C sleepover - Hall/Kitchen, 6:30 pm Friday to 11 am Saturday
- Seventh-day Adventists Music Department - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday November 29:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1
- [Pastoral Care Workshop - Lounge, 10 am - 2 pm *](#)
- Coro Vivo concert - Sanctuary, 7:30 pm

Sunday November 30:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Worship Committee - Library, 11:30 am
- PleinChant rehearsal - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm

Monday December 1:

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

Tuesday December 2:

- 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 December 3:

- Breakfast @ Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- A'Chord - Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30
- PleinChant rehearsal - Choir Room, 6:30 - 9:30
- Care & Support Team - Library, 7 pm
- Joyful Yarn - Lounge, 7 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday December 4:

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

*For more information, see notice above

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