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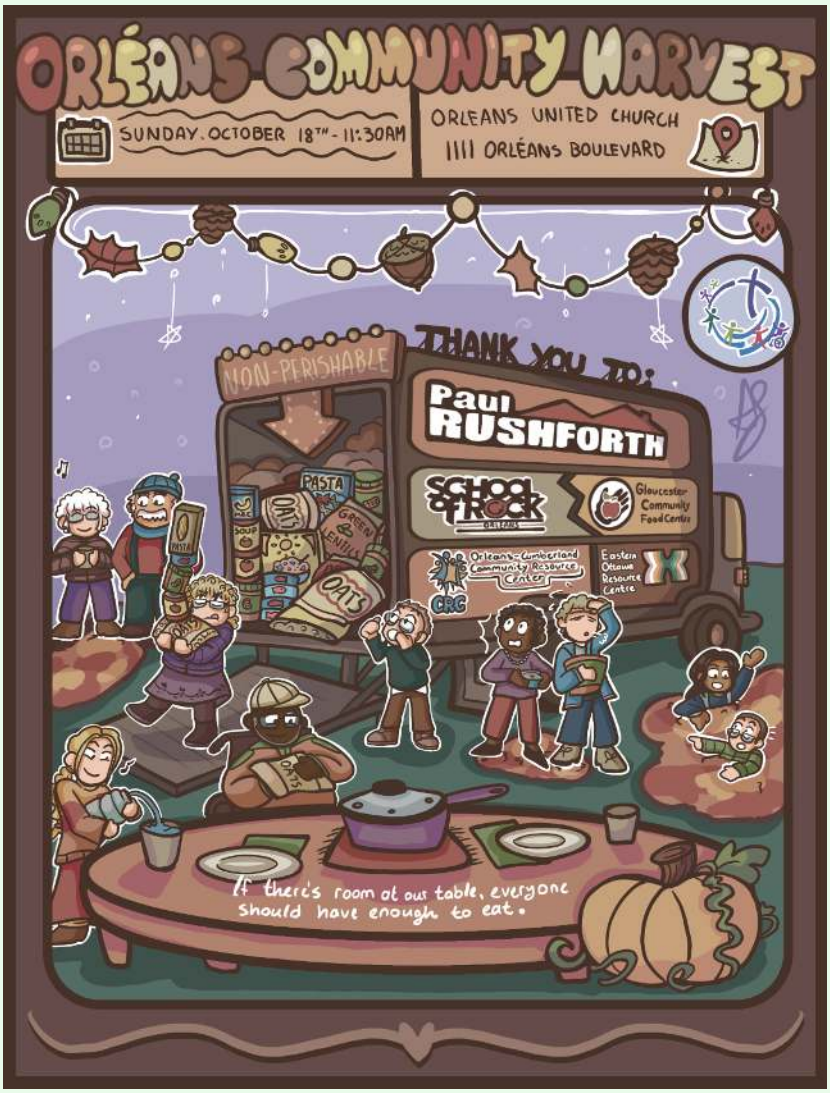



Orleans Community Harvest: Join Us and Lend a Hand!

Sunday, October 18, 11:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m.

Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd.

Join us for an afternoon of music, food, and community as we help neighbours facing food insecurity!

Help us Fill the Truck with food, baby supplies, household goods, and personal-care items in support of the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre, Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre, and Gloucester Community Food Centre.
Enjoy live music from parNOVA, cake courtesy of Marsha's Independent Grocer, and lunch and treats available for purchase from Lokma Kanata. Meet representatives from the participating organizations and learn more about their work. The truck is generously provided by Paul Rushforth Real Estate.
We also need volunteers! Can you help with any of the following?

- Setup, 8:00–11:00 a.m.: Arrange tables and chairs and put up signs.
- During the event: Welcome visitors, receive and sort donations, and help move donations into the church.
- Cleanup, from approximately 2:00 p.m.: Put away tables and chairs and help tidy up.
- Before the event: Prepare directional signs for visitors, including washroom signs.

You don't need to be available all day. Please let Rev. Mike know which task you can help with and when you're available.
Admission is free. Bring a donation, bring a friend, and help spread the word. Everyone is welcome!



Kim will be away next week. Many thanks to Barbara Malarczyk who will cover for her on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Office will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday.

2027 United Church Calendars Now available!



This year's theme is 'Draw the Circle Wide'. The cost is $13 each. If you would like to order one, please contact Kim in the church Office.



Rose Legace Music Fund

Back in 2017 OUC received a bequest from Rose Legace with the stipulation that it be used to support music, and especially youth in music, at OUC. The bequest was used to launch **OUC's Core Chorister** program wherein we employ young professional musicians to serve as core members of the senior choir. If you'd like to add to your regular offerings to support this initiative, please do so and mark the offerings either "*Rose Legace Fund*" or "*Core Chorister Program*".

Service Scripture

Sunday October 18: Matthew 22:15-22
'The Question about Paying Taxes'
This Sunday's service will be led by the Interchurch Refugee Group.



It's that time….Pageant!!

It's time to begin Pageant Preparation for our much beloved Christmas Pageant on December 13. I am currently seeking one or two adults who would be interested in leading this production. No experience required - just a desire to herd sheep and help tell the best story ever written! Please contact Rev Molly if you would like to join in the joyful chaos!

Book Club

The OUC Book Club will meet on October 27, 2026 at 1 pm in the library to discuss 'The Spoon Steeler' by Leslie Crewe. Anyone interested may attend. For information about our Book Club, you may communicate with Marie Ruddick at **ruddick.marie@icloud.com**, or with Annemarie Humenuk at **kayakforever@gmail.com**.

Bazaar Requests

Bazaar Volunteers Needed!

It "takes a village" to hold a bazaar! If you can spare a few hours on Friday, November 20 (set-up) or on bazaar day - Saturday, November 21, it's a great way to meet new people, and it's fun! Please contact the volunteer coordinator, Mary-Lou Simac at: **mLmsimac@gmail.com**.

The Craft Group is looking for donations of Creative Memories Frosted Splits (double sided, self-adhesive stickers) for a project they are doing for the Bazaar. If you have any lying around, please bring them to the Office. Thank you!

🍪 Calling All Unwanted Plates of any size! 🎄

We're looking for donations of odd, mismatched, or simply no-longer-needed plates of any size that we can use to package and display baked goods for our upcoming bake sale at the Christmas Bazar.
Christmas-themed plates would be especially wonderful, but plates of any design, colour, size or style are very welcome! 🎄🌟
If you have a few plates tucked away in a cupboard that you no longer use, we'd be delighted to give them a new purpose — helping us make our bake sale both festive and fun!
Please bring your donated plates to the church office or give them directly to Debbie de Grasse any time after October 24th!

Thank you for helping us make our bake sale a success! ❤️

Memorial Rock Garden - Rock Painting Session



Join us on **Thursday, November 5 @1 pm** in the **OUC Hall,** for a



The Orleans United Church book club invites you to come meet the author of *The Winter Witch,* Jennifer Chevalier, in the sanctuary at 1 pm on Tuesday, November 24. Jennifer Chevalier is a CBC radio producer and writer from Ottawa, best known as the head producer of the weekly current affairs program, The House. *The Winter Witch*, her debut novel, was published this year and was longlisted for the 2026 Giller Prize. Inspired by the tales of Canada's Filles du Roi, *The Winter Witch* examines how lies, arrogance, and ignorance can lead to witch hunts in any society. All are welcome. Please pass this information on to your friends and neighbours.

Please Join Us, All Are Welcome

The **Interchurch Refugee Group** (IRG) will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday October 21 at 7:00pm, Epiphany Anglican Church, 1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa
The Interchurch Refugee Group (IRG), a registered charity, has been welcoming refugee families to Canada since 1989. The IRG sponsors government-approved refugee families from around the globe, providing financial support for their first year, assisting their integration into Canadian society, and facilitating their transition towards self-sufficiency.
Five East-end Ottawa churches comprise the ecumenical coalition of the IRG – Community Pentecostal Church, Epiphany Anglican Church, Navan-Vars United Church, Orleans United Church, and Rothwell United Church.
The IRG welcomes the involvement of volunteers from our churches, as well as the wider community. To make a donation in support of this life-changing ministry, please send a cheque to: The Interchurch Refugee Group, c/o the Treasurer, 1460 Laurin Crescent, Orleans, ON. K1E 3G7
For more information, please contact: **interchurchrefugeegroup@gmail.com**

special rock painting session as we begin creating our Memorial Rock Garden at Orleans United Church.
This garden will be a peaceful place to remember and honor loved ones. We invite you to paint a stone in memory of someone special, or simply to contribute to this meaningful space of love, remembrance, and hope.
No artistic experience is needed.
Everyone is welcome! 🤗
After church on Sunday there will be a sign-up sheet to attend the workshop.

Moderator's Message

With a crucial United Nations vote on Cuba coming October 27–28, Moderator Kimberly Heath is calling on Canadians to urge the federal government to take action. The United Church of Canada's longstanding partners in Cuba are reporting a deepening humanitarian crisis, including shortages of food, fuel, water, medicine, and electricity. The United Church has been in partnership with churches and ecumenical organizations in Cuba for 50 years.
Send a letter to the Prime Minister and other Canadian officials urging Canada to vote in favour of ending the U.S. embargo, oppose military intervention, support the delivery of life-sustaining supplies, and increase humanitarian aid to Cuba.
Watch the **Moderator's video**, and **read the full news story**.

Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator

What happens when food becomes an invitation to belonging?
This Thanksgiving, join us for Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator: A Thanksgiving Table — a special video series bringing together food, faith, friendship, and stories from across cultures.
Chef Izzeldin Bukhari joins Moderator Kimberly Heath and friends to cook recipes from his home in Palestine and share stories about how food can create connection, foster belonging, and open pathways toward peace. Because every table can be an invitation to community.
View the the first installment **here**.

Care & Prayer



A place to lay your burdens.

The Quiet Centre (down the hallway, past the office) is be available after Sunday worship for confidential, one to one support. Care Hosts from our congregation will offer a calm, unhurried space to talk, reflect, pray if desired, or sit in silence with a caring listener. This service does not replace counseling or therapy. It is intended as gentle accompaniment for those experiencing stress, grief, uncertainty, or simply a need for stillness.
All are welcome to come, pause, and be met with care.
Cheryl Marvin is our host for this week.

Prayer Circle:

If you have a concern - for yourself, a loved one, or something going on in the world - you can share it with our OUC prayer partners and know it is being lifted up in love and prayer. All prayer requests are shared with the prayer team confidentially, unless you request that your name be used. Feel free to send your prayer request directly to **ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com,** an email monitored by only one pastoral care team member. You will be amazed at how it feels to know that others are praying for you! For more information, please contact the office.



UPDATE FROM FROZEN FOOD

We are introducing a new feature for bazaar frozen foods this year. You can now pre-order your chicken pot pies and classic tourtieres! The forms will be available after church in the Hall, and in the office during the week. Payment for your pies will happen **at the time of pick-up.**

United Church of Canada Foundation and the UCC Legacy Campaign - update

The UCC Foundation is very pleased to report that the Centennial Legacy Gifting Campaign has exceeded the $25M goal. A total of $31M has been gifted to the campaign - $20M of which was immediate gifts including new endowments and $11M is in commitments for future giving. Approximately 80% of the total raised is in support of local congregations and the other 20% is in support of Mission and Service and the Foundation. The Foundation thanks Orleans United Church and its members for their very substantial contribution to this campaign.



OUC Annual Fire Drill Rescheduled

Hello everyone.
Due to a conflict in OUC activities, the annual fire drill originally scheduled for this coming Sunday, September 27th, has been postponed, and is now scheduled for **next Sunday, October 25th**, immediately following the 10 am service.
In the event of an inclement forecast, an alternate date will be chosen, with advance notice given.

Just a reminder that to fully comply with our Fire Safety Plan, OUC is obligated to perform an annual fire drill to ensure that staff and occupants are familiar with emergency evacuation procedures, resulting in orderly evacuation with efficient use of exit facilities.
Upon hearing the alarm, you should leave the building immediately via the nearest available exit and proceed to the mustering point, in our case the large burgundy church sign adjacent to Orleans Boulevard. You are NOT to return to the building until the "all clear" notice is given.
Designated Fire Wardens from the congregation will be on hand to guide the evacuation process and provide assistance to those who may need it.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation and understanding.

Bob Kilpatrick
OUC Fire Safety Manager

We anticipate first pick up will be the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. But, if you need them for Thanksgiving celebrations, come and see us in the kitchen!
We look forward to another nourishing year.

Mabel's Labels! 🏷️

Visit **campaigns.mabelslabels.com** and select Orleans United Church to shop.



Keep your 2026 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. (PC, No Frills, Metro, Food Basic, Sobeys, Fresh Co., Farm Boy, and Shoppers Drug Mart).
Preferred payment is cash or debit but we also accept credit cards. **Please note: the Gift Card Table will be closed this Sunday, October 11, for Thanksgiving**. Cards are available from the Office during the week.

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**

Congregational Corner

YOUR OUC Newsletter

We hope this Thursday newsletter keeps you informed of all the happenings in our community. Are there there other pieces you would like to see added here? News of the family? Notes from the Revs? Prayers/Scripture readings/Spiritual reflections? Other ideas? If you have thoughts about what should be included in this weekly update, or ways you might contribute, please send an email to **orleansunited@rogers.com** .... we want to hear from you!!

Be in Touch!

We would love for you to reach out to us…. we are here for you!
Website: **http://orleansunitedchurch.com**
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If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter, sign them up through the main office (call or email)

Community Corner

Little Women

Tickets are now on sale for the Ottawa School of Theatre production of *Little Women*, featuring our own Marni Hunt-Stephens as Aunt March. The show runs from December 4 to 6, 2026. Tickets can be purchased at:
https://shenkmanarts.ca/en/little-women

This Week at OUC

Friday October 16:

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary, 7 - 10:30 pm

Saturday October 17:

- Scouts First Aid Course - Hall, 7:30 am - 5 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1; Chapel, 3 - 5:30 pm

Sunday October 18:

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- Orleans Community Harvest - whole church, 11:30 am - 2 pm
- Bazaar Cooking - Kitchen, 4 - 10 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists meeting - Library, 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- Scouts Craft Training, Choir Room, 7 - 9 pm

Monday October 19:

- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Bazaar cooking - Kitchen, Noon - 6 pm
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm
- Scouting - Hall/Choir Room/Chapel/Library, 6:15 - 9 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Tuesday October 20:

- Bazaar Cooking - Kitchen, 7 am - 5 pm
- Craft Group - Hall/Library, 9 am - Noon
- Tai Chi - Hall/Choir Room, 2:30 - 5 pm
- Scouting - Hall/Choir Room/Library, 6:15 - 9 pm
- Coro Vivo rehearsal - Sanctuary, 6:30 - 10 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday October 21:

- Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- Bazaar Cooking - Kitchen, Noon - 8 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm
- Contemplative Prayer - Sanctuary, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Thursday October 22:

- Bazaar Cooking - Kitchen, 7 am - 5 pm
- TOPS - Library, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 - 11 am
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 7:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel, 7 - 8:30 pm/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

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