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## The REV REPORT

Hello there OUC.

As we move into September, I have that same feeling I used to get the week before coming back to school. I still remember that feeling: as kid as we would count down the final ten seconds before the last bell and then SUMMER VACATION was on! A whole two months of summer. And when August came to an end, we'd all be asking ourselves how the whole thing went by so fast.

So I have pre-game butterflies going into the fall, as OUC is set to step things up a notch. You have many exciting projects on your plate. I am honoured to be a part of them for a time.

AND ... Please join me in welcoming Nancy Best. She is a welcome support and today, after 5 years, I consider her a trusted friend. I look forward to this collaboration.

Also, my home congregation of St-Andrew's will also be moving in higher gear, So, I am making some adjustments to my schedule.

My OUC office hours will be Wednesday and Thursday. Best to make an appointment. You can always email me personally. Please address all pastoral care concerns to Nancy Best or to Mary Lou Robillard. Should a situation require my attention, they will be sure to let me know.

And with that ... Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Eric

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### Rev. Nancy Best:

I am delighted to be joining with Reverend Eric Lukacs to be temporarily helping out at Orleans United Church. I will be providing part time pastoral care. This is a role I have accepted with you all before, and will enjoy seeing you again.

For those of you who know me, no introduction is needed. For those I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I'll fill you in a bit. My family and I were members at Orleans United Church for many years. I was an active participant, Chair of Elders, Council member, on the Prayer Chain, and I ran a parent and tots group. I took what was then the Licensed Lay Preachers Course. Later, in 2008 I went into Ministry from Orleans United Church! I was Student Minister at Quyon QC. for five years. Also during that time, I studied for my Masters of Divinity at Atlantic School of Theology. I received my M/Div and was Ordained in 2013. I have assisted by providing pastoral care before, this is my third

time helping out. I am currently the part time Minister at Navan-Vars United Church.

Please contact me if you would like to chat by phone or video chat, have a pastoral care visit, home communion, or if you have a prayer request. I am fully vaccinated and boosted. I can visit in person, and will wear a mask, if you wish. I am also comfortable visiting outside, socially distanced or can meet you at the church. **My home # 613 834-6816; call or text my cell # 613 863-9056; or email [rev.nancy.best@gmail.com](mailto:rev.nancy.best@gmail.com).**

Blessings, and may the Creator bless our time together.  
*Rev. Nancy Best*

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### Sunday School starts on Sunday, September 18

We are very excited to welcome children back to Sunday School this fall. Classes resume on Sunday September 18th. The calendar of dates will be posted in the Hall on the information board.

Here are a few housekeeping details for the classes:

- Masks are optional for both facilitators and participants; and hand sanitizer will be available upon entry to the classroom.
- Children in grades JK-6 are welcome to attend the classes.
- Children not in school (3 years of age and under) are welcome to join the Nursery.
- There will be two classes each week divided by age group.
- Once worship service has ended, parents are asked to pick up their child(ren) from their classroom.
- Children are NOT to leave without their parents.

Our team is currently seeking 2 more volunteers to join the Sunday School crew. If you are interested in helping out, kindly contact the church office by e-mail at [orleansunited@rogers.com](mailto:orleansunited@rogers.com) or by phone at 613-837-4321.

*Kimberly Corley*

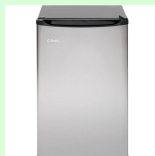


#### Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6, for Labour Day.

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Kim will be on holiday from September 6 to 23 inclusive. Special thanks to **Jean Shaddick, Marni Hunt-Stephens** and **Barbara Malarczyk** who will be covering the office in her absence.



#### Wanted:

Kim Gratton is temporarily in need of a bar-sized fridge. If you have one that she could borrow for the month of September, please contact

her in the office  
([orleansunited@rogers.com](mailto:orleansunited@rogers.com), 613-837-4321) by noon tomorrow. Thank you!

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#### How To Forgive

Is anger keeping you awake at night? Would forgiveness help? But what

#### New School Year - New Hope!

OUC invisted all kiddow to bring their backpacks to the September 11 service to be blessed! That is the Sunday between September 7 "back to school" and September 18 "back to Sunday school".



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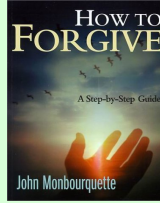
**Sanctuary helpers needed:** Do you have an hour or two once a month to help keep our sanctuary ready for worship? The work would involve tidying the pews, polishing the brass if needed, and watering plants. If you can help, please contact Shirley Holt at [shirleyjholt@outlook.com](mailto:shirleyjholt@outlook.com).



#### OUC Bazaar - Silent Auction

Looking for businesses or individuals we can contact to solicit donations for our Silent Auction. For example, I have a financial adviser who chooses to donate an special experience item: dinner for two at a

is forgiveness and how do we do it? You are invited to a four week discussion on John Monbourquette's book: How To Forgive. (Amazon.ca - \$22.00) Join us over Zoom Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm starting Sept. 14, or in person Thursday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm starting Sept. 15, for 4 weeks.



To register, contact Heather McGrath at [hmcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:hmcgrath@gmail.com)

restaurant. Another thing to consider is if you have anything that is no longer of use in your home that can be considered a donation for the Silent Auction: a decorative frame or piece of jewelry for example... Please send your ideas and contacts to France Lemay-Legault, [lemaylegaf@yahoo.com](mailto:lemaylegaf@yahoo.com).

## Church Calendars



The 2023 United Church calendar is now available. The cost is \$11 each. Please contact the office (613-837-4321, [orleansunited@rogers.com](mailto:orleansunited@rogers.com)) if you would like to purchase one.



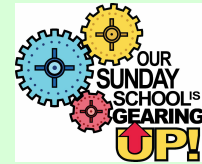
## HELP Hints

When visiting someone who is frail or ill, as you enter the home, set the alarm on your phone for 15-20 minutes, explaining that it is so easy to overstay a welcome. Then, when your alarm goes off, take your leave. People who frail or tired, including caregivers, do not have the energy to tell you they need to rest.

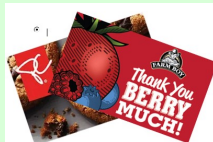


Check out supports in the community: <https://www.communityhomesupport.ca>

We are looking for people who feel called to join our group of dedicated Sunday School teachers. If you are one of those people, please contact Kim in the office



([orleansunited@rogers.com](mailto:orleansunited@rogers.com), 613-837-4321). This position requires about 1 hour prep time per week, not more than once every three weeks (less often if we get more volunteers!).



**Grocery Gift Cards**  
Starting Sunday, September 11th the Grocery Gift Card table will be open in the

hall after service. Purchases of gift cards for Metro, Basics, Independent, No frills, Loblaws, Sobeys, Farm Boy, and Shoppers Drug Mart will be available by cash, cheque or e-transfer. Please note there are **no Tim Horton** gift cards at this time. Gift cards will be available for purchase in the church office during regular business hours as of **September 26**. Any questions regarding this long standing fundraiser (that costs you nothing extra) can be sent to: [dianne.davis@bell.net](mailto:dianne.davis@bell.net)

*Here I am, for you called me.* 1 Samuel 3:6

## Orange Shirt Day Service

The National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) was established by the Federal government last year, to be observed each year on September 30. Unfortunately OUC is not in a position to offer a service this year, however member are encouraged to observe the day on their own, respecting the tragic history of residential schools for indigenous children in Canada.

**MASON JARS** (250ml size) are once again needed to make jam over the next few months for the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any jars to donate, please leave them in the church office.



**Last Chance for Men's Retreat!**

This Sunday will be your last chance to sign up for the Men's Retreat at Rideau Hills Camp! For \$70, you get to spend from Friday night to Sunday noon with a fine group of OUC men. We

**OUC has a Prayer Chain!**  
For many years now,



will be meeting around the campfire, tossing horseshoes, doing some clean-up work at this United Church camp, enjoying excellent meals, and getting a chance to renew our Men's group after a long three year break. Brain Braceland will be doing registration after church this Sunday in the hall, or you can contact Peter Holt at [pjholt49@yahoo.ca](mailto:pjholt49@yahoo.ca) or (613) 841-5143.

OUC has offered a 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 among the group confidentially. You are invited to send your prayer request directly to [ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com](mailto:ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com), an email monitored by only one CST member. For more information, please contact the office.

## Community Corner



The poster for Coro Vivo Ottawa's Open Rehearsal features a logo at the top left with the text "CORO VIVO OTTAWA" and a bilingual tagline: "where words fail, music speaks / au-delà des mots, il y a la musique". Below the logo are two photographs: one of a choir practicing in a church sanctuary and another of a large group of people posing together. The text on the poster includes: "Coro Vivo Ottawa is having an Open Rehearsal!", "Coro Vivo Ottawa tient une répétition publique!", "come and SING with us! / viens CHANTER avec nous!", the date and time "September 10th, 2:15pm - 4:15pm / 10 septembre, de 14 h 15 à 16 h 15", the location "Orleans United Church / 1111 Orleans Blvd / boul. Orléans", the conductor "under the baton of / sous la direction d' Antonio Llaca", and the accompanist "accompanied by / accompagné par Louise Léveillé". At the bottom, it provides registration information: "Registration / Inscription : membership@corovivottawa.ca" and the website "corovivottawa.ca".

Coro Vivo Ottawa is the community choir that calls OUC its home. We are in a year of rebuilding after Covid, so we are holding an open rehearsal on September 10 from 2:15 to 4:15 at OUC for anyone who thinks it might be fun to sing with us. Everyone is welcome to come and try the choir out. Here is a taste of what we are like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9OxpxjNQI4>

## 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](mailto: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)

## 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](mailto:oucdonations@rogers.com)

- Using a credit card Through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org>

## This Week at OUC

**Friday September 2:** Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon

**Saturday September 3:** SDA - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 8:30 - 1 pm

**Sunday September 4:** Worship service, in person and live-streamed, 10 am

**Monday September 5:** Church office closed

TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 pm

**Tuesday September 6:** Crafters, Library 9 am - 2 pm

Tai Chi - Chapel, 10 am

SDA - Room 12, 10 am

Just Us - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm

Scouts - Chape/Hall

TOPS - Nursery/Kitchen, 6:30 pm

Coro Vivo - Sanctuary/Hall, 6:30 - 10 pm

Men's Spiritual Direction Group - Choir Room, 6:30 - 8:30

**Wednesday September 7:** SDA - Chapel, 6 - 9 pm

Mayoral Candidates "Meet & Greet" - Outdoors (Sanctuary/Hall/Kitchen, 6 - 8 pm if weather is bad)

**Thursday September 8:** TOPS - Chapel/Nursery, 8:30 am

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