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



### Urgent Need for Sunday School Teachers!

Our children's ministry is growing, and that's a wonderful thing — but we are currently in desperate need of two more Sunday School teachers. Without additional volunteers, we will be forced to combine or cancel some of our classes, which we truly want to avoid. Our kids are amazing, curious, and full of joy — and they deserve a space to grow in faith that is just right for them.

The good news?

- We use fun, easy-to-follow curriculum — no experience needed!
- Teaching is just once every other week
- Rev. Molly is here to support and guide you every step of the way

Please prayerfully consider stepping into this important and rewarding ministry. If you're feeling even a small nudge, reach out to Rev. Molly — we'd love to talk more!



### Single & Single Again Potluck and Planning Meeting

Our little group is growing a year in! We are having a potluck and meeting this Saturday at 5 pm at OUC. Are you looking for group activities for singles? We've gone for breakfasts had a potluck and had other suggestions for local field trips. Come out and join us or reach out to Nicole at [nicole.sykora@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.sykora@gmail.com) if you have questions.

### OUC Christmas Market

November 15th

If you are organized and like working with people, we need you to help with the bazaar coordination. We need to hand off some tasks as we renew the team going forward. Consider taking some time this year to see what is involved by shadowing someone. No one task takes too much time, and it is very rewarding to work with the amazing OUC family. If you are interested or have question, please email Pat Young ([patriciafayeyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciafayeyoung@hotmail.com)) to learn more or arrange a time to shadow one of our coordinators.



## It's that time!!!

Sunday School plans for the fall are well underway



This Sunday, September 14 will be our first day of Sunday School and Blessing of the

Backpacks (get your backpacks, purses, lunch kits, laptop bags, briefcases, suitcases etc. ready!!)

If you are interested in finding out about TEAM teaching, leading a class approximately 1-2 times per month, now is the time to let Rev. Molly know. We have fabulous curriculum, the best children and youth anywhere, and amazing partners!!

We will have FOUR classes this fall: JK/SK, Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5+

We also plan to have monthly youth events for Grade 6+ and some Family events as well. More information and dates to come....its going to be a great year!!



**Junior Choir** is back this fall! We will be rehearsing most Sundays after worship. Our first practice will be Sept 21 in the Choir Room.

Rehearsals will generally last 30-40 min. I'm hoping to have the Juniors sing in church three times between now and Christmas. The age range is SK to Grade 6 (though please feel free to chat with me about kids who are interested but fall just outside that range). Please e-mail me at [cscotttrichardson@rogers.com](mailto:cscotttrichardson@rogers.com), or find me after church. Thanks! Scott



mentioned on Sunday, this is the perfect time to return to familiar routines or embrace something new.

Beginning next Thursday, September 18, 2025, Java Jive will resume its weekly meetings in the chapel from 10 to 11 am. The Group gathers to share coffee and refreshments while discussing the reading for the upcoming Sunday and occasionally delves into other timely topics. New participants are warmly invited to join. After the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the regular members are hosting a potluck lunch to celebrate the start of the new season. For further details about the Group, please contact Debbie Arcand at (613) 407-0456. We hope to see you there next week!

# REPAIR CAFE

The CGOWCA's Environment Committee is ...

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER FIXERS AND MENDERS!**

**DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REPAIR**

- BIKES
- INSTRUMENTS
- SMALL APPLIANCES
- JEWELLERY
- WOODEN OBJECTS
- TOYS OR CLOTHING?

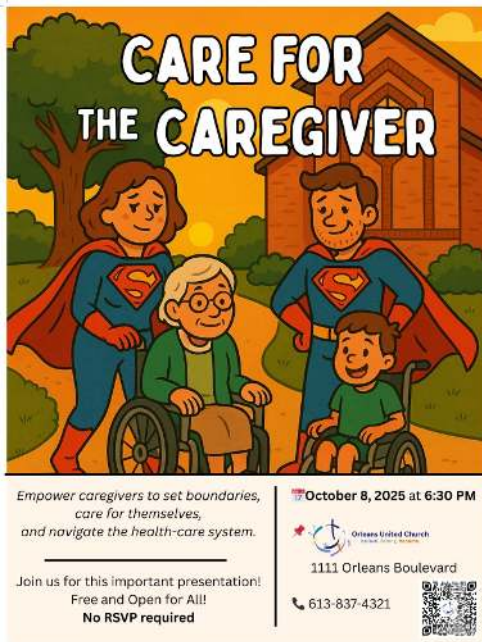
email us: [environmentcommittee@cgow.ca](mailto:environmentcommittee@cgow.ca)

Being held at: Orleans United Church - 1111 Orléans Blvd. | Sept 27th 2 - 5pm

## OUC Repair Café

On September 27th, the Convent Glen Orleans Wood Environment Committee will be hosting their second Repair Cafe from 2 to 5 pm. The Environment Committee is a sub-committee of the Convent Glen Orleans Wood Community Association. They are a small group of volunteers who have been undertaking a number of projects that are geared towards improving the health, beauty and sustainability of our community. For example, they have been growing native plants and creating pollinator gardens, holding clean-up days and bird walks, and hosting information nights on topics such as energy efficiency and Monarch Butterflies. The committee has a special focus on reducing and reusing household waste and recently had a clothing swap at Terry Fox Elementary School.

Repair Cafes are free, community-led events where volunteer fixers and menders assist other members of the community with repairing household items such as small appliances, textiles, electronics, furniture, toys, etc. Repair Cafes are open



Featuring OUC's own:  
 Glen Stoudt – A Spiritual Opening for Care for the Caregiver  
 Speakers  
 Heather McGrath – Establishing Boundaries  
 Andrea Fisher – Maneuvering the Health Care System  
 Suzanne Allen – Wellbeing for the Caregiver  
 The Community Paramedicine Team and the Orleans Resource Center to attend and have a table available with information.



### OUC Book Club

Please note the OUC Book Club's list of books for the year 2025-2026. The Book Club meets on

the last Tuesday of the month, at 1:00 pm, in the OUC library. All are welcome to join us. For information about the Book Club, you may communicate with Marie Ruddick at [mdruddick@gmail.com](mailto:mdruddick@gmail.com) and/or Annemarie Humenuk at [ahumenuk@magma.ca](mailto:ahumenuk@magma.ca).

*The Maid* by Nita Prose, September 30  
*Here One Moment* by Liane Moriarty, October 28  
*The Concubine's Children* by Denise Chong, November 25  
*A Lineage of Grace* by Francine Rivers, January 27, 2026  
*The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, February 24  
*From the Ashes* by Jessie Thistle, March 24  
*Lullabies for Little Criminals* by Kathy O'Neill, April 28

to everyone and are a wonderful place to share skills and knowledge, keep broken items out of landfills and build community. There are thousands of these Repair Cafes all over the world. In addition to the repairs, visitors will be able to have complementary tea, coffee and snacks.

The committee is in need of repairers and menders for the Repair Cafe. They are hoping to find community members who are able to fix bikes, clothing and textiles, and small appliances or other household items. A bonus would be someone who can fix computers, instruments, wooden objects, toys or jewellery. This year, they are also interested in including a knife sharpener.

If you are interested in volunteering as a repairer, please email to:  
[CGOWCARepairCafe@gmail.com](mailto:CGOWCARepairCafe@gmail.com)



Save the date for a Vintage Stock Production of:

## MURDER AT THE MARINA

📅 October 26th

🕒 3:00 PM

📍 Orleans United Church

Tickets: \$20

Available at the door

or [oucdonations@rogers.com](mailto:oucdonations@rogers.com)

(Please specify the money is for Murder Mystery tickets)

Step into 1924 and help solve the mystery at The Cumberland Marina!

All proceeds go to Orleans United Church

Come for the mystery. Stay for the cause.

**Tickets on sale now** in the Hall after service, or in the church Office during regular office hours. (cash, debit, credit or e- transfer)

Keep your 2025



## Volunteer Opportunity: Rental Coordinator

We are looking for a new volunteer who would be interested in taking on the role of Rental Coordinator. Unfortunately, Kimberly Corley has stepped down from that role.

The OUC Rental Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the use of church space for events such as concerts, weddings, funerals, meetings, community gatherings, fitness classes and other activities.

This volunteer role is part of the Property Committee's mandate.

To learn more, please contact [Heather Graham](#)

## Good News!

The **Interchurch Refugee Group** (IRG) will be welcoming a new family of three this fall, the parents and their 12-year-old daughter. We are looking for household and furniture donations to prepare a home for the family. If you feel you have something the family could use, please contact us, Lynne and Rick, at [rick.lynn@outlook.com](mailto:rick.lynn@outlook.com).



## Men's Retreat

### Last Chance!

Friday September 26 -  
Sunday September 28  
at Camp Merrywood.

Cost: \$140. **Registration closes this Sunday, September 14.** See Peter Holt or Mel Embury in the Hall after service to confirm your attendance. For more information, contact Peter at [pjholt49@yahoo.ca](mailto:pjholt49@yahoo.ca). \*The women were right - indoor toilets & real mattresses!\*

## OUC Little Library

Too many books piling up at your house?  
OUC's Little Library would be happy to share them with the wider community. Please drop



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](mailto:dianne.davis@bell.net).

**Farm Boy \$100 Cards** - The gift card table now has \$100 Farm Boy cards. And by the way, we earn an extra \$1 per card for every used Farm Boy card that you return to us. So for every \$100 you spend at Farm Boy, OUC earns \$7. See us after church at the gift card table.

## 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](mailto: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/>

**IT'S PICKLING SEASON!** If you are making jams, jellies or preserves this summer, please consider setting aside a few extra jars for OUC's Christmas Bazaar. These items always sell out fast! And if you can't make jam yourself...



them off at the church office.

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### **ADOPT A GARDEN**

**BED!** OUC has very extensive garden beds which can use your helping hand. If you can take on looking after one of them for the season, please contact Shirley Holt at 613-841-5143 or

[shirleyholt@outlook.com](mailto:shirleyholt@outlook.com).



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### **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.

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### **HELP ( Healthy End of Life Project) update**

OUC was one of 4 research sites for Carleton University's HELP project. As part of the project, OUC developed and hosted a grief walk. The effects of this have rippled out and folks from Christ United church in Chesterville will be meeting with some of us who attended the walk to discuss how they might host one at their church.

HELP also hosted several advanced care planning workshops given by Compassionate Ottawa. The Riverside Hospital Academic Family Practice Unit has sent a letter to all their patients over age 65, urging them to attend one of the workshops.

OUC is a happening place!!

*Heather McGrath ( HELP OUC Site facilitator)*

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### **Care for the Caregiver**

#### **ArborCare Community Grief Support Program**

Featuring Dr. Bill Webster's "When Life Changes"<sup>TM</sup>

Presented by The Council on Aging of Ottawa. Friday September 12, 1 - 2:30 pm Room 235 - 815 St. Laurent Boulevard For more information, see poster in the Hall.

**MASON JARS** (250ml size) are 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 office.



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### **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](mailto:ouc.prayersforall@rogers.com), an email monitored by only one pastoral care team member. For more information, please contact the office.

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### **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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### **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)

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### **Community Corner**

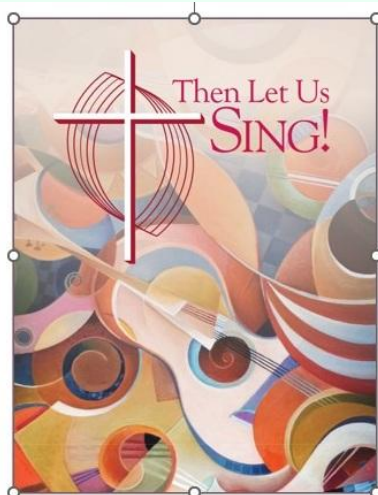
South Gloucester United is currently holding a clothing recycle drive. If you are cleaning your closets in preparation for the season to come, bring your unwanted items to Kim in the OUC office and she will pass them on. Garments in any condition, towels, sheets, blankets, hats, shoes, boots, drapes are all accepted. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board in the Hall.

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



## Voices of the Bereaved

Death causes grief but grief never dies. Doesn't seem fair.



*Grateful for God's loving action,  
we cannot keep from singing.  
(A Song of Faith)*

The United Church of Canada  
invites you to its

## ***Then Let Us SING! Hymn Festival***

The official launch of our new music resource!



Friday, October 24, 2025

7:30 pm



Orleans United Church

1111 Orleans Blvd., Orléans, ON K1C 7C8

***Come — Celebrate — Sing — Learn***  
***with the team that created Then Let Us SING!***

In person or livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/live/4z5NPrRRmpA>

## **This Week at OUC**

### **Friday September 12:**

- Orleans Noon - Chapel, Noon - 1 pm

### **Saturday September 13:**

- Seventh-day Adventists Service - Sanctuary/Choir Room/Room 12, 8:30 am - 2 pm
- Wedding - Sanctuary, 3 pm
- **Singles & Single Again Pot Luck supper - Hall/Kitchen, 5 - 9 pm \***

### **Sunday September 14:**

- Worship Service - in person and live-streamed, 10 am
- PleinChant rehearsal - Choir Room, 2 - 5 pm
- Carpet cleaning, no other activities - whole church, 5 - 11 pm

### **Monday September 15:**

- Property meeting - Library, 10 am - noon
- Scouting - Hall/Chapel/Choir Room/ Library, 6:15 - 9:15 pm
- Bytown Beat - Sanctuary, 7 pm
- TOPS - Lounge/Nursery, 6 - 8 pm

### **Tuesday September 16:**

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

**Wednesday September 17:**

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

**Thursday September 18:**

- TOPS - Library/Nursery, 8:30 am
- **Java Jive - Chapel, 10 am \***
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 6 - 9 pm
- Senior Choir - Sanctuary/Choir Room, 7:30 - 9:30 pm
- Al-Anon - Chapel/Nursery, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

**\*For more information, see notice above**

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