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Office hours: Monday to Friday,
8:30 am - 12:30 pm



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COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY EVENT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 11:30 A.M.

**ORLEANS UNITED CHURCH
1111 ORLÉANS BOULEVARD**

LIVE MUSIC BY SCHOOL OF ROCK ORLEANS

Bring non-perishable food donations.

More details coming soon.



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Service Scripture

Sunday September 6: Matthew 18:15-20
'Reproving another who sins'



Monday September 7 is Labour Day, so the church Office will be closed.

A Note From Property

There is a small hole in the parking lot pavement a few inches away from the north east catch basin. Unfortunately the small hole is 21 inches deep and spans as much as 36



JAVA JIVE

Please join us for Java Jive. The first meeting this season will be this

Thursday, **September 10**. The Group meets weekly in the chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 am to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday and occasionally other timely topics. Hoping to see some new participants. For further details about the



inches laterally under the pavement. This will eventually develop into a large hole and potentially could be very dangerous and a liability with traffic passing over this area. Rob Orchin has made the area safe for now by blocking the it off with a snow fence.

Thanks for your patience as the property committee investigates possible repair options.



Food Bank Sunday

This Sunday, September 6, is Food Bank Sunday. The bin will be in the Narthex, ready to accept

your donations. Please remember we cannot accept fresh produce here at Orleans United.

We are in need of a church host for the Repair Café being held at OUC on **September 19, 2 - 5**

pm. Duties are simply to be there at start and end, unlock the kitchen and help cafe volunteer find stuff they need for snack time. If you think you can help, please contact the church office.



Group, please contact Debbie Arcand at 613-407-0456 or debarcand@sympatico.ca. Hope to see you on the 10th!



Tickets are on sale now, in the hall Sunday mornings, at the door, or in the church office by debit, credit or cash. Purchasers can also call the office and reserve tickets to be picked up at the door or they can purchase tickets by e-transfer to: oucdonations@rogers.com with a line item saying murder mystery.



 **OUC Christmas Bazaar Silent Auction – Volunteers Needed!**

OUC Men's Retreat 2026

September 25 to 27 at Camp Merrywood. Our theme is Faith in times of Chaos. Join us for great food, fellowship and conversation in a peaceful setting. To register or obtain more information, see Peter Holt or Mel Embury in the Hall or at Breakfast at Gabe's.



Care & Prayer

A place to lay your burdens.

Resuming **September 13, 2026**, the Quiet Centre (down the hallway, past the office) will be available after Sunday worship for

OUC's Christmas Bazaar is rapidly approaching, and we are looking for a few enthusiastic volunteers to help with the silent auction.

We are in search of volunteers who can:

- **Reach out to local businesses** to ask for donated items or gift cards for the auction; and/or
- **Share their time or talents** by offering a service, skill, or experience that could be included in the auction.

Whether you can make a few calls, visit a local business, or have a special talent you would like to contribute, **we would love to hear from you!**

If you are interested in helping, please talk to Stephen Ellsworth at church or email him at ellswos123@gmail.com.

Moravian Stars

Join Lynda Kadey as we make Moravian star ornaments for the Christmas Bazaar on Tues. Sept 8th at 9 am in the OUC Library. Please bring paper scissors. Paper will be provided. You can take a look at this instruction video (<https://youtu.be/mggNF0KwA4o?si=cKDY6Nt6aki7UmHK>) to see the lovely 3D stars we will be making.

☀️ Come Join the Sunday School Team! ☀️

Do you like kids, laughter, and the occasional bit of organized chaos? We'd love to have you!



We are looking for a few more wonderful people to join our **Sunday School teaching team** this fall, working with either our **JK/SK** or **Grade 1/2/3** class.

And don't worry — **you don't have to teach every week!** You can teach as little as **once a month**, or team up with someone and teach **every other week**.

We provide:

- A **great, easy-to-use curriculum**
- Lots of ideas and resources
- **Tons of support from Rev. Molly**
- A classroom full of terrific kids who make Sunday mornings a whole lot of fun!

Youth age 15+ who have completed the babysitting course are also warmly invited to talk with Molly about getting involved.



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.



Contemplative Prayer returns this September

What if you could simply be still for a while?

Step away from the noise and busyness of the week and join us for an evening of silence, prayer and contemplation.

Together, we'll slow down, listen, and make space to encounter the Divine.

First and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come as you are. No experience is needed, and newcomers are always welcome.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?
Our winter 10 session program may be for you.



Thursday, January 29
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Divine Infant Parish
In the parish hall

For more information, please contact
Diane Jemus at 613-614-0980 or
djem3380@gmail.com



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

Teaching Sunday School really is one of the **most rewarding — and most fun — things you can do at OUC.** Just ask our long-time teachers **Peter and Sheila!** 😊 Our Sunday School classes begin **September 13**, and we can't wait for another year of learning, laughing, creating, wondering, and having fun together.

Interested? Curious? Not quite sure but willing to hear more?
Talk to Rev. Molly!



Junior Choir is back this fall! We will be rehearsing most Sundays after worship. Our first practice will be Sept 20 in the Choir Room. Rehearsals will generally last 30-40 min. I'm hoping to have the Juniors sing in church two or 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 cscottrichardson@rogers.com, or find me after church. Thanks! Scott

Summer Nursery

Our amazing Nursery Helpers are taking the summer off. Our Nursery will remain open each Sunday for parents to use. Little ones are also welcome to stay in the worship service or bring their parents and join our one room Sunday school!

Bazaar Requests

Do You Have Extra Fruit to Share?



The OUC Bazaar Baking Group is looking for apples, pears, and other fruit to use in our homemade pies and baked goods for the upcoming bazaar.

If you have fruit from your trees that you'd like to donate, please bring it to the church and leave it in the office, or contact Pheona.Arnott@gmail.com to arrange a convenient time to drop it off.

Thank you for helping make our bazaar a success!

P.S. Thank you for all the rhubarb, we have enough to make lots of pies, muffins and other treats.

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.

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) 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>



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! 



Jam Makers Need Jars!

Big thanks to everyone who has brought in jars for the Bazaar jam makers! However, they are very prolific, and still in need. If you have any empty **250 ml jars** you no longer need, please bring them to the Office so the Jammers can continue their good work!

GARDENING HELP NEEDED. One of our busiest gardeners has had open heart surgery. He and his wife looked after up to 4 flower beds at OUC. Could you lend a

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)

Community Corner



The Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality begins a new semester on September 21. Most classes are on Zoom, and are open to all. Financial assistance is available for those in need. For classes and other details, please visit the OSTs website: <https://www.osts.ca/>



September Sound Bath Plus!

Have a Gong/Sound Bath, spend some time on site, hiking or by the water, relax and refresh yourself! Choose a half day session – either September 12 or 13, morning or afternoon.

Please join us for a time of reflection and sound, as you further your own journey towards greater health and well-being... all while supporting the work of Camp Kalalla with this fundraiser.

For more info (on exact times, programme, etc.) or to register, please visit

<http://kalalla.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/September-Sound-Bath-Plus.pdf>.



Help Wanted

South Gloucester United is looking for someone willing to act as bookkeeper for the congregation. if you or someone you know might be interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact communications.sguc@gmail.com.





hand by adopting a garden this season? Mentoring or advice is available. Contact Shirley Holt at 613-841-5143 or text at 613-620-6185.



Divining Spirits is a dramatic staged reading set in the after life about a fictional encounter between Canadian contemporary historical

figures Duncan Campbell Scott and Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce, both of whom are laid to rest at the Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa; one the architect of policy (residential schools), the other a whistleblower. September 17th at 7pm at The Gladstone, 910 Gladstone Avenue, Ottawa. Tickets available at:

<https://www.9th-hour.ca/divining-spirits>

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!!

Quote of the Week

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

– Henry Ford

This Week at OUC

Friday September 4:

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

Saturday September 5:

- Seventh-day Adventists - Sanctuary/Chapel/Choir Room/Quiet Centre, 8:30 - 1
- Sew & Sews - Hall/Kitchen, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Sunday September 6:

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

Monday September 7:

- Labour Day - Office closed
- Tai Chi - Hall, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- TOPS - Nursery/Lounge, 6 - 8 pm

Tuesday September 8:

- Craft Group - Library, 9 am - noon
- Just Us practice - Chapel, 1 - 4 pm
- TOPS - Nursery, 6 - 8 pm
- Coro Vivo registration & auditions - Sanctuary, 6 - 10 pm
- CA East Solutions - Chapel, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday September 9:

- Breakfast at Gabe's - Gabriel's Restaurant, St. Joseph Blvd., 7:30 am
- Christian Women's Club - Hall/Kitchen, 9 - 11:30 am
- Property Meeting - Library, 10 am
- Bazaar Baking Team - Lounge, 5:30 - 11 pm
- Seventh-day Adventists - Chapel, 7 - 9 pm
- Tai Chi - Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm

Thursday September 10:

- TOPS - Library, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Java Jive - Chapel, 10 - 11 am
- Vintage Stock Theatre - Hall, 6 - 8 pm
- Scouts Leader Training - Library, 6:30 - 10 pm
- 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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