



EOORC News

Friday, August 29, 2025

The bi-weekly newsletter of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

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Special Church Service – Celebrating Rev. Whit Strong

There will be a church service at Glen Cairn United Church on Sunday, November 23, 2025. The Rev. Whit Strong who is a Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) at Glen Cairn United Church will be retiring at the end of 2025, so our congregation would like to honour his ministry. We have invited Rev. Whit to preach that Sunday and he will be co-celebrating communion with the Rev. Elaine Beattie. In addition, there will be a recognition of his ministry.

We would like to invite you to attend this service at 10 am, either in person or on line as our services are live-streamed. In addition, the service will be available on our church website for later viewing.

We hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating Whit's ministry.

Wall Street United Church – Farewell Potluck for Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath

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FAREWELL

Saturday, August 30th, 5:00 pm in the gymnasium.

She is speaking on Sunday, August 31 in the morning service.

Wall Street United Church is hosting a farewell potluck for Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, new Moderator. The potluck is on Saturday August 30th at 5 pm. Kimberly is speaking on Sunday August 31st at the morning service.

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EOORC Communities of Faith in the News

Broadview Magazine interviewed new Moderator Kimberly Heath about her vision for The United Church of Canada. You can read the interview [here](#).

[“New United Church Moderator Ready to Listen”](#) – From *The Brockville Recorder and Times*.

Kitchissippi United Church and God’s Beloved were featured in [this article from Canadian Affairs](#). The article also shares the authors perspective as well as some quotes from ministers and scholars about growth, decline, immigration, and the mission of the church.

100 Words of Hope – Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations, The United Church of Canada has been publishing short, 100 word reflections on hope. Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly writes:

Something interesting happens as we age. We’ve gathered experiences that younger people have just started to accumulate. Experience softens the sharp edges of crisis. It prepares us for the unimaginable.

Our adaptation muscles are strong. We can say, with confidence, “this too shall pass.” It isn’t a lack of caring or abandonment; it’s a shortening of the shock and a faster ability to roll up the sleeves.

The church has seen 2,000 years of surprises. Let us situate ourselves in that wisdom and do the work that needs to be done. United in hope, with love and care for one another. You can read more words of hope at: <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/100-words-hope-resilient-grace>

Annual Theology Conference Uncertain Times: Developing the Theological and Ministry Skills We Need

Join us in person or via Zoom as we think about these challenging topics. Once again this year, our conference will take place over two days in the Ottawa area for those wishing to join us in person (Oct 20-21). We will hear from theme speakers Rev. Dr. Catherine Faith MacLean and Rev. Dr. Jesse Zink, with workshops led by Rev. Doug Throop, Rev. Stéphane Vermette, Rev. Jenni Leslie and Rev. Daniel Addai Fobi, and Becca Whitla.

You can learn more or register [here](#).

Retreat- Receiving Sabbath

Shining Waters is hosting a clergy retreat in September and they are opening registration up to all Ontario regions. You can find out more at <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/swrc-five-oaks-clergy-retreat-sept-2025-reminder-august?e=8619fd7032> If you have any questions about the event please contact Eun-Joo Park at epark@united-church.ca.

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Camp Lau-Ren News

Camp Lau-Ren's June newsletter is available [here](#). Our United Church camps are having a wonderful summer. Please continue to pray for our camp communities.

Save-the-Date: Ottawa Redblacks Faith and Family Day, Sept. 20th

EOORC is participating in *Faith and Family Day* with the Ottawa Redblacks. More information to come – for now, we invite you to save the date!

A promotional poster for Ottawa Redblacks Faith Day. At the top, there is a large 'R' logo. Below it, the text 'OTTAWA REDBLACKS' is in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'FAITH DAY' in a larger, bolder font. The central image shows a group of Ottawa Redblacks players in their red and black uniforms huddled together on a green football field. In the background, a stadium filled with spectators is visible. Below the image, a red rounded rectangle contains the following text: 'LOCATION: TD PLACE', 'DATE: SEPTEMBER 20TH', and 'KICK-OFF: 3PM VS WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS'. Underneath this, two bullet points with crossed wrench and screwdriver icons list activities: 'Player-led post-game panel discussion' and 'Post-game Fans on the Field'. At the bottom, contact information for John Tripodi is provided: 'Contact John Tripodi at jtripodi@oseg.ca or call 613-232-6767 ext. 8403 for group ticket pricing and booking support.' The bottom of the poster features the Ottawa Redblacks logo and the text 'HOUSE OF NOIR • OTTAWA'.

News from the Wider United Church

The August 26th edition of E-ssentials is available [here](#). It shares about Season of Creation resources and more.

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Upcoming Youth Event in Stratford

Is your youth group looking for a special weekend? There are a few places available at this United Church event. The event is for youth groups, not unaccompanied youth.

**A Weekend in
Stratford for United
Church Youth Groups**

FINDING YOUR PLAYCE & PLAYING YOUR PART

- ✓ Overnight accommodations on the comfortable church floor of Avondale United Church, Stratford
- ✓ Attend the Stratford Theatre for Annie the Musical
- ✓ Free time in downtown Stratford for a scavenger hunt, river walk and lots of ice cream spots

GRADES 7+ AND THEIR LEADERS
FRIDAY, SEPT 12-SUNDAY, SEPT 14, 2025
\$25 PER PERSON

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