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## Prayer Circle for February: [Marion Dunning](#)

You are welcome to contact the monthly Prayer Circle coordinator if you have any prayer requests. Prayer requests are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Circle.

### February 22nd

10:30 am  
Reading  
First Sunday in Lent / Communion Sunday  
Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole

### Glebe-St. James Critical Roof Repair



*Closeup of turret Cedar Shakes damage*

We launched our fundraising campaign on January 25th. To be eligible for the grant and loan that we seek so that we can repair the roof, we need \$150,000 raised by February 25th. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of the congregation and some of our community members, we have only \$57,000 to go!

Here's a link to the video that April created for our campaign. Turn up your volume when you watch!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AWyVzfEJYM>

If you haven't yet donated or pledged support for this critical repair, please fill out a pledge card or send your pledges to Jennifer.

### **Pancake Tuesday.....howling success....thank you Margo**

Close to 75 of us enjoyed a great pancake dinner that included: ham, pancakes, beans and fruit. Thank you all who volunteered. And it was great to see some young teenagers Jamie, Felix and Hugo helping Alex. When all is said and done \$1000 was raised for the GSJ "Roof Repair" project. Margo a solid YES....great team!

## **Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting - March 1, 2026**

Please note that the Glebe-St. James UC Annual Congregational Meeting(ACM) will take place on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

This year, the ACM will be combined with our Sunday Worship Service in order to invite the Spirit more directly into the essential "business" of the church.

All are welcome as we report on our programs and finances for 2025, confirm our Council leadership team for 2026 and review and approve our budgets for 2026. Please note that arrangements have been made for Children's Church to be available from the start of the service. We will celebrate together after the service by sharing a potluck lunch.

The March 1 service will be available live via zoom, rather than the usual live streaming platform, so that our virtual community can fully participate in the discussions and decision-making portions of the service. The zoom link will be provided ahead of time.

More information and background documents will be available prior to the meeting.

### **March 1<sup>st</sup> Luncheon**

Following the Congregational meeting during the church service on March 1st we welcome the congregation to enjoy a potluck lunch in Fraser Hall. Please join us and if able to bring food here is the recommendation. Be sure to label your dishes with your name. And remember no nut products please.

If your surname begins with the letters:

A to M - please bring a side dish/appetizer/salad/or bread

N to Z - please bring a main dish (crock pot items welcome, and if something needs to be heated in the oven provide directions)

Choir - desserts

The usual drinks will be provided by the coffee hour folks.

### **Welcome to Lent**

The following poems and those throughout Lent are taken from A Lenten Devotional. Tell me something good. If you would like a copy of the devotional, please let Jennifer ([admin@glebestjames.ca](mailto:admin@glebestjames.ca)) know.

February 18<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>: First Sunday in Easter (Communion Sunday)

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maundy Thursday (service at 7 pm)

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Good Friday (service at 10:30 am)

April 4<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday



## **The Gospel According to Mrs. Farnell's Pre-K Class**

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In Pre-K the whole class gets an invite to Tommy's birthday.  
He places the paper invites in our cubbies. There's a helter-  
skelter sticker  
sealing each one, proof that tiny hands did the work. So we,  
the members of Mrs. Farnell's Pre-K class, arrive at the park  
on Saturday.  
We arrive whether or not we've ever built a sandcastle with  
Tommy.  
We arrive whether or not we've ever shared half of our PB&J  
at lunch.  
We arrive at the park on Saturday, with pigtails and balloons,  
because we were invited.  
And together we play tag, and we eat birthday cake, and we  
run barefoot in the grass.  
Together, we sing Happy birthday to youuuuuu, so excited  
we can barely stand still.  
Together, we momentarily forget that Chloe never gets  
picked for Red Rover and that Quinn cried in class last  
week, because the park is not the playground and  
everyone was invited.  
And when we load into our cars at the end of the day, with  
grass-stained knees, chocolate frosting on our faces, and  
the awareness of inclusion, we say to our parents, This  
was the best day of my life.



## “They’re Out of Wine”

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They kicked off their sandals when the dancing began.  
Everyone flooded the floor. He was there,  
head thrown back, laughing at the stars.  
Everyone could see it was joy and hope in the air,  
the kind of love that makes it impossible not to dance.

So the whole community spun and twirled, jumped and  
clapped,  
pushing back the pain of the world for a night.  
Reveling in the fact that two people could stand to  
build something beautiful in this fractured world.  
But before too long, a tug on his sleeve.

I wonder if Jesus stopped dancing when he heard the  
news.  
I wonder if he looked out over the crowd of happy  
people.  
I wonder if he could see their joy poking through their  
fragility.  
And I wonder if he knew, in that moment, that joy was  
holy,  
that joy would sustain them, that joy was a form of  
resurrection,  
so he turned water into wine and the dancing did not stop.

## ***Regular activities at Glebe-St. James...***

If you don't know the contact person, please e-mail Jennifer ([admin@glebestjames.ca](mailto:admin@glebestjames.ca)) and she will put you in touch. The Church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 – 4:00 pm.

### **OMRA grocery cards**

If you are interested in ordering cards for pick up in March, the deadline is Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, please speak with Donna-Fay Mailhot or Betty Taylor.

#### **High Tea Fundraiser**

OMRA is pleased to invite you to High tea

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 2 pm OR 3:30 to 5 pm

at The Ottawa Mennonite Church (1830 Kilborn Ave.)

To purchase tickets (\$ 40 per person) please e-mail: [OMRAshelter1@gmail.com](mailto:OMRAshelter1@gmail.com)

Please let them know of any dietary needs (gluten-free options are available)

### **Monday Craft Group**

The Monday Craft Group meets on Monday afternoon, 1 to 4 pm, at Judy Wolanski's. Contact: Judy Wolanski or Jennifer in the office.

### **Monday Meditation**

Everyone is welcome to join us Monday evenings at 7:30 pm

Click on Monday Meditation above and join in.

### **The Check-Mates: Tuesday mornings**

“Our chess group, the Check Mates are looking for new members. We welcome novices as well as experienced players. We meet every Tuesday, 10 – Noon, in the sanctuary. Just show up and enjoy the camaraderie!”

Contact phone number is 613-864-3435

### **Nattering Knitters**

Feeling lonely, isolated, tired of winter....

Come out for some lively conversation, tea and snacks – and oh yes, some of us knit – on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30. Join us!

### **Queer Space – every other Tuesday**

Join us for Queer Space - 6 pm on February 24th in the Lounge. Please feel free to drop by for a visit.

### **Women's Intergenerational Group (WIG)**

WIG meets on the third Sunday of each month following morning worship. We finish around 1:30 pm.

**Labyrinth:** Third Sunday of each month, 3 - 5 pm.  
Come find your quiet centre. Contact: Judy Wolanski

**Men & Friends:** Usually the last Wednesday of the month.  
Our February gathering will be Shrove Tuesday,  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7 pm in Fraser Hall.

## ***Kwe Kwe***

(pronounced “kway”, meaning greetings in the Algonquin language)



**Circumpolar Solidarity:** More than 70 Inuit leaders from across Canada traveled to Nuuk, Greenland in early February to show solidarity with Greenlanders and participate in the opening of the new Canadian consulate. Inuit see themselves as one society across the Arctic; the Inuit Circumpolar Council represents Inuit in Canada, Greenland, Alaska and Russia. Canadian Inuit leaders felt called in this moment to demonstrate to the world that the North is their home. Moreover, Greenlandic people look to Canadian Inuit for leadership on topics related to decolonization. Najannguaq Hegelund, who runs a Greenland Inuit legal rights organization called Sila 360, said “We have looked a lot towards Canada and see how they have been dealing with things, and that has helped us to put into words how this systemic discrimination and racism works.” (Globe and Mail, A3, February 6, 2026)

## ***United Church of Canada...***



### **United Church of Canada e-Newsletters**

<https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

Connect to E-essentials, Embracing the Spirit, God’s Mission, Our Gifts, Intercultural Ministries News, Living into Right Relations, United Action for Justice ...

**EOORC News** has returned to a weekly distribution.

Click on the link above to read the Newsletter.

<https://eoorc.ca/news/>

Check out other Christian organizations and their opportunities

Churchx

<https://www.churchx.ca>

Healing Pathways

<https://healingpathway.ca/>

Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality

<https://www.osts.ca/>

United Church of Canada Foundation

<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/>

### **Cross Country Check-in**

The General Council Executive meets February 20–21<sup>st</sup> for its first meeting of 2026.

Shortly after, people across the country are invited to join a [live Cross-Country Check-In](#) on February 25, 2026 (6:00–7:30 pm ET).

This online town hall is a chance to connect directly with church leadership, ask questions about General Council 45, learn more about how the GCE works, and put faces to names. Whether you choose to listen in or call with a question, all are welcome.

The conversation will be hosted by Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly, Regional Council Executive Minister, and will feature the Acting General Secretary, Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, along with guests from the GCE. [Click here to register](#)

### **Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program**

As 2026 begins and we look forward to new opportunities, we are pleased to confirm registration is open for spring 2026 OPCTP courses. Check out the brochure links below for program details including registration and payment information. Early bird registration for the basic course is available until February 27th. Register early to confirm your space!

Our Spring 2026 Basic Training Course brochure is available at

<https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/S2026-Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>

We are also excited to present our next Continuing Education event on Tuesday April 14th from 7- 9pm by Zoom. In this session, representatives from Bereaved Families of Ottawa lead a session called Disenfranchised Grief: The Losses We Don't Talk About. The program brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/S2026-Con-Ed-Brochure-Portrait.pdf>

## ***Community...***

### **Songs of Love ... and Loss**

**A benefit concert for the Ottawa Humane Society**

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3 pm,

at St. Bartholomew's Anglican, 125 MacKay St

Admission: Freewill Offering

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... and Loss**  
A Benefit Concert for the  
Ottawa Humane Society



  
Patricia Beckett, Soprano

  
Frédéric Lacroix, Piano

Sunday March 22nd, 2026 3pm  
St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church 125 MacKay Street, Ottawa  
Freewill Offering/Pay-What-You-Can

## **Rites of Passage: Changing Ways of Marking Death and Dying in Our Communities**

Conversations with Leaders (Zoom event): February 19, 2026, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

To register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2917703254229/WN\\_194EJ0BTu-YQQ3ko8b3gg?mc\\_cid=a3b00849eb&mc\\_eid=d4026de961#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2917703254229/WN_194EJ0BTu-YQQ3ko8b3gg?mc_cid=a3b00849eb&mc_eid=d4026de961#/registration)

Conversations about death and dying are shaped by faith, culture, and community – and they are changing. In this live Conversations with Leaders event, we bring together voices from diverse religious traditions and the funeral profession to reflect on how end-of-life rites, practices, and attitudes have evolved in recent years. Speakers will explore the impacts of COVID-19, shifting family and community structures, and emerging conversations. Together, they will reflect on how communities mark the end of life, care for one another in times of loss, and seek meaning, dignity, and connection in the face of death.

A poster and some additional content information is posted on our community event board in the hallway by the Lounge

### ***Our Ministry Team...***

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