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February 25, 2026

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.

March 1st

10:30 am

Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting - March 1, 2026

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506488263?pwd=9XOyZqqfsabbJnqWtXCanBKRHGvxeV.1>

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.

Copies of the draft 2025 Annual Report and some other documentation was sent out last Monday. Hard copies were available last Sunday.

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 <join meeting> link is located at the beginning of this article. **The meeting ID is 885 0648 8263 and the passcode: 572712**

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March 1st 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.

Glebe-St. James Critical Roof Repair Fundraising for the roof

With the generous support of members of the congregation, we have raised enough funding, through pledges and donations, to provide the basis to apply to the Eastern Ontario and Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC) for a matching loan to cover half the cost of the roof repairs. The loan application will be submitted this week and EOORC have undertaken to give it rapid consideration. We will still need support from the congregation in future years to pay back the loan, but in the meantime we want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed or made a pledge for this important project. Thank you many times over! There will be a more detailed report at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

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.

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) know.

March 29th: Palm Sunday

April 2nd: Maundy Thursday (service at 7 pm)

April 3rd: Good Friday (service at 10:30 am)

April 4th: Easter Sunday

Lenten Book Study

The Lenten book study will begin on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30 pm on Zoom. Bless Break Share: Recipes for Faithful Living is a United Church publication that offers a daily reading for each day of Lent. The Study Guide in the back of the book offers different conversation questions to share as a group. We do have a few copies on hand.



If God Lived Next Door

Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org
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If God lived next door,
I'd drop off a loaf of bread.
I'd use my mom's best recipe.
I'd wrap it in parchment and ribbon
and place it on the front stoop.
If God lived next door,
I'd leave a note with my phone number.
Call anytime you need anything!
I'm always happy to help!
If God lived next door,
I'd keep sugar on the shelf,
just in case she needed a cup.
I'd put a picnic table in the front yard
and begin taking my coffee there.

Whenever God passed by with their gaggle of rescue dogs,
I could say, *Want to sit for a moment? Want to rest your
legs?*

I'd keep a jar of dog treats and water by the mailbox
and change my doormat to one that says:

All are welcome here.

I'd invite God over for dinner.

She'd bring bread and juice.

I'd host a block party,
so that everyone could meet her.

I'd start a community garden
so that the kids could run between rows of squash and
tomatoes

while we adults put our hands in the dirt.

We'd share stories while we weeded,
and eat harvest meals at the end of the season.

If God lived next door,

I'd want to build something beautiful.

Then again,

who says she doesn't?

Regular activities at Glebe-St. James...

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

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

Next week the knitters will not be at the church but are travelling to Almonte and the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum to visit the new Exhibit celebrating Palestinian Culture. For more information, contact Susan Palmai.

Queer Space – every other Tuesday

Join us for Queer Space - 6 pm on March 10th 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.

Linda Posthuma will lead our March 15th meeting, which will be an introduction to a contemplative art prayer practice. Do ask Linda if you have questions. Judy Wolanski will open the labyrinth right after our potluck lunch in case some people prefer to take their "life questions or heart questions" into the labyrinth. They can walk instead of making cards/ or after making the cards.

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 March gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th.

Come at 5:30 for a 6 pm start.

Kwe Kwe

(pronounced "kway", meaning greetings in the Algonquin language)



Maple Syrup season is fast approaching. Many Indigenous peoples consider maple syrup a sacred gift and traditionally used it for food and medicine. Making maple syrup is one of the skills they willingly passed on to European settlers. When we visit a sugar bush and are reminded of the "old-fashioned" methods of harvesting the sap, think about this gift from the original people on the land. Consider purchasing your maple syrup from an Indigenous vendor (Madahoki Farm on West Hunt Club or A7G in the Byward market) or from a local settler vendor who sells Indigenous-made maple syrup (google wabanakimaple.com)

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 20–21st 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...

HIGHJINX

Highjinx, at 290 Kent St, has been part of Ottawa's social fabric for more than a decade. The organization provides daily connection, food, and practical support to unhoused and precariously housed neighbours- services that reduce isolation, strengthen community safety, and help people stabilize during difficult periods.

After more than 10 years at this location, Highjinx has been informed that the City of Ottawa has issued a Notice of Violation to the landlord related to occupancy and use. This issue began over a year ago, and Highjinx feel it's important to share that we are now navigating a period of real uncertainty. For more information on Highjinx see their website highjinxottawa.com or Facebook page [highjinx](https://www.facebook.com/highjinx).

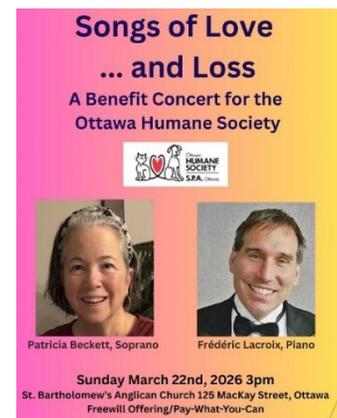
If you would like to support Highjinx by writing to your local City Councillor attached is a template letter to assist your letter writing plus more details from Highjinx.

Songs of Love ... and Loss

A benefit concert for the Ottawa Humane Society
Sunday, March 22nd, 3 pm,
at St. Bartholomew's Anglican, 125 MacKay St
Admission: Freewill Offering

Joy of Sharing Concert

With music from Big Soul Project Community Choir
Saturday, March 21st, 7:30 pm
At Centretown United Church, 507 Bank St
Adults: \$ 25 Under 12: free
info@foodsharingottawa.com



**In support of MultiFaith Housing
Atlantic Voices Choir and
Ottawa Acoustic Duo *100 Floors Above***

Sunday, March 29th, 3 pm at

Woodroffe United Church

Admission: Free-will offering donations will support
MultiFaith Housing's newest build Odenak on Lebreton Flats.

Tax receipts for amounts over \$ 25.

(cash, debit, visa, mastercard accepted)

Our Ministry Team...

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