



Glebe-St. James United Church
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May 13, 2026

May 17th

10:30 am

Reading:

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Scripture

Coffee Time

Ascension of Jesus Sunday

Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole

Acts 1:6-14

Susan Palmai

Marsha Hay Snyder

Barb Coyle

Liz Elton

Queer Spaces

The May 16th date has been cancelled. See you May 30th

Women's Intergenerational Group (WIG) – May 17th

How has a travel changed my life? We have all travelled, near or far. Travel can have a significant impact on our life, our way of thinking, or our relationships with others. WIG will meet on Sunday May 17th after coffee hour to share a travel experience that changed us and learn from each other. Thanks to Susan Palmai for offering to facilitate. This meeting will be potluck, and finish by 1:30.

Labyrinth: Third Sunday of each month, 3 - 5 pm.

Come find your quiet centre. Contact: Judy Wolanski



George Pike: We extend our deepest sympathies to Sue Pike and family on the passing of her husband George on May 11th. George sang in the choir for fifty years and held several volunteer roles over the years here at Glebe-St. James. Details regarding a service will follow.

Call for Input to Annual Staff Review by May 29, 2026

The Ministry and Personnel Committee (M&P) will be holding annual staff reviews soon. As a regular part of this process, we invite the congregation to share praise or concerns about staff, both ministry and lay personnel, in writing. The substance of the written comments will be discussed with staff during the review meeting. Issues raised will be considered confidentially and acted upon by M&P. Anonymous comments will not be considered.

This year we will conduct reviews for Paul, Kayla and Jennifer in June. Rev Dr Teresa's interview will take place in the Fall, as her last review was done last December.

Please send in your responses regarding individual staff members by Friday May 29, 2026 to the lay support person indicated below, by email or in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" delivered to the church office:

- Jim Louter (jim.louter@gmail.com) - Kayla Cseh (Children's Church Leader)
- Margo Williams (margoewilliams@yahoo.ca) - Paul Grose (Minister of Music)
- Julia Barry (juliaamy@gmail.com) - Jennifer Reid (Office Administrator)
- Martha Milne (marthacm@rogers.com) - Rev Dr Teresa Burnett-Cole (Coordinating Minister)

We are blessed and thankful for the work of staff in our congregation.

Photo Directories are in

If your photo, included in the directory, was taken by Universal, then we have a complimentary copy of the Photo directory for you. If not, and you would like to purchase a copy, the cost is \$ 20.

This Sunday, the Photo Directories will be in the office.

Please note that the contact information included in the directories is for personal use only.

Kwe Kwe

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

Odawa Powwow, May 23 & 24th, Noon - 6 pm



Kick Off the 2026 Powwow season with a visit to the Odawa Native Friendship Centre's Powwow. Odawa is marking 50 years of providing services to Indigenous people in the Ottawa area. Enjoy Indigenous dancing, music and food close to home. Events take place at the Friendship Centre, 815 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa.

May 23rd Great Glebe Garage Sale

Good response and we are needing a few more volunteers

Things are going nicely and we have ordered good weather. We have a number of volunteers and we are looking for two more to share the load.

All good....please connect with either Jennifer Reid or Dudleigh Coyle.



Glebe-St James Goes Out to Dinner Spring 2026 edition – Sign up now!

By popular demand, we will be holding Glebe-St James Goes Out to Dinner on the last Saturday in May and the first three Saturdays in June. And if weekends don't work, there is also a dinner on Thursday, June 11. This is a fundraising event, but even more important it is a community-building event, an opportunity to get to know each other better. We have a first round of sign-ups, but there is room to grow!

The model is simple, with two forms of participation – hosts and guests. The hosts organize a dinner on one of the four nights. The guests indicate which night interests them and are assigned to one of the hosts.

As a first step, people who are interested in participating are asked to get in touch with Margaret Ford and David Brown at fordbrown@rogers.com or through Jennifer Reid at the church office (613) 236-0617 ext. 221. Please indicate the following:

- **Hosts:** there is room for hosts on all four of the Saturdays in question. Please indicate which of them – May 30 and June 6, 13 and 20 - you are available to host a dinner. If you are available on more than one Saturday, please indicate your order of preference – at this stage all dates are open. (We are assuming you will only host one dinner, but you are of course free to host more than one! You can also attend another dinner as a guest.)
- **Guests:** please indicate which of the Saturdays you would like to participate as a diner. (As noted below, there is also a dinner on a Thursday – June 11.) You are welcome to indicate more than one dinner (although in that case you are asked to make a contribution for each meal). You will then be assigned to one of the hosts.
- **Dates:** the available dates are May 30 and June 6, 11, 13 and 20. It is assumed that the dinners will be in the evening.

Fundraising: as a fundraiser, the event is covered by Canada Revenue Agency rules. Details will be provided as hosts and guests are signed up. The basic dynamic, however, is that at the end of the meal, the guests leave a sealed envelope with a contribution to Glebe-St James – there is no fixed amount, but a suggestion is what you would pay at a restaurant on a Saturday night out. The hosts can claim a tax receipt for a fixed amount to cover the costs of the meal. In both cases, an initial part of the contribution is treated as a personal benefit but amounts over that threshold can be claimed as a charitable contribution to Glebe-St James.

Glebe-St James Goes Out to Dinner is a great event - we hope to see you there!

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.

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

Come join us at Glebe-St. James on Tuesday afternoons for some tea and a good natter. Some of us even get some knitting done. Feel free to drop by on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm (Lounge) and bring whatever project you happen to be working on.

Queer Space – We've moved to Saturdays

Join us for Queer Space – every other Saturday at 6 pm in Lounge. We hope to see you on **May 30th**.

Men & Friends – Wednesday, May 27th

Come at 5:30 for dinner at 6 pm

Mark the date and all will be good.

We will talk about our summer plans.

Glebe Montessori School (GMS) News...

The last newsletter of the school year is out. Here are some highlights:

The Mad Hatters Tea Party will be performed by the Elementary Afterschool Program. All are welcome to attend: Monday, June 8th, 4:45 – 5:30 pm, in the Sanctuary.

- Volunteers needed.... Every summer GMS and GSJ work together to maintain and harvest a garden which assists Centre 507 in feeding members of the community. Sign-up will be happening soon.
- The year end-bbq is scheduled for Thursday, June 18th. This means that Lyon Street, in front of the Church, will be closed 11 am – 2 pm.
- Summer camps start June 29th.

Volunteers needed...

We are always looking for volunteers to help out here at Glebe-St. James and in our community.

Call for Volunteer Gardeners! We're looking for people to spend one hour a week, for one week or more, between mid-June and the end of August, weeding and harvesting herbs and vegetables at the small garden on Lyon Street.

Glebe-St James and Glebe Montessori School, in partnership, grow herbs and vegetables for Centre 507's meal program in the plot of land beside the Lyon St entrance. We work with the school to get the garden started in May-June and finished off in September-October. During school vacation we need extra hands.

You may work alone or with another gardener at a time that suits your schedule.

No experience? No worries. Coaching will gladly be provided.

Interested? Contact Marsha Hay Snyder (marshahaysnyder@gmail.com) or Jennifer in the office (admin@glebestjames.ca).

Council: Vice-Chair

We are looking for someone who is willing to join our Council as Vice-Chair. This position transitions into "Chair of Council" at our next Annual Congregational Meeting in 2027. After 2 years in that position, this person becomes the Past Chair until a new Chair is voted in. This is how our church governance is structured, similar to many other United Churches.

Our new Vice-Chair steps into the role surrounded by many supports. We have a remarkable leadership team full of others who have taken on this role and know the church well. Our staff is full of dedicated individuals who bring great strength to the congregation and administer the business of running the church. We have a functioning Board of Trustees who are committed to ensuring our future. We have an active Finance and Admin team that ensures our fiscal health. We have a host of volunteers that ensure we keep making a difference year after year. Pam Fitch has even created a job description of the role if you would like to know more.

It's best for all of us if you bring an open heart to the role and able to listen - one of the great strengths of our current Chair of Council, Wendy Bergeron. Wendy suggested on a few occasions that we need a "unicorn" for the role. We've been fortunate in our other searches and found a few unicorns, our most recent being Paul Grose who assumed the Minister of Music role in January.

So it is true - We seek a unicorn. We seek someone with a willingness to accept leadership at Glebe-St. James and an interest in moving our community forward. The next few years are crucial to our church's success, given the national church's Toward 2035 initiative. We want this amazing congregation to continue, grow and thrive. To be the welcoming place that it is for so many. We see a bright future for our church but we need leadership.

If you have experience and perspective, please share your ideas. If you imagine us governing differently, I want to hear about that. If you have never done anything like this but you feel intrigued, please let me know. If you know of someone who might be a good fit, ask them, and, with their permission, share their name with me. Without leadership, our governance model becomes vulnerable. If you can put your hand up for this essential and important role, eyes wide open, Glebe-St. James' future is assured. I'll be at coffee if you want to chat. Thank you!



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Puzzle & Game sale
Saturday, June 13th
2 – 4 pm

Do you have puzzles looking for a new home?

Please pack the pieces into a ziplock bag, put the bag into the puzzle box and drop it off at the Church when you are going past. If Jennifer is not around, please leave them in the kitchen. She will get them. If there is a piece or two missing, please make a note on the bottom of the box.

We will take games too!

June 13th drop by between 2 and 4 pm

Outreach

Tulipathon: May 24th

Sunday, May 24th, 2 – 4 pm at Commissioners' Park at Dows Lake

More information: www.multifaithhousing.ca

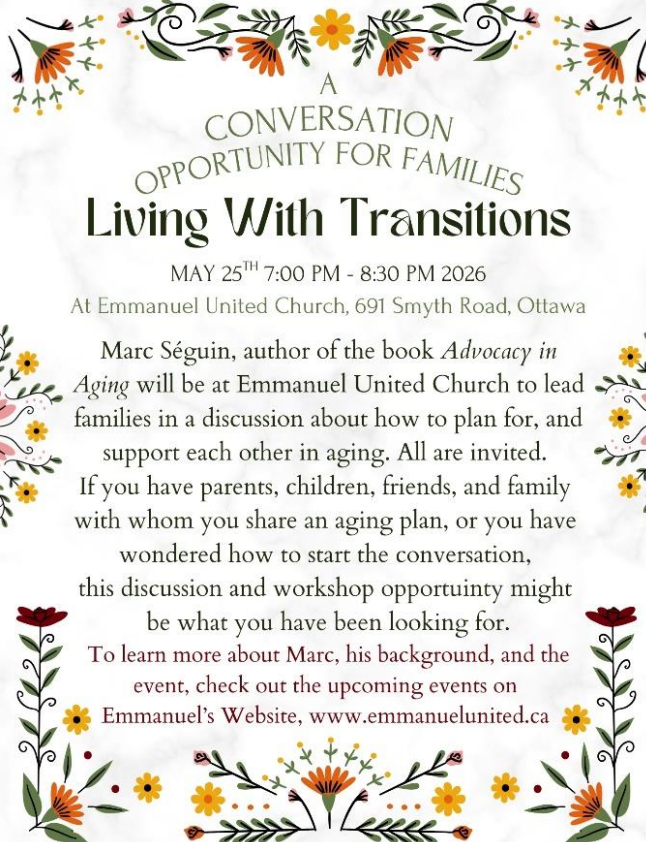
Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) is a non-profit charitable organization that provides safe, affordable and permanent housing to over 1,500 people in 9 housing communities throughout Ottawa. Your donation will help provide subsidies for families and individuals in need of a bit of extra help to make ends meet, especially with the rising cost of living.

Tulipathon is one of MHI's largest fundraisers.

[Rebecca Dalton](#) has created a Team fundraiser page for Tulipathon. To make a donation, please click on Rebecca's name and then on the Donate button. You can make a monthly or a one-time donation. Just click the appropriate button.

Thanks so much for your support and please don't forget to share this page with any family and friends you think might be interested in supporting this worthy cause. You're also welcome to participate in the event on Sunday, May 24th at Commissioners Park (across from Dow's Lake).

South-East Ottawa Cluster



A
CONVERSATION
OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES
Living With Transitions
MAY 25TH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 2026
At Emmanuel United Church, 691 Smyth Road, Ottawa

Marc Séguin, author of the book *Advocacy in Aging* will be at Emmanuel United Church to lead families in a discussion about how to plan for, and support each other in aging. All are invited. If you have parents, children, friends, and family with whom you share an aging plan, or you have wondered how to start the conversation, this discussion and workshop opportunity might be what you have been looking for. To learn more about Marc, his background, and the event, check out the upcoming events on Emmanuel's Website, www.emmanuelunited.ca

Big Soul
PROJECT

lifting you higher

Featuring Deep Groove Band
Tahlia DeCorso, Music Director



**“Living in Community”
Choir Concert
in support of:**



MULTIFAITH
Housing Initiative

May 30, 2026
Doors open at 7:00 PM
Show begins at 7:30 PM

**Rideau Park
United Church**
2203 Alta Vista Drive
Ottawa, ON
www.rideaupark.ca
613-733-3156

\$25
(Youth under 12 free)



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MHI will own and operate
133 of the affordable units in
the new Odenak development!

All concert proceeds support this project!

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United Church of Canada e-Newsletters

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EOORC News has returned to a weekly distribution. <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>
It comes out late on Wednesday afternoons (around 4 pm) , so if you are interested, please click on the link <https://eoorc.ca/news/>

E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/e-ssentials-4755566?e=0bf05e5b18>
May 12th issue: Moose Hide Campaign Day; No One Left Behind – Guaranteed Livable Income; United Church visits Mohawk Institute to honour residential school survivors; United Church archives makes headlines following upsurge in genealogy requests; and more

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

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Annual General Meeting

May 29 – 30th at Trinity United (Smiths Falls)

Registration deadline (including meals) is Thursday, May 14th

Meal plan includes Friday lunch, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch

Registration and information available: <https://eoorc.ca/2026-eoorc-agm/>

Community...

[Carlington Community Connection Race Weekend](#)

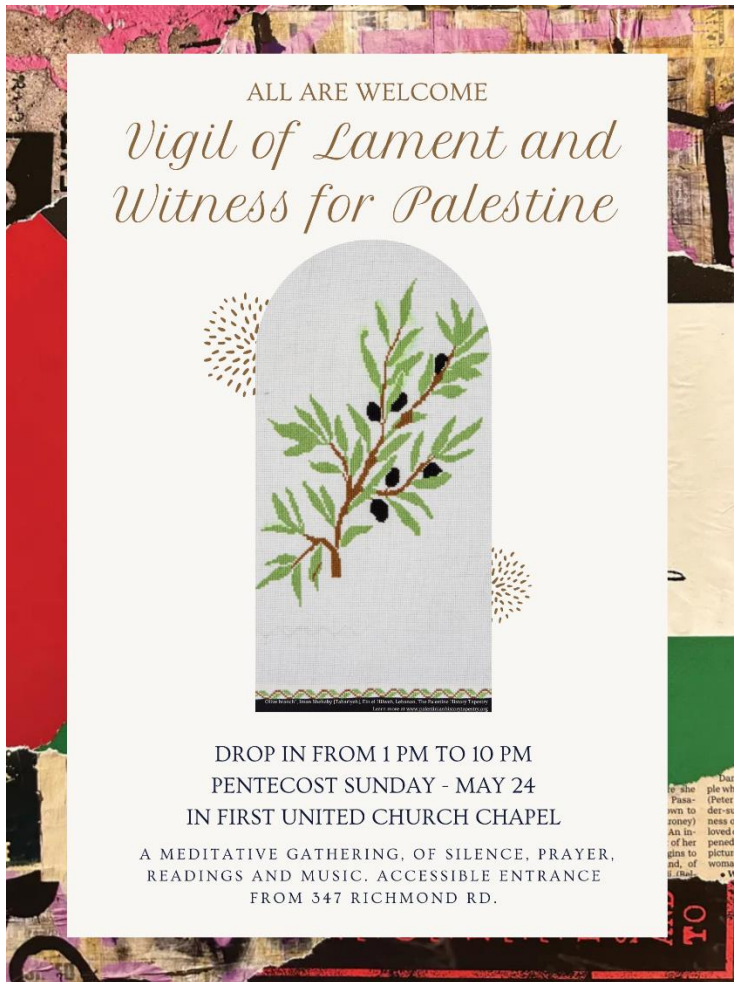
Imagine a Carlington Community where neighbours cheer each other on and everyone experiences togetherness.

On Saturday, May 23rd, as part of the Desjardins Charity Challenge during the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend, Carlington Community Connection is reaching out to you for support. Our goal is to raise \$ 10,000 to fund essential programs that address loneliness and isolation in our neighbourhood and foster genuine human connection. By helping us reach our goal, together we can build a stronger, more connected Carlington community—one where everyone has someone.

Your support will spark lasting friendships, ignite hope, and ensure nobody is left behind!

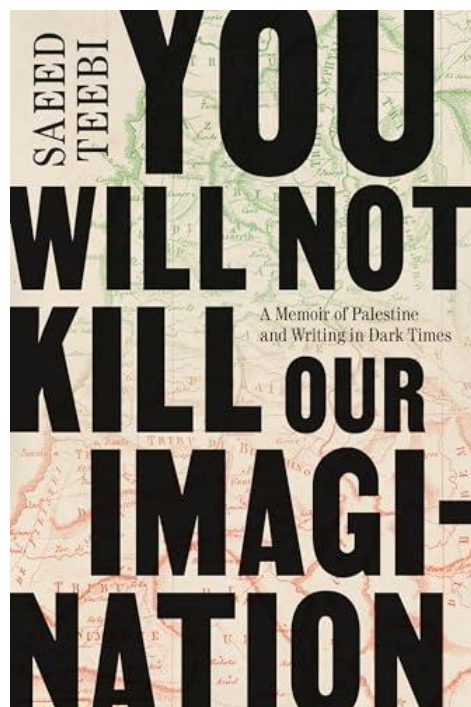
Ready to make a real impact?

<https://mailchi.mp/0f5abeaa02d8/unstoppable-together-10342890?e=c6ce9f4b1b>



Amidst the ongoing violence and deprivation in Gaza and the West Bank, a Vigil of Lament and Witness will be held for the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians killed, wounded, uprooted, starved and traumatized by Israel's ongoing genocide.

This "come and go" vigil will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at First United Church Westboro, 347 Richmond Road (accessible entrance). Street parking is free on Sunday. All are welcome to participate in this mostly silent 9-hour vigil with opportunity for candle lighting and, at regular intervals, bidding prayers, special readings, and Palestinian music. For further information please email sandramary.ballantyne@gmail.com.



Ada Scott called this week to let me know about this book by Saeed Teebi. She says it is an easy read and she has had trouble putting it down.

You Will Not Kill Our Imagination: A Memoir of Palestine and Writing in Dark Times
[Saeed Teebi](#)

A vital, fearless memoir in the vein of *Between the World and Me* that explores what it means to be a Palestinian in this moment, the effects of the genocide on Palestinian art and imagination, and that to even claim a belonging to the land from a country thousands of miles away is an act of subversion.

Imagination is a more powerful force than hope.

Acclaimed author Saeed Teebi was at work on his first novel when the attacks on Gaza began in late 2023. The violence and cruelty of the attacks, accompanied by the assent and silence of international governments, stunned many across the globe, like Teebi, into a new state of permanent horror.

What does it mean to be of the Palestinian diaspora in such a moment? What does it mean to be of a people who have sustained such a large-scale assault not only on their homeland, but their entire identity? What is the role of art, of language—of imagination—in asserting one's identity, when that very assertion is read as an act of subversion?

In this incisive work, Teebi explores, with searing, razor-sharp prose, the effects of genocide on the bodies, minds, and imaginations—of Palestinians especially, and humanity in general.

This is at once a memoir of one family's displacement, a scathing indictment of global complicity in the face of brutality, and a profound rumination on art and imagination as a means of defiance. It is an astonishing work of resistance by a major intellect, and it is both urgent and timeless.

**Hymn Sing with
Ernie & Lynda Cox and
Garth Hampson (The Singing Mountie)
Sunday, May 24th, 6:30 pm at
St. Andrew's United Church (Cumberland)
Admittance: Free will offering
More info: info@standrewscumberland.org**

Our Ministry Team...

Coordinating Minister: Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole, ex 224; Revtbc.gsj@gmail.com

Children's Church Leader: Kayla Cseh, ex 222; Childrenchurch.gsj@gmail.com

Minister of Music: Paul Grose, ex 225; min.music.gsj@gmail.com

Minister of Music Emeritus: Robert Palmai

Accounts: Lori Stinson, ex 223; accts.glebestjames@gmail.com

Church Administrator: Jennifer Reid, ex 221; admin@glebestjames.ca

Glebe-St James: May 18th – May 23rd

Monday (holiday Monday – Office is closed)			
	12 noon – 9 pm	GNAG: Guitar lessons	Tower Room
	1 pm	Monday Crafts	Judy Wolanski's
Tuesday			
	10 am	Chess	Sanctuary
	12 noon – 4 pm	GNAG: Guitar lessons	Tower Room
	1:30 pm	Knitting	Lounge
	3:30 – 7 pm	GNAG: after school programming	Art Room, Lounge & Sanctuary
	5:45 – 6:15 pm	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Beavers	Fraser Hall
Wednesday			
	3:30 – 5:30 pm	GNAG: after school programming	Art Room & Lounge
Thursday			
	3:30 – 6:15 pm	GNAG: after school programming	Art Room & Lounge
	7 pm	Writing Group	Art Room
	7 pm	GSJ Choir	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Venturers	Lounge
Friday			
	1-4 pm	GMS Art Class	Art Room
	3:30 – 6:15 pm	GNAG: after school programming	Art Room & Lounge
Saturday			
	to 5 pm	Music (Paul)	Sanctuary
	9 am – 1 pm	Exercise with Cate (2 sessions)	Fraser Hall

If you are interested in any of the above events, please contact Jennifer (admin@glebestjames.ca) and she will provide you with contact info.

A reminder:

The Steering Committee meeting has been moved from May 20th to May 27th and will be held in-person (Fraser Hall)