



OTTAWA CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY

ENGAGING CHRIST, COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Hospitality: *Theme of the Year*



by Ryan Farrell,
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Luke 10:41-42

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

I often read the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42 as a warning not to become distracted by busyness or commitments and forget to spend time with God. This is a good way to read the text but recently my eyes were opened to a different (and equally challenging) message in this passage.

It began by picking up delicious coconut curry soup, sweet bread, and boerenkool from two meal sponsors for our weekly dinner, Feast & Faith. All I needed to do was heat up the food and we were ready to feed 25 hungry students. One problem. When I put the soup in the crockpot to heat up, I either forgot to turn it on or it broke. Oh, and when I preheated the oven I forgot to hit "start." Oops!

Dinner was running terribly behind. 5 minutes. 10 minutes. 30 minutes late. By the time we said thanks and served the meal I was covered in soup splatters and sweat with a stack of dishes in the kitchen. As new students who discovered us via posters and Clubs Fair piled in I barely acknowledged their presence. I was much too busy stressing about getting dinner on the table in time. I even had the audacity to wonder why more people weren't helping me!

Our theme for the school year is biblical hospitality. What kind of hospitality were we offering students by making them wait extra long for dinner? Our plans (my plans) needed to run smoothly. But soon I realized how wrong I was. When I finally sat down to eat I looked around the room and noticed something incredibly inspiring.

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All of the student interns (you will meet them on page 3) were interspersed throughout the room, deep in meaningful conversation, with the newcomers to our group. They were being present to our guests.

That is when I realized I was being a Martha. It's not that dinner was not important. But my attitude needed to shift. I was so focused on details, details, details that I was not present to our guests. In the story Jesus is Martha and Mary's guest in their home. Mary looks like a slacker and Martha is doing all the quintessentially hospitable things. But it's Mary who got it. Biblical hospitality is sitting attentively with someone. It's about listening and presence, not a perfectly presented on time dinner.

In the Feast & Faith story I am Martha, worried about many things. The interns are Mary. They're emotionally available to new arrivals, extending belonging and welcome. And they are a great model of true biblical hospitality for us all!

On a prayer walk/retreat led by Intern Carlos



Ecumenical worship service at the Agora (on campus)



Representing spiritual wellness at the university



STUDENT LEADERS

From: Winnipeg, MB

Studying:
Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance

If you were a kitchen utensil...
I would be an egg mixer because I like to mix excitement into life.

LIANA FONSECA



God is teaching me a lot about aggressively trusting Him and his plan for my life. OCC is a beautiful community of faith that has surrounded me and supported me through some of the most stressful and busy times of my life, even during a pandemic!

NELANI COLLETTI

From: Franklin, Tennessee

Studying:
Honours International Studies and Modern Languages

If you were a kitchen utensil...
I'd be a mini rice cooker, because I'm Asian, practical, and cute.

“ God is growing me by making me a better team member. OCC has blessed me by being a place where we can all question in community.

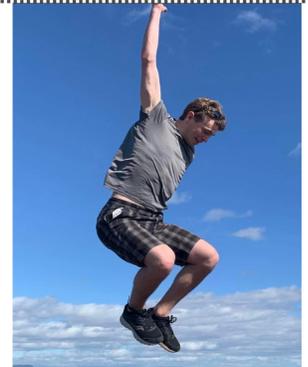


JACOB MACDONALD

From:
Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia

Studying:
Graduate Diploma in Music Performance

If you were a kitchen utensil...
I would be a toaster because after sitting for a while I feel the need to jump



My role in OCC is focused on ministry to graduate students, reaching out and creating a space where grad students can connect and study the Bible. Lately God has been teaching me about His sovereignty and my desperate need for constant dependence on His strength and joy. OCC has been a huge blessing to me by providing an amazing Christian community on campus, and has strengthened my faith through discussions which challenge my own perspective.

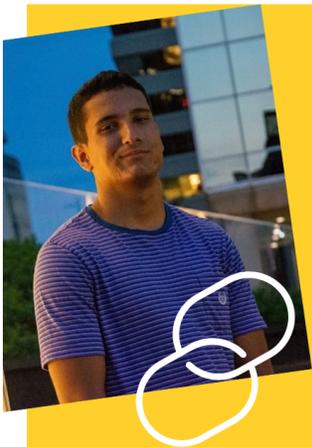
CARLOS RIOS

From:
Greenville, South Carolina

Studying:
Honours Bachelor of Science in Translational and Molecular Medicine

If you were a kitchen utensil...
I would be a spoon, since I really like cereal lol

I am working on creating a safe space where students can talk about their worries in life, and events centred on prayer and spirituality. OCC has been such a great blessing by providing Christian community with whom I could interact with and grow.



From: Kingston, Jamaica

Studying:
Honours BSocSc in Political Science and Minor in Economics

If you were a kitchen utensil...
I would be a crock pot (cause there's always something stewing in my mind)

KRISTEN FERGUSON

I'm working on helping OCC students have healthy conversations about contentious issues. God is growing my ability to find joy in him and see beauty in the world he created. OCC has blessed me by providing an open space to explore the nuances of my faith in the company of people who love to do the same thing!





GOINGS ON

Taste of life at OCC

Advent Worship Nights

Winter Weekend Retreat

The Story of Scripture Study

Volunteering at a soup kitchen

Ryan working with Multi-Faith office at uOttawa



THE OCC LORD'S PRAYER

- **Hallowed be God's name** (that students will know the hope of God's glory);
- **On campus as it is in heaven** (attentiveness to how the Spirit is at work all around us, creativity in our ministry);
- **Our daily bread** (financial resources and food on the table for Feast & Faith);
- **Forgive us our trespasses** (may the chaplaincy be led with humility, may students experience Christ's redemption);
- **Deliver us from evil** (pray for acts of compassion and justice as students seek to get involved in the public sphere).



PRAY

Crucial to our presence on campus are our Friends of the Chaplaincy, those of you who pray and give regularly to our work. **Ways to give:**

1. **E-transfer and/or Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** to become a monthly donor. E-transfers can be made to ocrccbookkeeping@gmail.com and you can use the same email to set up PAR.
2. **Canada Helps** via our website. Click on the "Donate" tab or the link below.
3. **Cheque** in the snail mail.

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