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Announcements for Sunday, April 9, 2017

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

9:00 am Worship:	
Leaders of Worship	Rev Ivan and Judy Norton
Organist	Dale Griffiths
_	Margaret Hayes and Friends

Teller/Projectionist.......Gary Dunfield

11:00 am Worship:

Leaders of Worship	Rev Ivan and Judy Norton
Organist/Music Director	Ken Hassell
	Richard & Lola Pineo
Announcements	Chris Seymour
	Vangé Leslie, Helen Seymour, Sandra Tremblett
Tellers	Helen Gill, Betty MacDonald
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Special Congregational Meeting – On Sunday, May 7, 2017, following the 11:00 am service, there will be a congregational meeting to receive and accept the report from the Joint Needs Assessment Committee. Following the acceptance of the report, a Search Committee will be appointed. If you are interested in serving on the Search Committee, please let Gary Dunfield know.

Reception of Members – It is our joy and privilege to welcome to the membership of Orchard Valley United Church, by transfer from other churches:

- Jeanette and Eugene Bartlett
- Elizabeth Miller
- Alice Morse
- Violet Roy

Office Closure – The OVUC Church Office will be closed on Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17 for the Easter Holidays.

FundScrip – The Men's Group runs the "FundScrip" fundraising program. To obtain details on how the program works, please see one of the men at the back of the Sanctuary. The upcoming order and delivery dates are as follows:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
April 2	April 9
April 16	April 23
April 30	May 7

Dessert & A Movie! – Sunday, April 9, 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, come for a time of fellowship and enjoyment. Dessert and tea/coffee will be served at 6:00 pm. At 6:30 pm, we will continue our Holy Week focus with *The Gospel Road*, filmed in 1973, featuring Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash. A basket for free-will offering will be available; proceeds toward renovations being made at Sherbrooke Lake Camp. Come and enjoy!

OV-UCW Next Meeting – The next meeting of the OV-UCW will be held on April 10, 2:00 pm at OVUC. <u>Please note change in date</u>. Guest speaker will be Michelle Parker, Kings County Safety Coordinator, for the Senior Safety Society. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this safety program for seniors.

"Meet Your Feet" Free Foot Care Clinic – Orchard Valley United Church offers a free monthly foot care clinic. The next sessions will be:

- Open Arms, Kentville Wednesday, April 12, 9:00 am-12:00 pm,
- Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas Thursday, April 13, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Wolfville Thursday, April 13, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm For information and/or transportation, please call 902-681-0366 ext 1.

Good Friday Fundraising Breakfast – The Friday Morning Breakfast Women invite the congregation for an Easter fundraising breakfast, Good Friday morning, April 14, at 9:00 am. The cost is \$8.00 per person. All are welcome.

Open Arms Meal Donations – OVUC is collecting monetary donations for the supper we will be serving at Open Arms on April 29. Please put your donation in one of the Open Arms Supper envelopes available on the back table or in your regular offering envelope, showing the amount to go towards "Open Arms Supper.

Crisis in Africa – People across Africa are facing extreme drought that is causing food and water shortages. Crops are drying up, soil is eroding, livestock are dying off, and communities are struggling. Almost one million children are in need of treatment for acute malnutrition. The United Church is joining Mission & Service partners ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to respond to this crisis. Please provide your support today. Donations may be made through OVUC. Please mark your contribution "African Drought" and place it in the collection plate or send it to the office. It will be sent on through the M&S Fund. Thanks for your generosity!

Help Needed – The Pastoral Care Committee would like to recruit several volunteers to help with worship services in seniors' facilities. "Duties" include chatting with the residents, assisting with hymnbooks and helping with the singing (talent not required!). If you can help with this, please talk with Vangé Leslie, or Ivan or Judy, or call the church office (902-681-0366, ext 1).

Joint Needs Assessment Survey – Please complete the survey about the congregation's ministerial needs by April 17, either online or on paper. Copies are available at the church and on the Orchard Valley website. The Committee looks forward to presenting its report to the congregation by the end of the month and getting your votes on May 7 at the Special Congregational Meeting. Thank you for participating in this important next step on the road to calling ministerial staff to our church!

This Week in the Orchard - April 9-15, 2017

Sun, Apr 9	9:00 am	Worship Service (Contemporary)
_	11:00 am	Worship Service (Traditional)
	6:00 pm	Dessert & a Movie!
Mon, Apr 10	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee
	2:00 pm	OV-UCW Meeting & Program
Tues, Apr 11	10:00 am	Covenanter Church Committee
	3:00 pm	Stewardship Committee
	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wed, Apr 12	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
	7:00 pm	WAICC (Wolfville)
Thurs, Apr 13	9:00 am	Meet Your Feet Foot Care Clinic (OVUC)
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
		and Tenebrae
Fri, Apr 14	OFFICE CLOSED	
-	9:00 am	Fundraising Pancake Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship Service

Worship for Seniors - April

Sun, Apr 9	2:30 pm	Kings Riverside Court, Kentville
Mon, Apr 24	2:30 pm	Blomidon Court Shannex, Greenwich
Wed, Apr 26	10:15 am	Wolfville Elms, Wolfville
u -	11:00 am	Wolfville Nursing Home, Wolfville

Community Events (please see the bulletin board for more information)

Good Friday Ecumenical Service – Please come for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (Apr 14). Location – Bethany Memorial Baptist Church, 539 Aldershot Rd, Aldershot. Start time – 7:00 pm. Offering proceeds – Kentville, New Minas & Area Council of Churches. Tenebrae service (Latin for shadows) bringing forth the emotional aspects of the passion story. All are welcome!

Gala Dinner 2017 – A fundraiser in support of AST. From Syria with Chocolate: One New Canadian Family's Story, with Guest Speaker Tareq Hadhad. Location: The Lord Nelson Hotel, 1515 South Park St, Halifax, NS. Reserve your spot before Friday, April 14. Gala Date: Friday, May 5, Reception 6 pm / Dinner 7 pm. Tickets: \$150 per person or \$1,500 per table of 10. Details on our website: http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events/gala-2017.html.

Healing the Body: Church Renewal in Response to the Sexual Abuse Crisis – St. Columba Chapel, 634 Francklyn Street, Halifax. Saturday, April 22, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (doors open at 8:45 am). Speakers: Dr. David Deane, Dr. Nuala Kenny, Dr. Cathy Driscoll. Email Registration required: conference@astheology.ns.ca. Fee: \$10 suggested donation. Registration Deadline: April 10, 2017. More Information: http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events/healing-the-body.html.

Spring Tea and Fashion Show – Saturday, April 22, 2:00 pm. Kentville Baptist Church Christian Education Centre (503 Main Street, Kentville). Door prizes & jewelry table. Have a fun-filled afternoon with wonderful desserts and new spring fashions by Northern Reflections. Tickets \$10.00 each; children 10 and under are free. Tickets available at the door. Sponsored by the Kentville Baptist Church Ladies Auxiliary.

Next Week's Participants - Sunday, April 16, 2017

9:00 am Worship:

Leaders of Worship	Rev Ivan and Judy Norton
Organist	Dale Griffiths
Hospitality	Margaret Hayes and Friends
Teller/Projectionist	Gary Dunfield
11:00 am Worship:	
Leaders of Worship	
Organist/Music Director	Ken Hassell
Brass Quartet Glenn Bishop, Cynthia Bruce,	Karen Hamblin, Graham MacKinnon
Greeter	
Announcements/Scripture Reader	tba
Hospitality	Vera Burke, Dorothy Robbins
Tellers	Helen Gill, Sylvia Jacquard
Projectionist	Sylvia Jacquard

This week's bulletin in sponsored in memory of my husband, **Vincent Maxwell** and my son, **Bruce MacKenzie**

by Irma Maxwell