



Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, April 16, 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
Pancake Breakfast..... Cheryl Manzer & Friends
Teller/Projectionist..... Gary Dunfield

11:00 am Worship:

Leaders of Worship Rev Ivan and Judy Norton
Organist/Music Director Ken Hassell
Brass Quartet Glenn Bishop, Cynthia Bruce, Karen Hamblin, Graham MacKinnon
Greeter..... Mary Crouch
Announcements..... Irma Maxwell
Communion Servers..... John & Linda Foote, Chris & Helen Seymour, Marion Buchan
Hospitality..... Dorothy Robbins & Friends
Tellers..... Helen Gill, Sylvia Jacquard
Projectionist..... Sylvia Jacquard

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.

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 16	April 23
April 30	May 7
May 14	May 21

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm.

Camping Sunday – April 23rd is Camping Sunday this year. We will enjoy a “campfire” service – with singing, skits and storytelling. Summer is coming and OVUC would like to sponsor several children/families to attend camps at Sherbrooke Lake and Berwick United Church camps. If you would like to help sponsor attendance at camp, please designate it on your envelope or use one of the marked envelopes on the table in the lobby.

Car Rally 2017 – Congregational Life brings you Car Rally 2017 on Saturday, April 29. Get a team together and start your engines! You'll need a car, a full tank of gas and 2-4 people. Registration 9:00 am at the church. Teams are sent out at regulated intervals with instructions and questions to fill in. The Rally should take 1.5 to 2 hours, returning to the church for a potluck lunch. (Please bring something to share.) Someone will take home the trophy. Winning is based on correct answers, mileage and (only if necessary) time. Bring a cell phone and a writing stick or two. Are you up to the challenge? Register your team with the office (902-681-0366, ext 1 or OfficeOVU@bellaliant.com).

Guys' Cans – The Men's Group of OVUC will again this Sunday be handing out The Guys' Cans to members of the congregation who do not have one. The cans will be called recalled around mid-November. Members will receive a tax receipt for their donation. These funds are used to support Church Outreach programs and other related special programs. Any questions see any member of the Men's Group at the back of the church after Worship.

OV-UCW – April 10th was the last OV-UCW meeting at Orchard Valley UC until Sep 18, 2:00 pm.

The Valley UCW Spring Rally – To be held at the Aylesford United Church, Wednesday, May 17. Registration – 9:30 am. Program – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Fee \$10 per person will include refreshments during registration and lunch. Theme: “Celebrate Canada”, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of Canada. It is suggested that attendees may want to wear red or white or a combination of the two. Each person is asked to bring a self-stamped postcard from Nova Scotia which will be mailed to various UCW's across Canada. If you are aware of any active UCW groups in another province, feel free to address the postcard yourself and bring it along. You may write a brief, personalized note on the card or one can be provided. Car pooling is available. If interested in attending, please advise Jean Millett ASAP.

OVUC Staff Appreciation – The staff of Orchard Valley work diligently all year long to serve our congregation in their individual roles. We would like to say a special thank you to each one at this Easter time for their dedication to the church. Ivan, Judy, Ken, Theresa, Louis, Dale, and Cheryl, please enjoy the flowers in the narthex with our appreciation.

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!

JNAC Round up! – The Joint Needs Assessment Committee will be collating the responses to the survey on Tuesday, April 18, so please submit by then! Thank you to everyone who participated in giving feedback on their priorities for ministerial staff. We look forward to presenting a report by April 30 and looking for your votes on May 7 at the Special Congregational Meeting.

This Week in the Orchard – April 16–22, 2017

Sun, Apr 16	7:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, followed by Pancake Breakfast
	11:00 am	Easter Worship Service with Communion
Mon, Apr 17	OFFICE CLOSED	
Tues, Apr 18	6:30 pm	Facilities Research Committee
	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wed, Apr 19	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	7:00 pm	JNAC
Thurs, Apr 20	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Christian Development Committee
Fri, Apr 21	8:00 am	Friday Women’s Breakfast Group

Worship for Seniors – April

Mon, Apr 24	2:30 pm	Blomidon Court Shannex, Greenwich
Wed, Apr 26	10:15 am	Wolfville Elms, Wolfville
“	11:00 am	Wolfville Nursing Home, Wolfville

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

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. 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.

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Greeter..... Gail Gordon
Minute for Mission..... Judy Gilmour
Announcements/Scripture Reader Helen Hansford
Hospitality..... Judy Maxwell, Linda Draper, Susanne Sweatman
Tellers..... Helen Gill, Sylvia Jacquard
Projectionist..... Sylvia Jacquard

This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of

Erik Swinimer

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by loving wife Elsie and
daughters Jo-Anne Eye and Heather Ross