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Announcements for Sunday, May 14, 2017

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

9:00 am Worship:

Rev Ivan and Judy Norton
Dale Griffiths
Margaret Hayes and Friends
Gary Dunfield
Rev Ivan and Judy Norton
Ken Hassell
Pat Foote
Judy Gilmour
Mary McFarlane
Pam Petrie, Ruth-Anne Stirling
Mary Mercer, Bruce Smith
Sylvia Jacquard

Welcome all who worship with us today! Visitors are asked to sign our Guest Book. Please note that some staff, members and guests have serious allergies to scents; please do not wear ANY scented products into the church. Thank you.

Office Closure – Please note that the secretary will be away from the office on Wednesday, May 17. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Dr. Cynthia Bruce – Love and congratulations are extended to Cynthia Bruce on receiving her Ph.D. in Education Studies (Inclusive Education) from Acadia University. Cynthia's degree will be awarded at Convocation tomorrow, May 15, 2017.

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:

Delivery Dates
May 21
June 4
June 18

Next Prayer Shawl Meeting – The Prayer Shawl group will meet Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in the boardroom.

Observer Subscriptions – The *Observer* is the monthly magazine published by the United Church of Canada. If you would like to order a yearly subscription of the *Observer* at OVUC's group rate of \$25 (including HST), please contact Theresa (902-681-0366 ext 1). The deadline for subscriptions/renewals and payment is **Tuesday, May 16**. Cheques are payable to OVUC.

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.

Next Outreach Meeting – The next Outreach Meeting will now meet on Sunday, May 21, right after the 11:00 service. (It is being moved from May 14, because of Mother's Day.)

Get ready for the Great Day of Singing! Don't miss it. May 28 at the 11:00 service we will sing our way through the service, using hymn verses as prayers and readings. Feel free to invite others.

Save This Date! Sunday, June 11 will be our Sunday School Closing and Picnic, to be held in the grassy area in back of OVUC. In celebration of Canada 150, we are planning an "Old Fashioned Sunday School Picnic" (like when we were kids), with races and a candy scramble and potato salad and devilled eggs and Washington Pie. Plan on being here.

Benevolent Baby Request – Benevolent Committee has a situation that requires baby supplies for a newborn; items like diapers, clothes, formula, etc. If anyone could help us out, please drop items off at the church. Anyone who wants to donate money to the cause, please put money in your envelope and indicate it's for the Benevolent Baby Request.

Grow Hope Maritime Project – Canadian Foodgrains Bank. NS farmers "Grow Hope" by growing and selling crops to end global hunger. Orchard Valley United Church can get involved by sponsoring an acre of corn for \$300. This will help cover the cost of growing the corn. Your \$300 per acre can grow to \$750 per acre of corn when sold, then be matched by the government to realize a \$3,000 contribution to Food Aid in developing countries. This is a tenfold increase in your donation dollar. The location of the Valley growing field has not been announced as yet. Funds raised will go to the United Church of Canada's account at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help feed the 800 million people worldwide who are hungry – 70 % are farmers; many are women. Information pamphlets are available on the table at that the church entry. Envelopes are available on the same table for your donation. A tax receipt will be available through Orchard Valley United Church. This project will run for the month of May. The Church Council has voted to match the donations received for the Grow Hope Project during this month. How many acres can Orchard Valley United sponsor?!

An Acre of Corn – There is a small group of people who are looking for others to join with them for \$25 each to buy an acre of land. If you are interested, please contact the office for more information. (We need \$300 total.)

Send a Kid to Camp! This year, Orchard Valley will not sponsor a weekend camp in September. Instead, we would like to sponsor some kids (to Sherbrooke Lake) and families (to Berwick Camp) who would otherwise not be able to go. Special envelopes have been provided for your contributions.

This Week in the Orchard - May 14-20, 2017

Sun, May 14	9:00 am	Worship Service (Contemporary)		
	11:00 am	Worship Service (Traditional)		
Mon, May 15	10:30 am	Spirit Yoga		
Tues, May 16	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry		
Wed, May 17	10:00 am	Lectionary Group		
Theresa is away – Office is closed				
		Valley UCW Rally		
Thurs, May 18	1:30 pm	Games Group		
	7:00 pm	Christian Development Committee		
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice		
Fri, May 19	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group		

Worship for Seniors - May

Wed, May 24	10:15 am 11:00 am	Wolfville Elms (Wolfville UCW) Wolfville Nursing Home (Wolfville UCW)
Mon, May 29	2:30 pm	Blomidon Court Shannex, Greenwich (Laurie Perrin & OVUC Volunteers)

Community Events

(please see the bulletin board for more information)

AMUsing Tour – Kingsway Assembly will be presenting Dan Macaulay and Leland Klassen in the AMUsing Tour, May 17 @ 7:00 pm. https://www.youtube.com/embed/H1f2BUt6JcI. Tickets \$10 in advance at the church or online. (\$15 at the door). https://tickets.buzztix.com/event/amusingkentville

Apple Blossom Garden Party – Please come and congratulate Queen Annapolisa 85th and the Leadership Candidates on Sunday, May 28, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Wickwire Place Assisted Living Residence, 30 Wickwire Ave, Wolfville, NS.

Plant Sale – To be held on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 am until noon or until we are sold out of plants. Location is St. John's Anglican Church, 160 Main St., Wolfville. For more information, please call Ron Stuart at 902-542-4477.

OATS Needs Volunteers – OATS Thrift Store is a not-for-profit, volunteer operated venture located in Kentville. We offer great prices on used clothing and give 100% of our profit to Open Arms' emergency shelter and housing programs. Volunteers are needed to sort and price items, cover the cash register, and serve customers, as well as contribute to creative projects. If interested, contact 902-692-9854 or email mirandalesliebowen@gmail.com.

Next Week's Participants - Sunday, May 21, 2017

9:00 am Worship:

Organist Hospitality	Rev Ivan and Judy Norton Dale Griffiths Margaret Hayes and Friends Gary Dunfield
11:00 am Worship:	
Leaders of Worship	Rev Ivan and Judy Norton
Organist/Music Director	Ken Hassell
Greeter	Betty Curry
Minute for Mission	Judy Gilmour
Announcements/Scripture	tba
Hospitality	Marion Buchan, Judy Gilmour
Tellers	Mary Mercer, Bruce Smith
Projectionist	Sylvia Jacquard

This week's bulletin is dedicated in celebration of Mother's Day to my Mom,

Marguerite Caldwell

Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

From daughter Vera and Family