



Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, September 24, 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
Hospitality..... Margaret Hayes & Friends
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Greeter..... Ian Godfrey
Announcements/Scripture Reader Frank Maxwell
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Tellers..... Andrea Purvis, Marion Buchan
Projectionist..... Andrea Purvis

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.

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. Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
September 17	September 24
October 1	October 8
October 15	October 22

Y’All Come to Supper – Congregational Life invites you to our Y’All Come to Supper on Tuesday, September 26. Supper will begin at 5:00 pm. Our menu will be Beef Stew for the main meal and Blueberry Cake for dessert. There will be a free will offering. Please register at the office, so we can make enough. Call 902-681-0366, ext 1, or email OfficeOVC@bellaliant.com.

Next Men's Breakfast – The next OVPC Men's Group Breakfast will be Sunday, October 1 at 7:30 am at the Circle K Big Stop, New Minas. This is a monthly breakfast, held the first Sunday of each month. All men are welcome.

Food Bank Sunday – Sunday, October 1 is our next Food Bank Day. Again, we encourage you to bring in school snacks, juice packs, fruit packs, granola bars, tuna, canned meat, cereal, and pasta, etc. We also need peanut butter and canned fruit.

Stewardship Soup Luncheon – Please join us for our monthly Soup & Dessert Luncheon on Tuesday, October 3. We'll be serving a choice of Hamburger Soup or Roasted Cauliflower Soup, homemade biscuits and rolls, tea/coffee, and Cake with Fruit Sauce for dessert, for \$8.00 per person. Lunch is served from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Take-outs are also available – please order by 10:00 am, Monday, October 2 by calling 902-681-0366, ext 1, or emailing OfficeOVU@bellaliant.com.

Worship Committee Meeting – The Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 3 at 8:00 pm in the OVUC boardroom. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH.

SAIDSO Dementia Education Session – The Pastoral Care Committee is sponsoring an afternoon of Dementia Education, led by Marcy MacPherson. Marcy is a strong believer in being a CarePartner for someone living with dementia. She educates, learns from others, and shares her knowledge with people who live, love, and learn through dementia. She is a certified coach and trainer for Positive Approach to Care (Teepa Snow) and helps to explain dementia, offers tips and suggestions, and listens. The session will take place on Tuesday, October 10, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. There is no cost for attendance, however registration is requested so materials can be prepared. Please contact the OVUC office to register (902-681-0366 ext 1, officeovu@bellaliant.com).

Electric Motor Needed – The Covenanter Committee is looking for a $\frac{3}{4}$ horsepower electric motor, needed for old blower pump organ at the Covenanter Church in Grand Pré. Please contact the OVUC office for more information (902-681-0366, ext 1, officeovu@bellaliant.com).

Hurricane Irma Caribbean Relief – The United Church of Canada is accepting donations for relief efforts related to Hurricane Irma. The UCC works with several churches and agencies throughout the Caribbean region to assist with evacuations and emergency shelter where necessary, and to plan for post-storm responses. To donate to the Caribbean Relief, you may make a donation using an OVUC offering envelope with the notation "Caribbean Relief" in the "Other" section.

Reformation Sessions – This fall marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. 500 years ago next month Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses for Debate to the door of the castle church at Wittenburg, Germany and the Reformation began. It would be a shame not to mark this significant anniversary. Judy Norton would like to offer four sessions focussing on the Reformation. These would be informal and enjoyable, as well as (hopefully) informative, and would be based on several skits on the subject. This is what's being proposed:

1. **Martin Luther Comes to Kings County** – a look at some of the events of the early part of the Reformation;
2. **So Close to God, So Far from Each Other** – A discussion, from the perspective of Heaven, between Martin Luther, John Calvin and Pope Paul III, concerning what they believed;
3. **We Do Remember** – A discussion with King James about the King James Version of the Bible; and

4. **Christianity's Family Tree** (no skit) – Looking at the various branches of Christianity, and how they split (and amalgamated). Specific attention to the various denominations represented in our Kings County ancestry.

The sessions will be in the sanctuary Wednesday afternoons 3:30 – 5:00 pm from September 27 to October 18, inclusive. Please speak with Judy if you're interested.

Facilities Research Committee – The Facilities Research Committee has reconvened for the fall. During the summer, many were tasked on researching possible locations that as a congregation we might consider. They fall into four categories:

1. Purchase land and build;
2. Purchase building and land and re-purpose;
3. Expand and renovate existing structure and property; and
4. Rent space.

We will be taking the information that we have gathered from you over the weeks before summer and will start developing appropriate floor plans. This will help us in determining what space we actually need. We will continue to build on this work and are in the process of preparing information that will ultimately come to the congregation for a decision. We thank you for your input and patience as we work towards a solution that will be in the best interests of Orchard Valley.

Search Committee – The Joint Search Committee continues to meet to review applications and prepare for interviews. We look forward to updating the congregation with our progress in searching for our new minister. Peter Oleskevich, Chair.

This Week in the Orchard September 24–30, 2017

Sun, Sep 24	9:00 am	Worship Service
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Mon, Sep 25	10:00 am	Gentle Chair Yoga
	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees
Tues, Sep 26	3:30 pm	Congregational Life Committee
	5:00 pm	Y'All Come to Supper
Wed, Sep 27	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	3:30 pm	Reformation Sessions
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Thurs, Sep 28	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Sep 29	8:00 am	Friday Morning Breakfast Group

Worship for Seniors – September

Mon, Sep 25	2:30 pm	Blomidon Court Shannex (Greenwich)
Wed, Sep 27	10:15 am & 11:00 am	Wolfville Elms & Wolfville Nursing Home

Community Events

Fall Study Series – 500 years ago this fall a monk named Martin Luther nailed 95 theses or propositions for debate to the door of the castle church in the German town of Wittenberg. Thus was begun what is known to history as the Protestant Reformation. We will be holding a six-part series looking at the Reformation at Aylesford United Church: Tuesday, September 12, 19, 26, October 10, 17, 24 at 7:00pm in the church parlour. Each session is approximately one hour in length. Facilitator: Rev. Dr. John Moses. All are welcome.

North Grand Pré Community Church – The North Grand Pré Community Church will hold the final summer service on Sunday, September 24 at 7:30 pm. Guest speaker will be Randy Purves. Offering goes to the upkeep of the church. Everyone welcome.

Sing Lustily and with Good Courage! – The Manning Chapel Choir will host public monthly Sacred Harp sings in the Acadia Art Gallery. Come join us for an hour of shape-note hymnody, an early American style of hymn singing that welcomes all ages, voices, and levels of experience to participate. The first sing is Friday September 29, 5:00pm, followed by the final Fridays of October and November. More info: john.scott@acadiu.ca, or chapel.acadiu.ca

SHARE THANKSGIVING is a program for Nova Scotians to share a meal on Thanksgiving weekend with a foreign student or a newcomer family. It's a unique opportunity for newcomers to experience a Nova Scotia custom and hospitality. For more information, or to sign up, call 902-407-2582, email sharethanksgiving@engagenovascotia.ca, or check the Engage Nova Scotia website: <http://engagenovascotia.ca>. More info on the bulletin board.

Common Vision Event – Featuring choristers from local United Churches, Common Vision will be performed Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 pm at the Dawn Oman Art Gallery in Bridgetown. Proceeds to relieve World Hunger. Donations gratefully received for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. More info on the bulletin board.

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This week's bulletin is sponsored
in loving memory of my husband

Arnold Jones

with love from Peggy Jones