



Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 26, 2017

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

9:00 am Worship:

Leaders of Worship Rev Ivan and Judith Norton
Organist..... Dale Griffiths
Hospitality..... Margaret Hayes & Friends
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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
November 26	December 3
December 10	December 17

Please note that **December 10 is the last order date and December 17 is the last delivery date** before Christmas. Order dates will resume in January.

Valley Foodgrains Bank Project. Blueberry Sale – November 26 is the last day to order a 5-lb box of frozen blueberries for \$20. This includes a \$5 donation to the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to “Help End Hunger”. Donations are matched 4 to 1 by the Government, making your donation \$25. Pick-up of your berries will be Thursday, November 30, approx. 4:30 pm at OVUC. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thank you for your help.

“A Night of Hope” – The OVUC choir will be participating in this year’s 2017 Ecumenical Advent Worship Service at New Minas Baptist Church, Sunday, November 26 at 6:30pm. Offering in support of the Fundy Interchurch Food Bank. Please come and support our choir and make a donation for a good cause. Presented by the Kentville, New Minas & Area Council of Churches.

Raising of the Trees – The Men's Group will meet at the church Monday, November 27 at 1:00 pm to put together the church Christmas Trees. All men are welcome and encouraged to come out and help with this project. For further information, please contact Chris Seymour at 902-678-8865.

Y’All Come to Supper – Congregational Life invites you to our "Y’All Come to Supper" on Tuesday, November 28. Our meal is Lasagna with Garlic Bread. The dessert will be Stained Glass Windows (a Jell-O dessert). We will be decorating the church for the Advent Season. Decorating begins at 3:30 pm, and supper is at 5:00 pm. Please join us.

OVUC Memorial Giving Tree, 2017 – The annual Giving Tree will be raised in the church on the First Sunday in Advent, December 3. However, donation cards and envelopes are available this Sunday if you would like to get a head start on Christmas giving! Please put your completed card and donation into the offering plate or give it to a member of the Stewardship Committee (before or after the service). Your gift will be acknowledged on the following Sunday, at which point a red ribbon will have been exchanged for a white one on the tree. Thank you.

Next Men’s Breakfast – The next OVPC Men’s Group Breakfast will be Sunday, December 3 at 7:45 am at the Irving Big Stop in New Minas. This is a monthly breakfast, held the first Sunday of each month. All men are welcome.

Food Bank Sunday – Sunday Food Bank is fast approaching (Sunday, December 3) and this month we are concentrating on pasta, canned tomatoes, soup, beans and juice. Last month, OVUC donated 64 kg of canned food on Sunday Food Bank. We appreciate your generosity during this Christmas season.

Guy’s Cans – The Men’s Group would like to remind everyone that the Guy’s Cans are due back to the church no later than Sunday, December 3. Thank you.

UCW Christmas Luncheon – The OV-UCW Unit has been invited to join the Wolfville UCW Unit for a Christmas Lunch at the Old Orchard Inn, Monday, December 4 at 12 noon. Women of the congregation are welcome. Hope to see you there. Please advise Jean Millett by November 30, 902-681-0043.

OVUC Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 5 - Please join us for our Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 5. We’ll be serving a choice of Sausage & Squash Soup or Creamy Cabbage Soup, homemade biscuits and rolls, tea/coffee, and Gingerbread with Lemon Sauce for dessert, for \$8.00 per person. Lunch is served from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Take-outs/delivery are also available – please order by noon, Monday, December 4, by calling 902-681-0366, ext 1, or emailing OfficeOVU@bellaliant.com.

NOTE: We will NOT be holding a Soup & Dessert Luncheon in January 2018.

Orchard Valley United Christmas Coffee Party, Bake & Craft Sale, hosted by OV-UCW – Saturday, December 9, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Free will donation. Come and enjoy the fellowship and do some “Christmas Shopping”. There is a sign-up sheet at the entry for your help and contributions. Set-up will be Friday, December 8, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. You are requested to bring your items in at that time for the Coffee Party and the Bake & Craft Sale. Thank you. For information contact Jean Millett – 902-681-0043.

Coats for Brunswick Street Mission – The Wolfville UCW are collecting coats that are in good condition, especially winter coats for kids, for the United Church’s Brunswick Street Mission in Halifax. Please put coats in the marked cloth bin in the mail nook by Sunday, December 17. For more info, go to www.brunswickstreetmission.org. Thank you!

Annual Committee Reports Due – Please note that Committee and Group Reports are due Friday, December 22 for inclusion in the next Annual Report. Please send reports in Word or Word Perfect (NOT PDF) format to Theresa via email (officeOVU@bellaliant.com).

2018 UCW Church Calendars – The 2018 Calendars are available for sale. Please deposit \$5.00 per calendar in the small box marked “UCW Calendars”, situated on the table in the front hall. Supplies are limited!

2018 Offering Envelopes –The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the congregational mailboxes. (If your last name begins with “C”, “M”, “Mac/Mc”, “P”, “S” or “T”, please also check the “overflow” sections -- “Q”, “U”, “XY”, and “Z”.) If your envelopes are not there OR you wish to start using offering envelopes/PAR, please contact the office at 902-681-0366 ext. 1.



Christmas Hamper Program – OVUC, as part of our Outreach mission, will be providing 40 less fortunate families from the Kentville / New Minas communities with Christmas Hampers, as well as financially contributing to hampers distributed in Wolfville and Canning. Thank you to those who have contributed. To those still planning to contribute, donations can be put in the specially marked envelopes at the back of the church or by using an envelope that you clearly indicate for the Hampers, then mailed to the church, or placed in the offering plate. Cheques should be made payable to Orchard Valley United Church, and must note “Christmas Hamper Program”. If you have questions, please speak to Susanne Sweatman or Helen Seymour. Thank you for your generosity!



Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee is beginning its work for 2018. Orchard Valley United Church is an active congregation that does a lot of work, in these communities, as well as for and with our own groups. We are most effective, and happiest when everyone is contributing as they are able. Would you be interested in serving on a committee? Committees include: Christian Development, Communications, Congregational Life, Covenanter, Finance, Ministry and Personnel, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Property, Stewardship, and Worship. For more information, or to volunteer, please speak with Gary Dunfield (Chair of Council) or Ivan or Judy, or leave a message with the Church office.

This Week in the Orchard November 26–December 2, 2017

Sunday, November 26	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Worship Services
Monday, November 27	10:00 am 1:00 pm	Gentle Chair Yoga Raising of the Trees (Men's Group)
Tuesday, November 28	3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Church Decorating (Congregation) Y'All Come to Christmas Supper
Wednesday, November 29	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Lectionary Group Church Council
Thursday, November 30	1:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Games Group VFGBP Blueberry Pick-up Choir Practice
Friday, December 1	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group

Worship for Seniors – November

Mon, Nov 27	2:30 pm	Blomidon Court Shannex (Greenwich) (Led by: Rev Ivan Norton)
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Community Events

(please see the Church Bulletin Board for more information)

Valley Regional Hospital Foundation Festival of Lights – Sunday, November 26 at 2:00 pm, Cornwallis Inn Ballroom, Kentville. Join us for a celebration of the season, our donors and friends. Share complimentary refreshments, music, the company of friends and good cheer! Free parking and wheelchair accessible.

Did you miss registering for a Christmas Hamper? The Salvation Army, in association with the Kentville, New Minas & Area Council of Churches will be holding one final registration day for Christmas Hampers on Monday, December 4, from 9:00 am until noon. You will need to bring ID for each person in the household and proof of income for all those over 18. Registration will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel, 15 Nichols Ave, Kentville.

Soup with Santa – Come join The Salvation Army for Soup with Santa on Saturday, December 9, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please see the OVUC bulletin board for more information.

Annapolis Valley Honour Choir Concert – Celebrate the season with the Annapolis Valley Honour Choir's "On This Winter's Night with You – An East Coast Christmas". With local guest artists, Sarah Pound and Mike Butler, this Maritime kitchen party concert embraces Nova Scotia's Celtic roots featuring music from Great Big Sea, Ron Hynes and Rita McNeil. Two performances will take place at Horton High School on December 9 (2:00 pm and 7:00 pm). Enjoy a glass of hot cider and bake sale treats to stock your pantry! Tickets are available at any Ticketpro location (www.ticketpro.ca) for \$15 for adults and \$5 for students/children (plus Ticketpro fees) or \$20/\$10 at the door if available.

Open Arms Emergency Shelter Update – The emergency shelter has been occupied every night with 2-5 guests (male and female) ranging from 16-67 years. Each has been offered two meals and a safe, warm place to sleep, followed by a variety of peer supports. Volunteers for the shelter are needed! If you are able to volunteer once every two to four weeks, please let us know...come see us at Open Arms or email Cyndisouthall@openarms.ca.

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This week's bulletin is sponsored
in loving memory of my husband
Fred Curry
who passed away November 21, 2008
by Betty Curry