



Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 3, 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
HospitalityMargaret 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.

OVUC Memorial Giving Tree, 2017 – Donation cards and envelopes are available at the back of the church or from a member of the Stewardship Committee. 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). We will exchange a red bow on the tree for a white one with each donation received. Your gift will be acknowledged on the following Sunday. 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.

Outreach Committee – The Outreach Committee will meet on Sunday, December 3 after the 11 o'clock service.

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 Soup Luncheon, Tuesday, December 5 - Please join us for our Christmas Soup 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.**

Property Committee Meeting – The Property Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at 4:00 pm.

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!

White Gift Sunday – White Gift Sunday this year is December 17. The children will be taking part in both services. Our White Gift emphasis this year is personal care products and toiletries for the Fundy Food Bank. Gifts of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, etc. will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Congregational Christmas Breakfast – The Friday Morning Breakfast Women invite the congregation to a Christmas Breakfast on Friday, December 22 at 9:00 am. Freewill offering. Entertainment to follow. All members of the congregation are welcome.

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.

Tellers Needed – The Finance Committee is looking for people who would be interested in counting collection on Sundays after church in 2018. If you are interested, please see Heather Bishop, Bruce Smith or Theresa in the office.

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 December 3–9, 2017

Sunday, Dec 3	7:45 am	Men's Breakfast (Irving Big Stop)
	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Worship Services
	12:00 pm	Outreach Committee
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Monday, Dec 4	12:00 pm	UCW Christmas Luncheon (Old Orchard Inn)
Tuesday, Dec 5	11:45 am	Christmas Soup Luncheon
	8:00 pm	Worship Committee
Wednesday, Dec 6	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	4:00 pm	Property Committee
Thursday, Dec 7	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Dec 8	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group
	3:00 pm	UCW Sale Set-up
Saturday, Dec 9	10:00 am	UCW Coffee Party, Craft & Bake Sale

Worship for Seniors December

Friday, Dec 8	1:30 pm	Orchard Court Shannex (Kentville) Led by the Finance Committee
Sunday, Dec 10	2:30 pm	Kings Riverside Court (Kentville) Led by Rev Ivan Norton
Monday, Dec 18	2:30 pm	Blomidon Court Shannex (Greenwich) Led by Andy Pitter
Wednesday, Dec 27	10:15 am & 11:00 am	Wolfville Elms & Wolfville Nursing Home Led by Jane Hynes

Community Events

(please see the Church Bulletin Board for more information)

Acadia Advent Worship, Sunday, December 3, 4:00 pm – Lessons and Carols, "A College Christmas", at Convocation Hall. Please make an offering of non-perishable food items, etc. for the Wolfville Area Food Bank. Festive snacks, cider and hot chocolate to follow.

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.

Wassail! – Medieval, folk, and traditional songs for Christmas. Saturday December 9, 7:30 pm, Manning Memorial Chapel. A concert for the Christmas season unlike any other. The outstanding 25-voice Manning Chapel Choir directed by John Scott, joined by the high energy Folk/Trad duo Pennybrook (Jude Pelley and Charlie Wilson), acclaimed harpist Ellen Gibing, and Nova Scotia’s own virtuoso Nykelharpa player, Kirsty Money. Wassails from the British Isles, traditional Nordic winter songs, haunting medieval carols, and glorious choral music for women’s voices. Suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

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This week’s bulletin is sponsored
 in loving memory of my father

Robert H. Newcombe

by Sylvia Jacquard