



# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, December 10, 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  
Projectionist..... Gary Dunfield

### 11:00 am Worship:

Leaders of Worship .....Rev Ivan and Judith Norton  
Organist/Music Director ..... Ken Hassell  
KPPT Greeter ..... Joy Waterbury  
Greeter..... Pat Foote  
Announcements/Scripture Reader ..... Fran Turner  
Hospitality..... Carol Dewar, Lorna MacNeil, Joan Simpson  
Tellers..... Pat Foote, Dorothy Robbins  
Projectionist..... 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.

### Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Services:

<b>Sunday, December 24 Worship:</b>	9:00 am	Advent 4 Worship, led by Gary Dunfield
	11:00 am	Advent 4 Worship, Service of Lessons and Carols
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship at OVUC, led by Rev John Wray
	11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship at the Covenanter Church, led by Rev Tim McFarland
<b>Sunday, December 31 Worship:</b>	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Led by Gary Dunfield

**Christmas Office Closure** – The church office will be closed December 23 through January 2, inclusive. Email and telephone will not be monitored during this time. Phone calls and emails to the office will be returned on January 3, 2018. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Holiday Emergency Pastoral Care** – In the event of a pastoral care emergency over the Christmas holiday, please contact the following individuals:

December 18–23, inc	Rev Beth Johnston	902-352-2054 (home) 902-684-0211 (church)
December 24–29 inc	Rev John Moses	902-691-3288 (cell)
December 30–January 3 inc	Rev Beth Johnston	902-352-2054 (home) 902-684-0211 (church)

**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. 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.

**Guy's Cans** – The Men’s Group would like to remind everyone that the Guy’s Cans were due back to the church on Sunday, December 3. Please return your cans to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**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](http://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.

**Longest Night Service** – On Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 pm, Orchard Valley United Church will hold a Longest Night service. It will be a service of music, candle lighting and comfort during this overly busy and sometimes frantic time of the year. All are welcome.

**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.

**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](mailto:officeOVU@bellaliant.com)).

**2018 Offering Envelopes** –The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the congregational mailboxes. (If your last name begins with “Mac/Mc”, please also check the “overflow” section “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.

**Financial Update – November 2017**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Shortfall</b>
Offerings for local purposes to November 30	\$142,643	\$147,000	<b>\$4,357</b>

**Christmas Hampers Update** – We boldly increased our Christmas Hamper families to 40 this year and YOU came through with tremendous support. We currently have donations in the amount of \$4,084. Thank you so much for making Outreach and Christmas for others your focus.

**No December Prayer Shawl Meeting**– The Prayer Shawl Group will not meet in December. We will meet again Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Merry Christmas to all.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Worship for Seniors  
December**

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

## This Week in the Orchard December 10-16, 2017

Sunday, Dec 10	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Worship Services
Monday, Dec 11	<b>8:45 pm</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Committee</b>
Tuesday, Dec 12	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Covenanter Committee</b> <b>Stewardship Committee</b>
Wednesday, Dec 13	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
Thursday, Dec 14	9:00 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm	Meet Your Feet Footcare Clinic Games Group Choir Practice
Friday, Dec 15	8:00 am 1:00 pm	Friday Women's Breakfast Group Men's Group
Saturday, Dec 16	9:00 am	Christmas Hamper Delivery Day

### Community Events

(please see the Church Bulletin Board for more information)

**11th Annual Resolution Run, Walk and Roll** – Jump-start your healthiest year ever by joining us for the 11th Annual Resolution Run, Walk and Roll on Sunday, 31 December. Choose either our 5 Km sidewalk course or use the indoor arena concourse. Registration opens at the Acadia University Athletic Complex at 3:00 p.m. for a 3:30 pm start. The entry fee is a non-perishable food item, cash or cheque in support of the Wolfville & Area Inter-church Council Food Bank. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult; pets must be on a leash. There will be draw prizes and hot apple cider to toast the New Year as you make your Resolutions for 2018! More info? Contact 542-1176 or wolfvilleresolutionrun@gmail.com.

### Next Week's Participants Sunday, December 17, 2017

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 Greeter..... Mary Crouch  
 Announcements/Scripture Reader ..... tba  
 Hospitality..... Grace Anne Cochrane, Sylvia Delisle, Vivian MacPhee  
 Tellers..... Dorothy Robbins, tba  
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This week's bulletin is sponsored  
in loving memory of my mother

**Marguerite Lloyd-Rafuse**

She was a life long United Church Member,  
UCW, Sunday School Superintendent, and  
Choir Member in Waterville

by Edie Lloyd