



Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 17, 2017

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

9:00 am Worship:

Leaders of WorshipRev Ivan and Judith Norton
Organist..... Dale Griffiths
Hospitality..... Margaret Hayes & Friends
Projectionist..... Gary Dunfield

11:00 am Worship:

Leaders of WorshipRev Ivan and Judith Norton
Organist/Music Director Ken Hassell
KPPT GreeterVangé Leslie
Greeter..... Mary Crouch
Announcements/Scripture Reader Sylvia Jacquard
Hospitality..... Grace Anne Cochrane, Sylvia Delisle, Vivian MacPhee
Tellers..... Helen Gill, 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:

Sunday, December 24 Worship:	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
Sunday, December 31 Worship:	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 January 7.

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 – Today, December 17, is White Gift Sunday. 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).

Holy Communion, January 7 – The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services on Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2018.

2018 Offering Envelopes –The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick-up in the congregational mailboxes. 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.

Joint Search Update – The Joint Search Committee for Orchard Valley continues its work to find a full-time minister as per the Joint Needs Assessment Committee Report. Many applications have been received and interviews have been held. We look forward to calling our minister when he/she is found! Christmas blessings to all. Peter Oleskevich, Chair.

OVUC Christmas Coffee Party – The OV-UCW wish to thank all who donated, worked and attended the Christmas Coffee Party. Thanks to everyone working together, \$1,156.20 was raised for the work of the church. Christmas Blessings to all.

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. Donations will be accepted until December 24.

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.

This Week in the Orchard December 17-23, 2017

Sunday, Dec 17	9:00 am & 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Worship Services Private Rental – Piano Recital
Monday, Dec 18		n/a
Tuesday, Dec 19	9:30 am	Snow day for Hamper pick-up
Wednesday, Dec 20	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lectionary Group Longest Night Rehearsal Longest Night Service
Thursday, Dec 21	1:30 pm 7:00 pm	Games Group Choir Practice
Friday, Dec 22	9:00 am	Congregational Christmas Breakfast

Worship for Seniors December

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)

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 24, 2017**

9:00 am Advent 4 Worship:

Leader of Worship Gary Dunfield
Organist..... Dale Griffiths
Hospitality..... Margaret Hayes & Friends

11:00 am Advent 4Worship:

Leaders..... Marion Buchan, Peter Oleskevich
Organist/Music Director Ken Hassell
Readers..... Betty Curry, Ernie Draper, Ian Godfrey, Gail Gordon, Helen Hansford,
Myah Hawley, Frank Maxwell, Grace Oleskevich, Dorothy Robbins
KPPT Greeter Jean Millett/Joy Waterbury
Greeter..... Ian Godfrey
Hospitality..... OVUC Choir
Tellers..... Heather Bishop, tba
Projectionist..... Sylvia Jacquard

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship:

Leader of Worship Rev John Wray
Organist/Music Director Ken Hassell
Greeter..... tba
Scripture Reader..... tba
Tellers..... Heather Bishop, tba
Projectionist..... Helen Seymour

This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of
Fred Wooster
July 25, 1939 – December 29, 2004
Loving husband of Carol and father of Lyle Wooster