

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 25, 2018

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

9:00 am Worship:

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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.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, Nov 25 – 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18), Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

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 25	December 2
December 9	December 16

Y’All Come to Supper – Congregational Life invites you to our Y’All Come to Supper on Tuesday, November 27. Our meal is Lasagna. The dessert will be gingerbread cupcakes. Supper is at 5:00 pm. We will be decorating the church for the Advent Season. Please join us. Everyone is welcome. There will be a free will offering. Please register at the office by calling (902-681-0366, ext 1) or email the office at AdminOVC@bellaliant.com to let us know you are coming.

OVUC Giving Tree 2018 – Donation cards and envelopes are available at the back of the church or from a member of the Stewardship Committee. Please give your completed card and donation 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 from November 25 to December 16 inclusive.

Holy Communion, December 2 – The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, December 2.

Next Men's Group Breakfast – The next OVPC Men's Group Breakfast will be Sunday, December 2 at 7:45 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.

Guys' Cans – The Men's Group wish to remind everyone to return their Guys' Cans to the church by Sunday, December 2. Income tax receipts will be issued to all who support the fundraiser. The funds are used to support the general operating expenses of the Church and to fund special projects within the church as administered by the Men's Group from time to time. Thank you for your support.

Orchard Valley UCW – The OV-UCW has been invited to join the Wolfville UCW for lunch on Monday, December 3rd, 12 for 12:30 pm at the Old Orchard Inn. All women of the congregation are welcome. Please advise Jean Millett by November 29th if you are able to attend.

OVUC December Soup & Dessert Luncheon – Please join us at Orchard Valley United Church for our monthly Soup & Dessert Luncheon on Tuesday, December 4. We'll be serving a choice of Sausage and Squash Soup or Tomato Tortellini Soup, homemade biscuits & 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-out is available – please order by noon, Monday, December 3 by calling 902 681 0366, ext 1, or emailing AdminOVU@bellaliant.com. (**Sorry, no delivery available this month.**) Orchard Valley UC is located at the foot of Cornwallis Avenue (across from the entrance to County Fair Mall) in New Minas.

"The Spirit of Christmas" -- On Sunday, December 9, at both worship times, Thea Burton and company will offer this play written by a friend of Rev. Robyn Brown-Hewitt that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas. All children and youth present that day will be able to take part if interested

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. Please support this much-needed outreach program with monetary donations. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 by December 10. We can do it with your help. 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, 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 Helen Seymour or Sheila Fisher. Thanks for your generosity.

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 9. For more info, go to www.brunswickstreetmission.org. Thank you!

Senior Men's Fellowship Luncheon – All men are cordially invited to our next Senior Men's Fellowship Luncheon at noon on Friday, December 14. Delicious home-made soup, biscuits and cookies will be served. Cost is \$5. Our Christmas meeting speaker is our own Rev. Don Sellsted. Don will describe his personal journey from business to his calling to our church. It will be great fun. For more info, please contact Chris Seymour, Ian Godfrey or Dave Murphy.

Bottle Recycling – Have you been taking your refundable bottles, cans and tetra paks to the local depot? Would you like to make a difference to our Sunday School? We now have accounts with Valley Recycling (in Greenwich, across from Avery’s) and New Minas Recycling (in New Minas, across from H&R Block). When you drop off your recyclables, please ask that the money be donated to Orchard Valley United Church. All funds will go towards the Sunday School Apple Juice Fund.

Nominating Committee – We are in need of a number of people to help with committees. If you are interested in being part of helping to do the things that we do, please consider joining a committee and serving. Feel free to talk to myself, one of the council members or our pastor about where you might be able to serve. Gary Dunfield, Chair, OVUC Council

<p>OFFICE CLOSURE – Please note that the office will be closed the last Friday of November, being Nov 30.</p>
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Facilities Committee Report – The committee established by the congregation to develop a plan to renovate and/or expand our present Church building has been consulting with local architect Mark Hughes doing so in partnership with B.D. Stevens Ltd of Halifax. The Committee has held its initial meeting at which time the data collection and OVUC Congregational research done to date by an earlier committee, chaired by Jane McDonald, was reviewed to transition us into this development phase. Our next meeting will be to receive the early recommendations from the architect on ways to accommodate identified priority needs as OVUC looks ahead with service, program and outreach goals. The Committee is comprised of Carolyn Cameron, Cynthia Bruce, Helen Seymour, Peter Morse, Jim Dewar and Harvey Gilmour, with Rev. Don Sellsted as resource.

United Church 2019 Calendars are now available for \$6.00 each, on the table in the foyer.

Visitation/Prayer Requests – To ask for prayers or for a visit can be difficult at times. There are visitation or prayer request slips available at the back of the church. Feel free to pick one up and place it in the offering tray, or in the “Little Wooden Church” box’ on the entry table, or to the minister directly if you prefer.

You’ve Got A Friend is just what the name implies – Orchard Valley (us), reaching out to others in our congregation who might appreciate a phone call, an email, a friendly “hello”, happy birthday, a condolence, or “is there anything you need?” We are Orchard Valley and we are here for each other. If you would like to be part of this “friendship web”, we are looking for more volunteers. Feel free to contact Vera Burke.

Orchard Valley Office: While our Office Administrator is off on medical leave, we are grateful to Vangé Leslie, Cheryl Sellsted, and Carol Wooster for covering office needs. We expect Theresa to be back in early January and wish her a peaceful and smooth recovery. Thank you to members of the congregation for their prayers

Ecumenical Worship Service – Orchard Valley Choir will be taking part in an Ecumenical Worship Service at Kentville United Baptist Sunday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m.

This Week in the Orchard – November 25-30, 2018

Sun, Nov 25	9:00 am	1 st Worship Service
	11:00 am	2 nd Worship Service
Mon, Nov 26	10:30 am	Yoga Church
	1:00 pm	Raising of the Trees
Tues, Nov 27	3:30 pm	Congregational Life Meeting
	5:00 pm	Y’All Come Supper
Wed, Nov 28	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	7:00 pm	Chimes Practice
Thurs, Nov 29	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Nov 30	8:00 am	Friday Women’s Breakfast Group
	9:00 am	Stewardship Decorating
OFFICE CLOSED		

Worship for Seniors – November 2018

Mon, Nov 26	10:30 am	Blomidon Court, Greenwich Shannex, Leading – Congregational Life
Wed, Nov 28	10:15 am	Wolfville Elms and
	11:00 am	Wolfville Nursing Home, Leading – Jane Hynes

Community Events

(please check the bulletin board for more information)

Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council's Annual Campaign: Please consider supporting the Wolfville Area Food Bank, a special needs/emergency assistance program, subsidies for school supplies and school meals, and other programs. Send donations to PO Box 2270, Wolfville B4P 2N5 or via www.waicc.org. See bulletin board or website for more info.

The Prophets of Advent – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Malachi, Micah, Malachi—their names all appear in the lists of Scripture readings for Advent. We will be looking at these prophets: who they were in their time and place, their message, its connection with Christ and with us. Study series to be held Thursday, November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm at Aylesford United Church, 2414 Highway 1. Soup lunch provided. All are welcome.

Nativi-tea – First Cornwallis Baptist Church will be holding its ninth Annual Nativi-tea on November 24 at the Church, 1012 Middle Dyke Road from 11:30 am–1:30 pm. Adults \$8.00, Children ages 5–12 \$4.00. Light lunch to follow including a gluten free selection. Hundreds of Nativity sets on display with entertainment throughout the day, as well as door prizes, bake/craft table. Wheelchair accessible.

Christmas Coffee Party – On Saturday, November 24, St. John's Christmas Coffee party will take place from 10:00 am until noon. Location is St. John's Anglican Church at 164 Main St, Wolfville. Price this year will be a free will offering. We will have our famous Plum Puddings for sale as well as home baking & fancy works for sale.

Frank Spinney Concert – November 25, 7:00 pm at First Cornwallis Baptist Church, 1012 Middle Dyke Road. All are welcome. Social time to follow. Free will offering. Wheelchair accessible.

Kentville and New Minas Area Interchurch Council Advent Service - Sunday, November 25, at 6:30 pm, hosted at Kentville United Baptist Church (503 Main St.). Musical presentations by choirs and musical groups from participating churches, and combined choir selections. Offering proceeds in support of our Food Bank. All contributions are tax-deductible, with cheques payable to “Fundy Interchurch Foodbank”. All are welcome.

Service of Remembrance – We invite the community and our leaders, pastors and congregations to join St. James Anglican for an hour of remembrance on December 6, 2018 @ 3:00. This will be a service of commemoration, prayer, song, poetry and Scripture. Please, come join us in this prayerful time. Enclosed is an invitation that we would appreciate you placing in your bulletin and including in your regular church announcements.

Aeolian Singers 2018-19 Season Opens with Northern Lights Theme – The concerts take place on **Saturday, November 24** at 7:30 pm at Bethany United Church, Halifax, and on Sunday, November 25 at 3:00 pm at Knox United Church in Lower Sackville.

An Afternoon of Music – Kings Chorale presents an afternoon of music for choir and brass on Sunday, December 16 - 3:00 pm at Wolfville Baptist Church. Special guests will be the Burgundy Brass from Middleton. Music will include pieces both new and familiar, with some exciting arrangements of old favourites. Tickets are \$15 and available either from Kings Chorale members or at the door.

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