

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, December 2, 2018

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

### 9:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Don Sellsted  
Organist ..... Dale Griffiths  
Hospitality ..... Margaret Hayes & Friends  
Projectionist..... Gary Dunfield

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Music Director/Organist..... Ken Hassell KPPT  
KPPT Greeter ..... Joy Waterbury  
Greeter ..... Pat Foote  
Candle Lighters ..... Johanna Rolsolen, Noah, Katia, Wesley, Winslow Duyan  
Announcements/Scripture Reader ..... Cheryl Sellsted  
Giving Tree Acknowledgements ..... Stewardship Committee  
Hospitality ..... Heather Bishop, Jan Porter, Judy Gilmour  
Tellers..... Betty Curry, Noreen MacGregor  
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.

**Lectionary Readings for Sunday: Dec 2** Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, I Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-3

**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:

<b>Order Dates</b>	<b>Delivery Dates</b>
November 25	December 2
December 9	December 16

**Christmas Hampers:** There will be one final day to register for a Christmas Hamper, Dec 5 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Proof of income is required at time of registration.

**Food Bank Sunday** – Reminder to everyone that Food Bank Sunday is this Sunday, December 2. All food items would be greatly appreciated plus many personal hygiene products.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** –The 2019 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.

**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 will join the Wolfville UCW for lunch on Monday, December 3rd, 12 for 12:30 pm at the Old Orchard Inn.

**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 (please come 15 minutes before the beginning of worship).

**Congregational Meeting** – There will be a Congregational meeting on Dec 9 following the 11:00 am service. It will deal with two matters: the report from the JNAC committee and a request to modify the budget regarding support of a candidate for ministry in the United Church.

**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](http://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.

**Congregational Christmas Breakfast** – The Friday Morning Breakfast Women invite the congregation to a Christmas Breakfast on Friday, December 21 at 9:00 am. Freewill offering. Entertainment to follow. All members of the congregation are welcome.

**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

**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.

### This Week in the Orchard – December 2 - 7, 2018

Sun, Dec 2	9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Worship Service
	11:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship Service
	7:45 am	Men's Breakfast Group
	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Communications Committee</b>
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Outreach Committee</b>
Mon, Dec 3	10:30 am	Yoga Church
	1:00 pm	Raising of the Trees
Tues, Dec 4	11:45 am	Soup Luncheon
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship Committee</b>
Wed, Dec 5	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Property Committee</b>
	7:00 pm	Chimes Practice
Thurs, Dec 6	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Dec 7	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Stewardship Committee</b>

### Worship for Seniors – November 2018

Fri, Dec 14	1:30 pm	Orchard Court, Kentville Shannex, Leading – Finance Committee
Mon, Dec 17	10:30 am	Blomidon Court – Greenwich Shannex Leading – Andy Pitter
<b>Date TBA</b>	10:15 am 11:00 am	Wolfville Elms and Wolfville Nursing Home, Leading – Jane Hynes
Sun, Dec 30	2:30 pm	Kings Riverside Court, Kentville Leading – Andy Pitter

## 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](http://www.waicc.org). See bulletin board or website for more info.

**Thank You from the Kentville & New Minas Area Council of Churches** for your enthusiastic response to last Sunday's **Ecumenical Advent Service** at Kentville Baptist Church. Special thanks are extended to all those choirs, musical groups, musicians, directors, clergy and others who helped out in various ways from this year's participating congregations. An offering of \$3242 was received for the *Fundy Foodbank!* With gratitude, The KNMA Council of Churches

**Acadia Advent Worship** – A service of Carols and Lessons will be held in Manning Chapel (***not University Hall***), on December 4 at 4:00 pm, with cider, hot chocolate and snacks to follow. Offering will go to the Wolfville and Area Inter Church Council.

**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.

**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.

**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

.Sylvia Jacquard

In memory of my father

**Robert H. Newcombe**