

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 16, 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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KPPT Greeter Vangé Leslie
Greeter Fran Turner
Candle Lighter Faye Calder
Announcements/Scripture Reader Faye Calder
Giving Tree Acknowledgements Stewardship Com
Hospitality Grace Anne Cochrane, Sylvia Delisle, Vivian MacPhee, Norma Mailman
Tellers..... , Dorothy Robbins, Helen Gill
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 16 Zephaniah 3:14–20, Isaiah 12:2–6, Philippians 4:4–7, Luke 3:7–18

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 16 is the last order date and December 23 is the last delivery date** before Christmas. Order dates will resume January 6.

Christmas Office Closure – The church office will be closed December 24 through January 1, inclusive. Email and telephone will not be monitored during this time. Phone calls and emails to the office will be returned on January 2, 2019. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Holiday Emergency Pastoral Care – In the event of a pastoral care emergency over the Christmas holiday, please contact Rev Don Sellsted at 902-681-0366 Ext 2.

White Gift Sunday – December 16 – Our white gifts will be given to Chrysalis House in Kentville. Their wish list is as follows: Gift cards or gift certificates are always appreciated as it allows women to regain a sense of control over their lives and obtain much needed items. We suggest grocery, gas, dollar store, or hair salons as good choices that will always be put to use within a short period of time. Household items: towels, facecloths, full sets of dishes, pots and pans, cleaning supplies, paper towel, toilet paper, Personal care items: feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, hair brushes and combs, body wash.

Soup Luncheons – Thanks to all who continue to support our soup luncheons. NOTE: There will be no soup luncheon in Jan. **Our next soup luncheon** will be on **Tues .Feb 5**. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Shawl- there will be no Prayer Shawl meeting in December. Our next date is **January 15,2019**. Merry Christmas to all.

Longest Night Service – On Friday, December 21, 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.

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 – Thank you for continuing to celebrate our Giving Tree. The last day for contributions will be Sun. 16 Dec. Those names will be read on Sun. 23 Dec. Our beautiful Giving Tree is transforming from joyful red to peaceful white! 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.

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.

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.

Annual Committee Reports Due – Please note that Committee and Group Reports are due Wednesday, January 2 for inclusion in the next Annual Report. Please send reports in Word or Word Perfect (NOT PDF) format to Theresa via email (AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

This Week in the Orchard – December 16 - 21, 2018

Sun, Dec 16	9:00 am	1 st Worship Service
	11:00 am	2 nd Worship Service
Mon, Dec 17	10:30 am	Yoga Church
	2:00 pm	OVUC-UCW Meeting and Program
Tues, Dec 18	9:00 am	Christmas Hamper Pick up & Delivery
Wed, Dec 19	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	7:00 pm	Chimes Practice
Thurs, Dec 20	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Dec 21	9:00 am	Congregational Breakfast
	7:00	Longest Night Service

Worship for Seniors – December 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 – Pat Godfrey
Thurs, Dec 27	10:15 am	Wolfville Elms and
	11:00 am	Wolfville Nursing Home, Leading – Andy Pitter
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. See bulletin board or website for more info.

Make-A-Wish – is an organization which takes referrals of children living with a critical illness and covers the Atlantic Provinces. See Bulletin Board for poster and details.

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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