

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, December 9, 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  
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Greeter ..... Peggy Smith  
Candle Lighter ..... TBA  
Announcements/Scripture Reader ..... Mary McFarland  
Giving Tree Acknowledgements ..... Stewardship Com  
Hospitality ..... Carol Dewar, Lorna MacNeil, Sylvia Jacquard  
Tellers..... Norma Mailman, Dorothy Robbins  
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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: Dec 9** Baruch 5:1-9, or Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

**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.

**Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM.

**Covenanter Committee:** The monthly Covenanter committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 1:30 pm at OVUC.

**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.

**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** – 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.

**"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.

**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.

### **OV Children and Youth Christmas Play 2018: "The Spirit of Christmas"**

**Narrator:** Rose Hare

**Girl:** Myah Hawley

**The spirit of Christmas Past:** Noah Duyan

**The spirit of Christmas Present:** Charlie Dennis

**The spirit of Christmas Future:** Katia Duyan and Teagan Murphy

**The Spirit of Christmas:** Grace Oleskevich

**Luke 2 Tableau:** children and youth from each worship time

**Child Handler:** Grace Hare

A big THANK YOU from Thea Burton and Andy Pitter to cast families and Helen Gill for costume help and to all the families, Sunday School teachers, Ken, Dale, Don, Louis, office volunteers and everyone else for their support!

## This Week in the Orchard – December 9 - 14, 2018

Sun, Dec 9	9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Worship Service
	11:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship Service
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>JANAC Report</b>
Mon, Dec 10	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Committee</b>
	10:30 am	Yoga Church
Tues, Dec 11	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Christian Development Committee</b>
Wed, Dec 12	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Covenanter Church Committee</b>
	7:00 pm	Chimes Practice
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>
	7:00 pm	WAICC Wolfville
Thurs, Dec 13	9:00 am	Meet Your Feet
	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Dec 14	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group
	12:00 pm	Senior Men's Luncheon

## 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 – Andy Pitter
<b>Date TBA</b>	10:15 am	Wolfville Elms and
	11:00 am	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.

**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.

**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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This week's bulletin is sponsored by

Edie Lloyd

in loving memory of my mother

**Marguerite Lloyd-Rafuse**