

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, February 17, 2019

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

### 9:00 am Worship:

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Organist..... Dale Griffiths  
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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.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 10 following the 11:00 am service. Storm date is Sunday, March 17. Copies of the 2018 Annual Report will be available online and in the front foyer of the church beginning Sunday, February 24.

**Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 17, 2019** – Jeremiah 17:5–10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12–20, Luke 6:17–26.

**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> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| February 17        | February 24           |
| March 3            | March 10              |
| March 17           | March 24              |

**School for Fun in February** – Congregational Life presents School for Fun in February on Monday nights. Following is the event schedule :

***Cooking Lessons (5 pm to 7 pm )***

- February 18 – Shrimp Oliver and Lemon Semifreddo
- February 25 – Italian Wedding Soup, Donuts and Cookie Jar Snaps

***Interest Groups (REVISED) (7 pm to 9 pm)***

- February 18 – Hula Demonstration by Tammie Wilson. Suitable for ages 5-95. Wear a colourful skirt or sarong, and come pretend you're in Hawaii
- February 25 - Death Cafes - group discussions about the end of life.

***Guitar Lessons (7 pm to 9pm)***

- February 18, 25 - Guitar Lessons with Dave Murphy

Those taking Cooking lessons are asked to contribute toward the cost of food (\$2 to 5). Please register for guitar and cooking lessons with the office as space is limited.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday, February 19, at 7:00 pm. Please feel free to join us.

**Walk a Mile, Skate a While** – Let's keep our church family in community with each other this winter! On Saturday, February 23, from 10:15 am to 11:15 am, we will gather at the Acadia Arena in Wolfville for a time of either skating or walking the track, followed by a pizza lunch back at OVUC. Please contact the office to sign up for pizza (free will offering).

**Brrr, it's cold out there! (REVISED)** The Coldest Night of the Year walk in support of Open Arms is Saturday, February 23 and the Seekers Youth group will once again be participating. See one of the youth or leaders to make a donation. We have fundraising activities you can help with:

- **February 15 is Movie Night** – The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the movie will start at 7:00 pm. Freewill offering, pop and popcorn for sale.
- **Seekers Bottle Drive** – Save up your refundable bottles and cans for us. Bring them to the church **no later than Sunday, February 17**, and we'll gather them up and cash them in.

Thank you for helping us help others.

**Y'All Come to Supper** – The next Y'All Come to Supper will be on Tuesday, February 26. The main meal has yet to be determined. The dessert will be Brownies with Strawberry sauce. The meal will be at 5:00 pm. Everybody is welcome. Free will offering. Please call the office (902-681-0366 ext 1), or email (AdminOVC@bellaliant.com) to let us know that you are coming.

**Men's Breakfast** – Sunday, March 3, the men of OVUC will meet at 7:45 am at the Irving Big Stop in New Minas.

**Food Bank Sunday** – Sunday, March 3, is Food Bank Sunday. The Fundy Food Bank is requesting canned fruit, baking supplies, pancake mix, syrup, and juice. Fundy Food Bank disbursed over 86,000 kgs of food in 2018. We had a wonderful Food Bank Sunday in January, and in February, OVUC donated over 130 kgs of food. Thank you, everyone!

**OVUC March Soup & Dessert Luncheon, Tuesday, March 5** – Please join us at Orchard Valley United Church for our monthly Soup & Dessert Luncheon on Tuesday, March 5. We'll be serving a choice of Italian Wedding Soup or Creamy Cabbage Soup, homemade biscuits & rolls, tea/coffee, and Apple Crisp with Ice Cream for dessert, for \$8.00 per person. Lunch is served from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Take-out or delivery is also available – please order by noon, Monday, March 4 by calling 902-681-0366, ext 1, or emailing AdminOVU@bellaliant.com.

**Men's Fellowship Luncheon** – All men are most cordially invited to our next Men's Fellowship Luncheon on Friday, March 8 at noon at OVUC. Cost is \$5/person. Our speaker will be Mr. Jeff Kelly, Executive Director of The Flower Cart Group, New Minas. Jeff will tell us about all the terrific things that the Flower Cart Group does for our Valley community. If you have questions about our fellowship luncheon, please talk to Cecil White, Dave Murphy or Chris Seymour.

**Confirmation! Become a Member of the United Church**

- Are you 13 years old or older?
- Ever think about becoming a member of the Church?
- Ever think about joining with the people of God and enjoying the fellowship?

If so, I would love to hear from you. Confirmation classes are the pathway to becoming a full member of the United Church by understanding what we believe while exploring faith and values.

**Membership Transfer!** Have you made Orchard Valley your church family? Are you looking to transfer your existing membership here? We would love to hear from you. Please let the office know and we would be excited to be part of the transition experience.

**Lenten Study Series** – This study series will focus on the last week of Jesus' earthly life, Holy Week, from his jubilant entry in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the week's climax on Easter Sunday. We will run two sessions, meeting once a week for six weeks. One session will begin on March 4 at 7:00 pm and the other on March 5 at 2:00 pm. More information is on the bulletin board.

**Lost and Found** – We have a number of items, including eye glasses, clothing, travel mugs, etc., that have been found in the church. Please check the box in the foyer and reclaim any items that are yours. All items unclaimed by February 17 will be donated to charity. Thank you!

**Message from Ministry and Personnel** – As many are aware, our wonderful caretaker, Louis Lightfoot, has been off work for medical reasons for a few weeks. It is anticipated that his recovery will take several more weeks, so a small committee of members of M&P and Property will search for a temporary replacement to help the volunteers complete caretaker duties in the meantime. Thank you for your support and patience.

**Weather Cancellations** – In the event that one or more of our Sunday Worship services is cancelled due to weather, a message will be left on the OVUC phone and website. We will also do our best to send out an email (but cannot guarantee this option will be available). We also endeavour to place cancellation messages with all the local radio stations. In the event of a power outage, your first source for cancellation news should always be our phone line – 902-681-0366.

## This Week in the Orchard February 17-23, 2019

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| Sun, Feb 17   | 9:00 am   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Worship Service                  |
|               | 11:00 am  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship Service                  |
|               | 12:15 pm  | Seekers' Bottle Drive Ends                       |
| Mon, Feb 18   | <b>Office Closed – Nova Scotia Heritage Day</b> |  |
|               | 5:00 pm   | School for Fun – Cooking                         |
|               | 7:00 pm   | School for Fun – Hula Dancing                    |
|               | 7:00 pm   | School for Fun – Guitar                          |
| Tues, Feb 19  | 7:00 pm   | Prayer Shawl Ministry                            |
| Wed, Feb 20   | 10:00 am  | Lectionary Group                                 |
|               | 7:00 pm   | Chimes Choir                                     |
| Thurs, Feb 21 | 1:30 pm   | Games Group                                      |
|               | 7:00 pm   | Choir Practice                                   |
| Fri, Feb 22   | 8:00 am   | Women's Breakfast Group                          |
| Sat, Feb 23   | 10:15 am  | Walk-a-Mile / Skate a While (Acadia) followed by |
|               | 11:30 am  | Pizza Party (OVUC)                               |

### Worship for Seniors – February 2019

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| Mon, Feb 25 | 10:30 am               | Blomidon Court, Greenwich Shannex,<br>Led by The Friday Breakfast Group |
| Wed, Feb 27 | 10:15 am &<br>11:00 am | Wolfville Elms and Wolfville Nursing Home,<br>Led by Laurie Perrin      |

### Community Events

(check the bulletin board in the church foyer for further information)

**Port Williams Luncheon** – The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church invite you to our “Post Valentine” Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder luncheon on Wednesday, February 20 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$8 per person and as always we will be offering a great array of delicious desserts, fresh breads, tea and coffee. (PLEASE NOTE: snow date of Thursday, February 21, announcements of a change will be made on the Church Facebook page, AVR, K-Rock and on valleyevents.ca.)

**World Day of Prayer Service for 2019** – March 1, 2:00 pm. St. Francis of Assisi Church, Wolfville. Written by the women of Slovenia. All are welcome. Reception to follow.

**Mount Allison University Sharp Scholarship** – This scholarship was established by Herbert S. Sharp, Class of 1890, and is awarded to a student born in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island, who is Protestant, who is a non-smoker, and who has demonstrated financial need. Preference given to members of the United Church of Canada and to applicants from Prince Edward Island. See the bulletin board for information on how to apply.

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