

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 24, 2019

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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KPPT Greeter Edna Roach
Greeter..... tba
Candle Lighter tba
Announcements / Scripture Reader Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Minute for Mission..... Judy Gilmour
Hospitality..... Gail Gordon, Mary McFarlane, Betty Rockwell
Tellers..... Jennie Bustin, Andrea Purvis
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, March 24, 2019 – Isaiah 55:1–9, Psalm 63:1–8,
1 Corinthians 10:1–13, Luke 13:1–9.

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

March 17	March 24
March 31	April 7
April 14	April 21

Y’All Come to Supper – The next Y’All Come to Supper will be on Tuesday, March 26. The meal will be Roast Beef and the dessert will be Lemon Fluff. 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 you are coming.

Hymn Sing on Camping Sunday – Next Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate Camping Sunday. Come prepared to shout out some hymn numbers and we'll have a hymn sing before the 11:00 am service. Remember to wear your Camp clothing, because we'll also be serving hot dogs and s'mores following the service.

Special Worship Guest – Mat Whynott will join us on March 31 at the 11:00 am Worship to celebrate the work of Sherbrooke Lake Camp. Mat has been involved in the camp as a counselor-in-training, summer director, parent and now Executive Director.

Steeple Strummers Guitar Club – OVUC's newest group for church members is the "Steeple Strummers" Guitar Club. The group will hold their next monthly guitar session on Monday, April 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, weather permitting. It is open to all congregants of OVUC. The only prerequisite is that you bring your guitar, as these are participation sessions. The Steeple Strummers will meet the first Monday night of each month (except for the summer). Please contact the office to register (902-681-0366, ext 1, AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

Food Bank Sunday – Sunday, April 7, is Food Bank Sunday. Last month, OVUC contributed 101 kg of food donations to the local food bank. This month we are asking for baked beans, canned meat / tuna, pasta sauce and puddings. Fundy Food Bank has served over 1,200 people so far this year, including 400 children. The Food Bank would like to thank everyone for your generosity.

April Soup & Dessert Luncheon – Please join us for our next soup luncheon on Tuesday, April 2, from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. We'll be serving Wild Rice & Chicken Soup or Gingered Carrot Soup, Homemade Biscuits/Rolls, and Cake with Rhubarb Sauce for dessert, plus tea and coffee, for \$8 per person. Take-out or delivery is also available – please order by noon, Monday, April 1 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 at noon on Friday, April 12. Cost is \$5 per person. Our speaker will be Richard Haworth, a renowned Canadian geophysicist, who will speak about his time as Canada's representative on the UN Commission Surveying Continental Shelves. For more information please chat with Dave Murphy, Chris Seymour or Ian Godfrey.

Affirming Church – Orchard Valley United has made the exciting decision to pursue becoming an Affirming Church, and we already have several enthusiastic people signed up for this journey. If this is something calling out to you, please speak to Rev. Don.

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.

Camp Sponsorship – Our camp sponsorship drive last year was again a huge success and Christian Development would like to continue helping some children, youth and families enjoy church camping by sponsoring them for Sherbrooke Lake Camp. If you would like to help sponsor campers, please designate this on your envelope or use one of the marked envelopes available over the next few Sundays. Note that any funds not used for camp sponsorship will go to Orchard Valley's cabin replacement at Sherbrooke Lake.

Lenten Study Series – This study series focuses 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 be held on Monday nights at 7:00 pm and the other on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm. More information is on the bulletin board.

LifeSpeak – LifeSpeak is a resource for personal, health and family wellness information that can be accessed online and confidentially 24 hours a day. The diverse library includes videos, podcasts, action plans, and “Ask the Experts” sessions on many subjects that are on the top of our minds daily. LifeSpeak is an extension of the United Church of Canada *Employee & Family Assistance Plan*. You and family members can access it from any computer or mobile device: <https://united-church.lifespeak.com> (access through the "Group Account"), Client password: “wellness”. Please feel free to take a look.

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.

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 March 24–30, 2019

Sun, Mar 24	9:00 am	1 st Worship Service
	11:00 am	2 nd Worship Service
Mon, Mar 25	10:30 am	Gentle Yoga
	7:00 pm	Lenten Study Session (Boardroom)
Tues, Mar 26	2:00 pm	Lenten Study Session (Boardroom)
	3:30 pm	Congregational Life Committee
	5:00 pm	Y’All Come to Supper
Wed, Mar 27	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Thurs, Mar 28	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Mar 29	8:00 am	Friday Women’s Breakfast Group

Worship for Seniors March 2019

Mon, Mar 25	10:30 am	Blomidon Court, Greenwich Shannex (Pat Godfrey)
Wed, Mar 27	10:15 am & 11:00 am	Wolfville Elms and Wolfville Nursing Home (Pat Godfrey)

Community Events

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

To Everything There is a Season: A Lenten Program on End-of-Life Preparations – Presented by Wolfville Inter-Church Council on Wednesdays, March 13–April 10 inclusive, 7:00 pm at L'Arche, 341 Main St, Wolfville. The sessions will address:

- March 13—The Theology of Death—what do you believe happens when you die?
- March 20—Advance Care Directives—what end of life care do you want?
- March 27—Palliative Care—What does that mean and what is available in our area?
- April 3—Legalities—What are the legal issues we need to prepare for?
- April 10—Funeral Planning—What do you want in your funeral?

This Lenten series not only gives us a chance to think about our lives, but is also a gift to your family, saving them from having to deal with these issues while dealing with their grief. You are encouraged to share this journey together. More info: www.waicc.org.

Safe Medicines for Seniors and Caregivers Workshop – Caregivers Nova Scotia will host a Safe Medicines for Seniors and Caregivers workshop in New Minas on Wednesday, March 27 at New Minas Baptist Church, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. (Snow date: April 10 at 10:00 am) This workshop looks at the safe use of medicines at home and pays special attention to the caregiver's role in administering and managing medications for their care recipients. Caregivers who are seniors themselves will also find it useful. You'll receive a useful guide *Safe Medicines for Seniors: A Guide for Caregivers* as well as information on how to use it. This workshop will be delivered together with a community pharmacist. The event is free but seating is limited. Please register in advance by calling Jennine Wilson at 902-680-8706, or the toll-free number 1-877-488-7390.

Empowered to Connect Conference Simulcast. Date: April 5-6, 10:45 am–7:00 pm. Location: Salvation Army Kentville, 15 Nichols Ave. Featuring TBRI® (Trust-Based Relational Intervention), it is ideal for anyone who walks alongside children and youth in any capacity: PARENTS (birth, step, foster, adoptive, grandparents); PROFESSIONALS (social workers, therapists, educators, health care providers, pastors); CAREGIVERS (community respite, children's ministry volunteers). Buy tickets & Register: Eventbrite.ca: Empowered to Connect Conference Simulcast 2019 - Annapolis Valley (tickets online - \$40 per person or \$50 per couple for the complete event, includes snacks and access to a viewing guide). Hosted locally by Forever Families of Canada (Come Alongside Network). Find us on Facebook: Come Alongside Network.

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This week's bulletin is sponsored
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Susan Pearl (MacDonald) McNamara

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