

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 31, 2019

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

9:00 am Worship:

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

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KPPT Greeter Linda Draper
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Candle Lighter tba
Announcements / Scripture Reader..... Christina Macdonald
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Tellers..... Dorothy Robbins, 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, March 31, 2019 – Joshua 5:9–12, Psalm 32,
2 Corinthians 5:16–21, Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32.

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 31	April 7
April 14	April 21
April 28	May 5

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. Last year the congregation donated \$2,190 and Christian Development used this to send 7 adults and 8 children/youth to Sherbrooke Lake's family camp, 2 youth to Sherbrooke Lake's other camps, and 1 child to Brigadoon Village.

Camping Sunday – This Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate Camping Sunday at the 11:00 am service. Please remember to wear your Camp clothing. Before the 11:00 am service, we'll have a Hymn Sing, so come prepared to shout out your favourite hymn numbers. Mat Whynott will join us 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. Following the 11:00 am service, we'll have s'mores and hot dogs for the young and young at heart.

Communications Committee Meeting – The Communications Committee will meet at 9:00 am, Sunday, March 31, in the boardroom.

Happy Birthday, Mary – Thinking of Mary Mercer on her birthday, April 1, with love and best wishes from her friends in the Friday Morning Breakfast Group.

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).

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.

Property Committee Meeting – The Property Committee will meet Wednesday, April 3, at 4:00 pm.

Men's Breakfast – The men of OVUC will meet at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, April 7, at 7:45 am for Men's Breakfast. Come early to get the early bird special. All men of the congregation are welcome.

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.

Finance Committee Meeting – The Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 10 in the small meeting room.

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.

Financial Assistance for Sherbrooke Lake Camp – Consider camping at Sherbrooke Lake this year! If you need financial help, please fill in a camp sponsorship application form and return to the church office by Monday, April 15. Application forms and camp brochures are available from the table alongside the projection booth. More information is available from Andy Pitter (andriel_p@yahoo.ca; 902-543-1545) or at <http://www.sherbrookelakecamp.org>.

Help Needed – Like to sing or visit with the elderly? Please consider helping with Orchard Valley's Worship for Seniors, the monthly worship services at some of the senior residences and nursing homes in our area. You can help with the location closest to you or whichever ones fit into your schedule each month. For more information or to volunteer, contact Vangé Leslie (eaaworks@ns.sympatico.ca) or a Worship committee member.

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.

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.

Worship for Seniors – April

Fri, Apr 12	1:30 pm	Orchard Court, Kentville Shannex Leading – tba
Sun, Apr 14	2:30 pm	Kings Riverside Court, Kentville, Leading – Leta Ells & Canard Community Church
Wed, Apr 24	10:15 am 11:00 am	Wolfville Elms and Wolfville Nursing Home, Leading – Jane Hynes & UCW-W
Mon, Apr 29	10:30 am	Blomidon Court, Greenwich Shannex, Leading – tba

This Week in the Orchard

March 31 – April 6, 2019

Sun, Mar 31	9:00 am	1 st Worship Service
	9:00 am	Communications Committee
	11:00 am	2 nd Worship Service – Camp Sunday with Mat Whynott
Mon, Apr 1	10:30 am	Gentle Yoga
	2:00 pm	UCW-W Meeting (Wickwire)
	7:00 pm	Steeple Strummers Guitar Club (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Study Session (Boardroom)
Tues, Apr 2	11:45 am	Soup & Dessert Luncheon
	2:00 pm	Lenten Study Session (Boardroom)
	7:00 pm	Worship Committee
Wed, Apr 3	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	4:00 pm	Property Committee
	7:00 pm	Chimes Practice
Thurs, Apr 4	1:30 pm	Games Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Apr 5	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group

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 remaining sessions will address:

- 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.

Empowered to Connect Conference Simulcast. Date: April 5-6, 10:45 am–7:00 pm. Location: Salvation Army Kentville, 15 Nichols Ave. Featuring TBRI®, it is ideal for anyone who walks alongside children and youth in any capacity. Buy tickets & Register: [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.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.

NMBC Women's Conference – New Minas Baptist Church invites you to attend our NMBC Women's Conference on April 5&6. You will experience wonderful teaching by Colleen Delong, worship led by Gina Cormier plus fantastic workshops. Cost is \$20 plus \$2.00 online fee and includes lunch. Register online at <http://bit.ly/NMBC19womencon>. Registration deadline is

Sunday, March 31. For more info please contact Lara (inglesfamily@gmail.com) or Laurel (laureljamieson@gmail.com).

“Bunnies on Parade” Soup Lunch – The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church invite you to our “Bunnies on Parade” Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder luncheon on Wednesday, April 17, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$8. per person. As always we will be offering a great array of delicious desserts, fresh breads, tea and coffee. This will be our last luncheon of the season 'til we “See You In September”!

Sara’s Story – In 1946, Sara Cameron left for British Guiana, South America, in a response for missionary work through the Presbyterian Church of Canada. She left her fiancée and did not return for more than three years. Her daughter, Barbara Cunningham, shares highlights from her Mom’s love letters to her Dad. A photo slideshow by daughter, Mary Schofield, and a display tells Sara’s story. This story will be shared on Saturday, April 13, 1:30 pm at Kings Presbyterian Church, 5563 Prospect Rd, New Minas. Free-will offering will go to Centreville / Aldershot Refuge Sponsorship (CARS). Come, enjoy the story and share in a cup of tea/coffee & sweets.

End of Life Information Day – April 17, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Annapolis Royal Fire Hall. Space is limited; book early. Full Day Event ~ topics include: Palliative Care Services; Funeral & Burial Options; Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD); and Wills and Advance Care Planning. \$20.00 (in advance) admission includes beverages and lunch. Registration and payment are due by 4:00 pm on April 12, 2019. To register please contact Glenda Robinson at glenda.robinson@nshealth.ca or 902-532-5810.

Next Week’s Participants Sunday, April 7, 2019

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Greeters Irma Maxwell, Jean Beckwith
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Scripture Reader Barbara Bent
Hospitality..... Dorothy Robbins, Cheryl MacDonald & Members of Eastern Star
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This week's bulletin is sponsored
in loving memory of my brother-in-law

Aldon Young

By Mary MacDonald