

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 17, 2019

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

9:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship.....Rev Don Sellsted
Organist.....Dale Griffiths
Guitarist.....Doug MacKinnon
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Greeter.....Linda Draper
Candle Lighter.....tba
Announcements / Scriptures.....Kelly Messom
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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.

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 |
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| November 10 | November 17 |
| November 24 | December 1 |
| December 8 | December 15 |

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 17, 2019 – Isaiah 65:17–25, Isaiah 12, Thessalonians 3:6–13, Luke 21:5–19.

Communications Requesting Story Submissions – The Communications Committee is requesting story submissions for the Advent newsletter. Deadline: Monday, November 18. Please contact Sylvia Jacquard or the office as soon as possible.

OV-UCW Meeting – The next OV-UCW meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2:00 pm at OVUC. All women of the congregation are invited.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – The members of the Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the OVUC boardroom.

Kentville and New Minas Area Interchurch Council Ecumenical Advent Service – Sunday, November 24, at 6:30 pm, hosted at Kentville United Baptist Church (503 Main St). There will be musical presentations by choirs and musical groups from participating churches (including Orchard Valley), and combined choir selections. Offering proceeds will be in support of our local food bank. All contributions are tax deductible, with cheques payable to “Fundy Interchurch Foodbank”. All are welcome to attend.

Valley Foodgrains Bank Project Fall Blueberry Sale – Orders for 5 lb boxes of frozen blueberries from Blueberry Acres will be taken until November 24. The cost is \$20 for the 5 lb box, with \$4 going to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (which will be matched 4:1). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Your order can be picked up at OVUC on Thursday, November 28, between 4:30 and 5:00 pm. Please advise Jean Millett if you are unable to pick-up at this time.

Raising of the Christmas Tree – The Men's Group of OVUC will put up the large church Christmas Tree on Monday, November 25 starting at 1:00 pm. Participants are asked to please be at the church ready to work by 12:45 pm. Any questions, please contact Chris Seymour at 902-678-8865 or email seymourchris2@gmail.com.

November Y'All Come to Supper – The next Y'All Come to Supper will be on Tuesday, November 26. The meal is going to be a Roast Beef dinner, with Cherry Cheesecake for dessert. We will be decorating the church for the Advent Season. Supper is at 5:00 pm. Please join us. Everyone is welcome. Free will offering. Please register to attend by calling the office at 902-681-0366 ext 1 or emailing us at AdminOVU@bellaliant.com.

UCW Christmas Luncheon – The women of the OV-UCW have been invited to join those of the UCW Wolfville Unit on Monday, December 2, at 12:00 pm (for 12:30) for lunch at the Old Orchard Inn. Please advise Jean Millett (902-681-0043) by Wednesday, November 27 if you are able to attend.

Men's Fellowship Luncheon – All men are most cordially invited to our Christmas Luncheon at noon on Friday, December 13. Cost is \$5. Please sign up on the appropriate sheet in the Narthex. Our speaker is Ms. Dale Sanford. Dale will tell us all about the Valley Hospice. For more information, please speak to Dave Murphy, Ian Godfrey or Chris Seymour. Thank you.

Guys' Cans – The Men's Group have been conducting a Guy's Cans fund raising activity for a number of years. Through your generous support, in 2018 we raised \$2,291 from the Guys' Cans. There are cans available on the table in the foyer and if you did not receive one this year, it's not too late to participate. Just ensure your envelope number or name is placed on the can label so you will receive a tax receipt. Please note: the cans are to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 1, 2019.

Fundscrip – We have a number of supporters who purchase grocery, gas & other retail shopping cards on a regular basis. There is an extensive list of retailers whose cards you can purchase. Fundscrip grocery shopping cards can also be purchased for donating to The Fundy Food Bank which complements the donating of groceries. Please ensure you forward the gift card to the local food bank with a note giving your name and address as they will issue you a tax receipt for the amount of the gift card. Many of our supporters also purchase shopping cards for Christmas gifts. Please note: the last date to place orders for the cards in order to receive them for Christmas is December 8, 2019. Thank you for your support of the Men's Group activities.

Gift to SPCA – In addition to their bake sale fundraising, the Seekers Youth Group will take some items that Council has approved as surplus to the SPCA Thrift Shop after school on Friday, November 22. If someone with a truck or trailer would like to help us with this, please contact Andy Pitter.

Offering Collection – We are looking for volunteers willing to take up the Sunday morning collection during the 11:00 am service. This does not mean you need to stay after to count! The intent is to create rotating teams so this won't be an "every Sunday" obligation, but will create consistency during our offering time. If you are willing to assist in full or in part, please let Rev. Don know. Thanks!

OVUC Church Membership – 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.

Request for Bulletin Cover Pictures – There are a number of "special" Sundays throughout the Church calendar year. OVUC would like to highlight the talent of our congregation by asking for electronic submissions of photos to be used on these bulletin covers. If you have a photo(s), please send it to the OVUC office in jpg format at your earliest convenience. Photos should be the highest quality/size setting at maximum and in portrait (vertical) format.

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.

We're on Facebook – Did you know we are on Facebook? Here we share updates on the UCC and Orchard Valley United including upcoming events and church notifications. Find us by searching and "liking" us at @orchardvalleyuc or at <https://www.facebook.com/orchardvalleyuc/>

This Week in the Orchard November 17–23, 2019

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| Sun, Nov 17 | 9:00 am | 1 st Worship Service |
| | 11:00 am | 2 nd Worship Service |
| | 1:00 pm | Affirming Workshop |
| Mon, Nov 18 | 9:00 am | Pastoral Care Committee |
| | 10:30 am | Spirit Yoga |
| | 2:00 pm | OV-UCW Meeting |
| Tues, Nov 19 | 2:00 pm | Fall Book Study |
| | 7:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| Wed, Nov 20 | 10:00 am | Lectionary Group |
| | 7:00 pm | Chimes Practice |
| Thurs, Nov 21 | 10:00 am | Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group |
| | 1:30 pm | Games Group |
| | 6:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri, Nov 22 | 8:00 am | Friday Women's Breakfast Group |

Worship for Seniors November 2019

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| Mon, Nov 25 | 10:30 am | Blomidon Court, Greenwich Shannex |
| Wed, Nov 27 | 10:15 am 11:00 am | Wolfville Elms and Wolfville Nursing Home |

Community Announcements

(see bulletin board for more information)

Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group – The Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group meetings are held on Thursdays from 10:00–11:00 am at OVUC. Those attending are asked to use the back door of the church.

“The Strike at Putney Church”, Centre Stage – *“The Strike at Putney Church”* is a play by Eliza Jane Wilson, based on the short story by L.M. Montgomery. This production, directed by Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk and featuring our own Grace Oleskevich and Cheryl Sellsted, plays Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, November 1 through December 1, and Sundays at 2:00 pm on November 10 and November 24. Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$12 Students/Seniors (65+), \$5 Child (12 and under). Reservations are strongly recommended. Please call 902-678-8040 to reserve.

Hamburger Soup / Corn Chowder Luncheon – The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church invite you to our “A Touch of Christmas” Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder luncheon on Wednesday, November 20, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$8 per person and as always we will also be offering a great array of delicious desserts, fresh breads, tea and coffee.

Christmas Coffee Party – Saturday, November 23, St. John's Anglican Church. The Christmas Coffee Party will take place from 10:00 am until noon. The price is a free will offering. We will have our famous Plum Pudding for sale as well as home baking and fancy works for sale.

Christmas Coffee Party & Sale – Kings Presbyterian Church, 5563 Prospect Rd, New Minas. Saturday, November 23, 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Delectable goodies, tea & coffee, craft and bake tables. Free will offering. Prepared by the Presbyterian Church Women.

4th Annual Holiday Gala – We’re kicking off the holidays in style on November 23, with Bluesmobile at the Old Orchard Inn. Please join us for dinner and dancing until midnight, silent auction and more. Call 902-679-3471 or email dale.sanford@nshealth.ca to book your individual tickets or table of 10.

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This week's bulletin is sponsored
in loving memory of my parents

Howard and Ivy Connell

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