

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 24, 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
Hospitality.....Margaret Hayes, Edith Scaife

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Music Director / Organist.....Ken Hassell
KPPT Greeter.....tba
Greeter.....Margaret Clarke
Candle Lighter.....tba
Announcements / Scriptures.....Mary McFarlane
Minute for Mission.....Linda Swindells
Hospitality.....Gail Gordon, Norma Mailman, Betty Rockwell, Mildred Watts
Tellers.....Pat Foote, Norma Mailman
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.

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
November 24	December 1
December 8	December 15
December 22	December 29

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 24, 2019 – Jeremiah 23:1–6, Luke 1:68–79, Colossians 1:11–20, Luke 23:33–43.

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.

Christmas Giving Tree – Our Christmas Giving Tree will be up and decorated by Sunday, November 24, in the back of the sanctuary. We hope you will share in transforming a joyful red tree to a peaceful white by dedicating a bow in celebration of life, love, community, family & friends. Your red bow will then be replaced by a white one. We will be accepting contributions beginning Sunday and will acknowledge those dedications during the Advent Sunday services. Dedication envelopes are available next to the Tree. We are grateful for your support.

Thank You! As a way to thank the congregation for their support and for their juice donations, the Sunday School children will be handing out candy canes and bookmarks after the 11:00 am worship this Sunday, November 24.

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 will be a Roast Beef dinner with Cherry Cheesecake for dessert. Serving starts at 5:00 pm but we can serve meals until 6:00; if you are going to be later than 5:30, please make us aware so we can put food aside. Free will offering. We will also be decorating the great Christmas Tree and welcome your help. Please register to attend by calling the office at 902-681-0366 ext 1 or emailing us at AdminOVU@bellaliant.com. We would be grateful for help setting up and cleaning up again this month.

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 noon (for 12:30 pm) for lunch at the Old Orchard Inn. Please advise Jean Millett (902-681-0043) by Wednesday, November 27, if you are able to attend.

Food Bank Sunday – It is always amazing how much OVUC gives to the local food bank. Last month was our highest – 145 kg of food donations. This month, the Fundy Food Bank is requesting cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and personal items such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo. Thank you for your generosity.

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 credit on your charitable tax receipt. Please note: the cans are to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 1.

Children's Lunch – Orchard Valley is offering a Children's Lunch and pageant rehearsal, Saturday, December 7, 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Parents, this could be time for you to shop, see friends, or nap. This event is for children ages 4–12; younger children are welcome but would need adult accompaniment. Let us know of allergies and we will try to accommodate. Please register with the office (902-681-0366, ext 1 or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

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. Thank you for your support of the Men's Group activities.

Finance Meeting – The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 pm.

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.

United Church 2020 Calendars – Calendars are available in the church foyer. Price \$6 each. This is an OV-UCW project.

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 24–30, 2019

Sun, Nov 24	9:00 am	1 st Worship Service
	11:00 am	2 nd Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Ecumenical Advent Service (Kentville United Baptist Church)
Mon, Nov 25	10:30 am	Spirit Yoga
	1:00 pm	Raising of the Christmas Tree
Tues, Nov 26	4:00 pm	Congregational Life Committee
	5:00 pm	Y'All Come to Supper
Wed, Nov 27	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	10:00 am	Facilities Committee
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Thurs, Nov 28	10:00 am	Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group
	1:30 pm	Games Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Nov 29	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group

Worship for Seniors November 2019

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.

Vigil for Ending Violence Against Women – A vigil for ending violence against women and girls to help kick off the 16 days of activism for ending gender-based violence. All welcome. Candlelit vigil, spoken word, music, and open mic. Clock Park, Wolfville. Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 pm. Please share with anyone who may be interested in attending or participating. Contact Sandra at fyfesandra@hotmail.com with any questions.

Late Christmas Hamper Registration – If you missed the registration dates for the Salvation Army / KNMACC Christmas Hampers, there will be one final opportunity to register on Tuesday morning, December 3, between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. Registration will take place at the Salvation Army Community Church at 15 Nichols Ave, Kentville. Please bring identification for each person in the household and proof of income for all those over 18.

SCROOGE'S TALE: A Musical – Based on "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Script: Rev John Moses, Music: William F. Treadgold. Performances: Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. Free-will admission with proceeds for the Berwick and Kingston Foodbanks. Previous performances played to a packed house, and this year promises to be great!!!!

Homecoming Christmas Concert – Saturday, December 14, 7:00 pm, 118 Oakdene Avenue, Kentville (former Christian Reformed Church). Ryan Roberts, Kevin Davison, Machaela Taylor Spinney & Rick Spinney. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased (cash only) at Long and McQuade in New Minas. You can also contact Rick Spinney at (902) 385-2656 or on Facebook. If you can, please bring a food or clothing item for Open Arms.

A Winter Night Solstice Concert – The Longest Night – St. James Anglican Church, December 21, 7:00 pm. Tickets \$10 at the door. Rev. Mel Malton, author and storyteller.

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Erik Swinimer
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by loving wife, Elsie, and
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