

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, December 1, 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

### 11:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship.....Rev Don Sellsted  
Music Director / Organist.....Ken Hassell  
KPPT Greeter.....tba  
Greeter.....Peggy Smith  
Candle Lighters.....Julien Davis & Sandra Bornemann, Micah & Galia Bornemann-Davis  
Announcements / Scriptures.....Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk  
Hospitality.....Helen Seymour, Linda Swindells, Sandra Tremblett  
Tellers.....Heather Bishop, Pat Foote  
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, December 1, 2019** – Isaiah 2:1–5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11–14, Matthew 24:36–44.

**Christmas Giving Tree** – Our Christmas Giving Tree is up and decorated 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. We will acknowledge dedications during the Advent Sunday services. Dedication envelopes are available next to the Tree. We are grateful for your support.

**Christmas Hamper Program** – Orchard Valley United Church, as part of our Outreach mission, will be providing 40 less fortunate families from the Kentville / New Minas communities with Christmas Food Hampers, as well as financially contributing to Christmas campaigns in Wolfville and Canning. Please support this much-needed outreach program with monetary donations. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 by December 1. We can do it with your help. We're currently at \$3500. Donations can be put in the specially marked envelopes at the back of the church or by using an envelope that you clearly indicate for the Hampers, mailed to the church, or placed in the offering plate. Cheques should be made payable to Orchard Valley United Church, and must note "Christmas Hamper Program". If you have questions, please speak to Helen Seymour or Sheila Fisher. Thanks for your generosity.

**Men's Breakfast, December 1** – The men of OVUC will meet at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, December 1, 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, December 1, is 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. Please note: the cans are to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 1.

**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.

**Steeple Strummers Rehearsals** – The Steeple Strummers will meet at 7:00 pm each Monday, from now until January (except Dec 23), in the OVUC sanctuary.

**Christmas Soup & Dessert Luncheon, Tuesday, December 3** – Please join us at Orchard Valley United Church for our monthly Soup & Dessert Luncheon on Tuesday, December 3. We'll be serving a choice of Sausage & Squash or Cream of Broccoli Soup, freshly made biscuits, tea/coffee, and a homemade 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, December 2 by calling 902-681-0366, ext 1, or emailing AdminOVU@bellaliant.com.

**Property Meeting** – The Property Committee will meet Wednesday, December 4, at 4:00 pm in the OVUC boardroom.

**Special Worship Service for Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women** – On Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm, Orchard Valley United will be hosting a special service recognizing the day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the École Polytechnique de Montréal shooting. All are welcome.

**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.

**Holy Communion, December 8** – The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, December 8.

**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. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. For more information, please speak to Dave Murphy, Ian Godfrey or Chris Seymour. Thank you.

**Pageant Help** – Thea Burton & Company need a few adults and youth for some non-speaking parts at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am worship services on December 15. Please speak with Thea.

**Coldest Night of the Year** – The Seekers Youth Group is participating in the Coldest Night of the Year Walk again in February 2020. Please start saving your refundable bottles and cans for us, and stay tuned for more information.

**Tellers are needed!** There are many folks that have contributed over the years in counting following Sunday services. A big thank you goes out to those who have helped along the way. This year the numbers who are able to help has dwindled. We are in need of new folks to sign up. It is the goal that we try to keep folks to 4 or 5 times a year, however, we need enough individuals to make this happen. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer or speak to Heather Bishop or Theresa Perrin. Thanks.

**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 December 1–7, 2019

Sun, Dec 1	7:45 am	Men's Breakfast (Irving Big Stop, New Minas)
	9:00 am	Communion Worship Service
	11:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship Service
Mon, Dec 2	10:30 am	Spirit Yoga
	12:30 pm	UCW Christmas Lunch (Old Orchard Inn)
	7:00 pm	Steeple Strummers Rehearsal
Tues, Dec 3	11:45 am	Christmas Soup & Dessert Luncheon
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship Committee</b>
Wed, Dec 4	10:00 am	Lectionary Group
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Property Committee</b>
	7:00 pm	Chimes Practice
Thurs, Dec 5	10:00 am	Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group
	1:30 pm	Games Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fri, Dec 6	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group
	7:00 pm	Remembrance & Action on Violence against Women Worship Service
Sat, Dec 7	11:00 am	Children's Christmas Lunch

## Worship for Seniors December 2019

Sun, Dec 8	2:30 pm	Kings Riverside Court, Kentville
Fri, Dec 13	1:30 pm	Orchard Court, Kentville Shannex
Mon, Dec 30	10:30 am	Blomidon Court, Greenwich Shannex
tba	10:15 am	Wolfville Elms and
	11:00 am	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.

**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.

**National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence against Women** – Every December 6, Acadia's Women's and Gender Studies Program holds a ceremony to commemorate the lives of the 14 women who were killed on December 6, 1989 at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. This year's ceremony will be held from 4:00–5:00 pm on Friday, December 6 at the Wolfville Farmers' Market. All are welcome to attend.

**Kings Chorale Christmas Concert** – On Sunday, December 8, 2:00 pm at the Wolfville Baptist Church, Kings Chorale will be performing their annual Christmas Concert featuring Nancy Telfer's *Noel!* with harp and flute. Other Christmas music will be presented including carols for brass, choir and audience. Special guests are Isabelle Gagnon, harp; Derek Charke, flute; Maggie Helms, clarinet; and the Burgundy Brass. Tickets are \$20 and are available from choir members or at the door.

**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.

**Kettle Volunteers Needed** – The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers for its annual Kettle Campaign. Volunteers may call (902) 690-5016 or email [kentvillekettles@gmail.com](mailto:kentvillekettles@gmail.com).

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This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of you,

**Victor Burton**

Always lots of love, Dolores Burton and family