

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, December 22, 2019

**Thank you to the following people for their participation:**

### 9:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Don Sellsted  
Organist..... Thea Burton  
Guitarist ..... Doug MacKinnon  
Hospitality..... Edith Scaife

### 11:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Don Sellsted  
Music Director / Organist ..... Ken Hassell  
Narrators ..... Frank Hartman, Valerie Mosher  
Soloists ..... Christina Macdonald, Dave Murphy, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk  
Percussion..... Colin Hassell  
KPPT Greeter ..... Jean Millett  
Greeter..... Margaret Clarke  
Candle Lighters ..... The Coxhead Family  
Announcements ..... Faye Calder  
Hospitality..... Norma Mailman, Brenda Parker, Peggy Smith  
Tellers ..... Gail Gordon, 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.

**Christmas Office Closure** – Please note that the OVUC office will be closed from December 25 through January 5, inclusive. There will still be worship services on Sunday, December 29 (Lessons and Carols) led by Rev Krista Anderson, and January 5 (Epiphany Sunday), led by Rev Don Sellsted. For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Rev Don at (902) 599-4797.

### Christmas Eve Worship Services –

- 4:00 pm – OVUC Family Worship Service
- 6:00 pm – OVUC Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 pm – Covenant Church Worship Service

**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:

<b>Order Dates</b>	<b>Delivery Dates</b>
December 22	December 29
January 5	January 12
January 19	January 26

### **Lectionary Readings for:**

- **Sunday, December 22, 2019** – Isaiah 7:10–16, Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19, Romans 1:1–7, Matthew 1:18–25.
- **Sunday, December 29, 2019** – Isaiah 63:7–9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10–18, Matthew 2:13–23.
- **Sunday, January 5, 2020** – Isaiah 60:1–6, Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14, Ephesians 3:1–12, Matthew 2:1–12.

**Congregational Christmas Breakfast** – The Friday Morning Breakfast Women invite the congregation to a Christmas Breakfast on Friday, December 20, at 9:00 am. Freewill offering. Entertainment to follow. All members of the congregation are welcome.

**OVUC Cantata** – The Orchard Valley United Church Choir and friends will be offering the cantata "Joy Has Dawned" on Sunday morning, December 22, at 11:00 am. Come early to get a good seat!

**White Gift Sunday** – December 15 was White Gift Sunday, but we have extended it to include Sunday, December 22. Our white gifts will be given once again to Chrysalis House in Kentville. Practical items would be appreciated, such as: mops & pails, brooms & dustpans, clean sheets, garbage buckets, etc. Small basic items are also needed, such as unscented personal care products, clothing such as socks and/or underwear, or small children's items such as body wash, diaper cream, baby wipes would also be gratefully appreciated. A full wish list is available on the OVUC bulletin board.

**Longest Night of the Year / Blue Christmas** – On Sunday, December 22, at 7:00 pm, Orchard Valley will hold its Longest Night of the year / Blue Christmas service. The Advent season is one of wonder. For so many it is a time of hopeful anticipation and promise. The longer nights and the gray clouds seem to provide the perfect background for the lights and the tinsel. But for many, Christmas is a harsh reminder of life that once was. So, we gather not so much in hopeful anticipation, but in the cloud of despondency. While so many are ready to sing, "Joy to the World," at Blue Christmas we gather as those who mourn. We gather to carve out a time of quiet reflection. We gather to shed tears if they come, to hold hands if they are available, and to know that we are not alone. Whether this is the first Christmas without someone you love, or if you seem to be hurting from loss for as long as you remember, we gather to be reminded that it's okay to mourn, even at Christmas.

**No Hospitality on December 29** – Please note that coffee time / hospitality will not be offered on Sunday, December 29.

**Sherbrooke Lake Camp** – Too soon to think about camp? Not if it is Sherbrooke Lake! Registration opens Thursday, January 2, 2020, and last year spots for Intermediate girls and families filled up very quickly. If you are interested in registering yourself or a young person for a camp, go to <https://www.sherbrookelakecamp.org/2020>. Orchard Valley can assist with registration costs and/or transportation: if desired, please fill in an application form (available after Christmas). Please note: Orchard Valley offers only one camp sponsorship per person.

**Men's Breakfast** – The men of OVUC will meet at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, January 5, 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, January 5, is Food Bank Sunday. At this time of the year, the shelves are emptying quickly, with more people requesting food than at any time of the year. We have a constant requirement for bread, pasta, rice, canned soups and vegetables, and personal toiletry items like tooth paste, shampoo, etc. Thank you, OVUC, for all you do for Fundy Food Bank each year.

**Property Committee Meeting** – The Property Committee will meet in the boardroom on the second Wednesday in January (January 8), at their new time of 3:00 pm.

**January Men's Fellowship Luncheon** – The OVUC Men's Fellowship Luncheon will be held January 10, 2020 at noon with a cost of \$5 per person. Our guest speaker will be Steve Haysom who is co-owner of the Church Brewing Co. & Restaurant in Wolfville. Steve will be speaking on "Our Goals - Sustainability, Renewal, Community and Resource". This luncheon is open to the ladies as well, so please sign up on the clipboard in the foyer, so proper amounts of food supplies can be purchased.

**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.

**Offering Envelopes** – Offering envelopes for 2020 are now available in the mailboxes in the narthex. If you do not see your envelopes OR you would like to request offering envelopes or PAR (pre-authorized remittance), please contact the office. (Please note that some mailboxes are too full, and some offering envelopes have therefore been put into an "overflow" section at the bottom right of the receptacle.)

**Stamp Collection** – Just a reminder the Outreach Committee collects used stamps. The stamps are sent to the Canadian Bible Society and Oxfam Canada. If you would like to donate your used stamps, there is a wooden bin at the back of the sanctuary, where you can leave them.

**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/>

**Thanks to Pageant Participants and Helpers** – OVUC would like to thank those who performed in last Sunday's Children's Pageant, "Get Ready":

Narrator:..... Cooper Coxhead  
 Carl: ..... Charlie Dennis  
 Homeless Person 1: ..... John Dennis  
 Homeless Person 2: ..... Sam Mackie McInnis  
 Homeless Person 3: ..... Charlie Morse  
 Angel 1: ..... Teagan Murphy  
 Angel 2: ..... Lucy Duggan  
 Angel 3: ..... Noah Duyan  
 Angel 4: ..... Katia Duyan  
 Doctor:..... Leo Duggan  
 Nurse: ..... Cheryl Hill  
 Low Income Kid 1: ..... Jackson Coxhead  
 Low Income Kid 2: ..... Adalynn Murphy  
 Low Income Kid 3: ..... Isabelle Mackie McInnis  
 Newcomer 1: ..... Micah Bornemann-Davis  
 Newcomer 2: ..... Galia Bornemann-Davis  
 Supporting cast: ..... Donna Murphy & Mary Sweatman  
 Producers: ..... Andy Pitter & Cheryl Hill  
 Writer / Director: ..... Thea Burton

OVUC would also like to thank Anne Clattenburg for her signs, Chris Seymour for his harmonica playing, and for all the support from Doug MacKinnon, Dale Griffiths, Ken Hassell, Gail Gordon, Helen Seymour, Rev Don Sellsted, parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers, and the adults at the children's lunch!

## **This Week in the Orchard**

**December 22-28, 2019**

Sun, Dec 22	9:00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Service
	11:00 am	Christmas Cantata – "Joy Has Dawned"
	7:00 pm	Longest Night of the Year Service
Mon, Dec 23		n/a
Tues, Dec 24	4:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve Service
	6:00 pm	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
	11:00 pm	Covenanter Christmas Eve Service
Wed, Dec 25	<b>Office Closed</b>	
Thurs, Dec 26	<b>Office Closed</b>	
Fri, Dec 27	<b>Office Closed</b>	

## December 29 – January 5, 2019 \*

\* Please note that the office is closed this week, and will re-open on Monday, January 6.

Sun, Dec 29	9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Lessons & Carols Worship
	11:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lessons & Carols Worship
Mon, Dec 30	7:00 pm	Steeple Strummers Rehearsal
Tues, Dec 31		n/a
Wed, Jan 1		n/a
Thurs, Jan 2	10:00 am	Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group
	2:00 pm	Steeple Strummers Rehearsal
Fri, Jan 3	8:00 am	Friday Women's Breakfast Group
Sat, Jan 4	Tba	Steeple Strummers Rehearsal
Sun, Jan 5	9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Epiphany Sunday Worship
	11:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Epiphany Sunday Worship

## Worship for Seniors December 2019

Tues, Dec 24	10:15 am	Wolfville Elms and
	11:00 am	Wolfville Nursing Home
Mon, Dec 30	10:30 am	Blomidon Court, Greenwich Shannex

## 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. Note there is no meeting on Thursday, December 26.

**Kingsport Emmanuel United Church's Christmas Musical Evening** – To be held Sunday, December 22, at 7:00 pm in the church. Musical guests include: Susan Ueffing, the Peng sisters, Andrew Bagley, Jennifer Collishaw, Wayne Ward and Linda Barkhouse, Laura George, David Mosher, and others. A reception will follow. A freewill offering will be received.

**Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder Luncheon** – The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church invite you to our "Greet the New Year" Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder luncheon on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$8 per person and, as always, we will also be offering a great array of delicious desserts, fresh breads, tea and coffee.

## Thank You to the Following Participants:

### Sunday, December 22, 2019

#### 7:00 pm Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Don Sellsted  
Music Director / Organist ..... Ken Hassell  
Participants ..... Vera Burke, Peter & Vicky Dekker, Linda Draper,  
Allyson Dunfee, Jean Millett, Joy Waterbury  
Projectionist ..... tba

### Tuesday, December 24, 2019

#### 4:00 pm Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Don Sellsted  
Music Director / Organist ..... Ken Hassell  
Greeter ..... tba  
Candle Lighters ..... Tommy Duggan, Sarah Trask, Lucy Duggan, Leo Duggan  
Projectionist ..... tba

#### 6:00 pm Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Don Sellsted  
Music Director / Organist ..... Ken Hassell  
Greeter ..... Kelly Messom  
Candle Lighters ..... tba  
Tellers ..... Heather Bishop, Bruce Smith  
Projectionist ..... tba

### Sunday, December 29, 2019

#### 9:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Krista Anderson  
Organist ..... Dale Griffiths  
Guitarist ..... Doug MacKinnon  
Hospitality ..... n/a

#### 11:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Krista Anderson  
Organist ..... Debbie Mailman  
KPPT Greeter ..... Joy Waterbury  
Greeter ..... tba  
Candle Lighter ..... tba  
Announcements ..... Kelly Messom  
Hospitality ..... n/a  
Tellers ..... Heather Bishop, Bruce Smith  
Projectionist ..... Sylvia Jacquard

## Sunday, January 5, 2020

### 9:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Don Sellsted  
Organist ..... Dale Griffiths  
Guitarist ..... Doug MacKinnon  
Hospitality ..... Edith Scaife

### 11:00 am Worship:

Leader of Worship ..... Rev Don Sellsted  
Music Director / Organist ..... Ken Hassell  
KPPT Greeter ..... tba  
Greeter ..... tba  
Candle Lighter ..... tba  
Announcements ..... Mary McFarlane  
Hospitality ..... Heather Bishop, Pat Foote, Jan Porter  
Tellers ..... Gail Gordon, Cecil White  
Projectionist ..... Sylvia Jacquard

This week's bulletin is sponsored  
in memory of my husband,

**Fred Clarke**

with love from Margaret Clarke

The December 29 bulletin  
is sponsored in memory of

**Fred Wooster**

(July 25, 1939 – December 29, 2004)

loving husband of Carol & father of Lyal