

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, March 22, 2020

Following are the announcements for this week.

**Orchard Valley United Church has cancelled all in-person events, meetings and worship services at the church for at least the next three weeks.** Please check our website, under the Cancellations and Postponements, for more information.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** – Our Annual Congregational Meeting has been postponed. A new date will be announced once it has been set. Digital copies of the Annual Report are available on our website under “Committees/Church Council/Annual Reports”.

**“Donate” and Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR)** – For those in the congregation who would like to continue supporting the church financially while we are experiencing our temporary closure, please go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/new-minas-pastoral-charge/>. (FYI, Orchard Valley still appears on this page under the New Minas Pastoral Charge, due to our registered charity number.) You may then click on “Donate Now” to make a donation. Alternatively, you may also choose to change your method of giving to monthly through our PAR program. You will find a copy of the PAR form for download on our website under “About Us/Forms”. Please download and print this form, fill it in, and submit it to OVUC along with a blank cheque marked VOID. (You may mail these into the office or put them in our mail slot on the outside of the church building, on the left.) Your PAR amount will then be automatically withdrawn from your account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. For more information or assistance, please contact the office (902-681-0366, ext 1, or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

**FundScrip** – Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
March 15	March 22
March 29	April 5
April 12	April 19

**Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 22, 2020** – 1 Samuel 16:1–13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8–14, John 9:1–41.

**Cancellation of April “Meet Your Feet” Footcare Clinics** – The Meet Your Feet Footcare clinics have been cancelled for April at all three locations – St James Anglican Church, Kentville; Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas; and St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Wolfville. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**Newsletter Articles** – Our Easter Newsletter will be published on April 5, the beginning of Holy Week. If you have an Easter-themed article or a story you would like to share with the congregation, please contact the office no later than Sunday, March 22. We would love to include stories from our congregation.

**Seniors' Worship Services** – The local long-term nursing homes have been closed to visitors. Therefore, all OVUC Seniors' Worship services at the Wolfville Nursing Home, Wolfville Elms, Kings Riverside Court, and the two Shannex facilities (Greenwich and Kentville) have been cancelled until further notice.

**Video Recorded Worship Services** – In this time of uncertainty, Rev Don wants to keep our worship family together in spirit, if not in body. Therefore, he will be preparing a series of short worship services, to be shared with our church family. Please view our video recorded services by going to our webpage and clicking on "Worship Services/Video Recorded Messages".

**Video Recorded Lenten Reflections** – Rev Don has been preparing a series of short Reflections during this time of Lent. Please view his video recorded reflections by going to our webpage and clicking on "Worship Services/Video Recorded Messages" and choosing the tab "Lenten Reflections".

**Video Recorded Spirit Yoga Sessions** – Until April 20, in-person yoga church sessions have been cancelled. Please feel free to participate in our "virtual" sessions, by going to our website and clicking on "Small Group Ministries/Yoga Church" and then clicking on the tab "Video Recorded Sessions". Enjoy!

**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/>

## **Community Announcements**

**Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group** – The Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

**53rd Annual Book Sale – CANCELLED** – The 53rd Annual Book Sale scheduled for Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28 at the Wolfville Lions Club Community Hall has been cancelled.

**Cancellations at St James Anglican Church** – Following the directions issued by the Medical Officer of Health for Nova Scotia, all activities, meetings, worships, etc. at St James Church are cancelled from March 16 until at least April 3. We will re-evaluate the situation at that time.

**Cancellations at Wolfville Baptist Church** – Starting Tuesday March 17, the Wolfville Baptist Church has cancelled Church services as well as internal and external group gatherings for at least three weeks. These cancellations will be re-evaluated April 6. In addition, NO food or drinks will be served from the kitchen for six weeks (to be re-evaluated April 27, 2020).

This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of  
**Susan Pearl (MacDonald) McNamara**

By Cheryl MacDonald