

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 29, 2020

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.

FundScrip – Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
March 29	April 5
April 12	April 19
April 26	May 3

Please feel free to speak with one of the Men's Group to order gift cards.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, March 29, 2020 – Ezekiel 37:1–14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6–11, John 11:1–45.

Cancellation of Finance Committee Meetings – The Finance Committee will not meet until further notice, due to the COVID-19 virus.

Cancellation of March Y'All Come to Supper – The Congregational Life Committee is sorry we are unable to hold our Y'All Come Supper on March 31. We do look forward to seeing all those who support us when we are given the all-clear. We pray that we all stay safe until then.

The Next Property Committee Meeting – The Property Committee will convene by email on Wednesday, April 1.

Cancellation of April Men's Breakfast – The next Men's Breakfast, scheduled for Sunday, April 5, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus.

Cancellation of Men's Fellowship Luncheon – The April 3 Men's Fellowship Luncheon has been cancelled and the speaker has been re-booked for a future date. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Cancellation of UCW-Wolfville Meeting – 'The UCW-Wolfville unit meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, is cancelled. We will resume our meetings at a later date.

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.

“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, we have several ways you can donate:

- You may mail your post-dated cheque(s) to the office (OVUC, 130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7) and they will be deposited each week.
- You may drop your offerings into our mail slot. It’s located on the outside of the OVUC building, on the left corner. This is a secure, internal mailbox.
- You may send us an e-transfer. (Please contact the office for details on how to do this.)
- We are also signed up now with Canada Helps. They help non-profit and charitable agencies collect donations. To make a donation, please click the DONATE button on our website, OR go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/new-minas-pastoral-charge/>. You may then click on “Donate Now” to make a donation.
- Finally, 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. Your PAR amount will then be automatically withdrawn from your account on the 20th of every month.

Regardless of the method you choose, you will receive a tax receipt in 2021 for your donation(s). For more information or assistance, please contact the office (902-681-0366, ext 1, or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

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 has been preparing a series of 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 daily 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”. If you would like paper transcriptions of these reflections, please contact the office (902-681-0366 ext 1 or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

We’re on Facebook – Did you know we are on Facebook? Here we share updates on the UCC and Orchard Valley United Church, 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 – Hope Al-Anon will be using “fongo” for a phone meeting on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am until we can get back in Orchard Valley United Church. This program will let 15 people meet by phone. To enter the meeting, call 1-902-932-1200 and enter the password 902-932-7986#.

Light the Night Wolfville -- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada was planning a fundraising walk in Wolfville for April 4. Please keep an eye out for a new date.

Cessation of Regular Operations at Open Arms and Community Soup Kitchen – Open Arms is halting all regular operations until further notice. Our Kentville Outreach Centre is being cleaned and organized for food order preparation and distribution as part of a home delivery program. Our priority will be people who are self-isolating, have pre-existing health risks or are experiencing food insecurity. Planning has begun and we will be determining our delivery capacity, means of vetting requests, etc.

We are looking to serve beyond regular Open Arms community members. The Community Soup Kitchen is also ceasing regular operations until further notice and will be collaborating with Open Arms in assuring those most at risk are receiving adequate food and nutrition. Prepared food and non-perishables will be delivered to the front door of those in need without having direct personal contact.

Tatamagouche Centre Update – As of March 17, the Board of Directors has decided that the Centre will postpone the following scheduled programs, and unless otherwise noted, reschedule as soon as possible:

- Home Death Care – April 3–5, 2020 - NEW DATE TBA
- Contemplative Pathways - April 23–25, 2020 - NEW DATE TBA
- Circle of Song – May 1–3, 2020 - NEW DATE TBA
- Licensed Lay Worship Leaders – May 1–3, 2020 – CANCELLED

In mid-April, we will re-assess the situation and will be in touch with a further update on how we will proceed.

This week's bulletin is sponsored
in loving memory of my brother-in-law,

Aldon Young

By Mary MacDonald