

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, May 3, 2020

FundScrip – Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
April 26	May 3
May 10	May 17
May 24	May 31

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

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 3, 2020 – Acts 2:42–47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19–25, John 10:1–1.

Camp Sponsorship Update – Thanks to those who made donations; we received \$360. As we had money leftover from last year and we want to help ensure Sherbrooke Lake Camp is able to run next year, Christian Development has decided to give the camp what we have – \$1,953 – as a deposit if we are able to send people this year, or as a donation towards the Camp's own sponsorships if we aren't. (The Camp may end up offering virtual camps, which probably wouldn't work for most of the kids and families who've asked to be sponsored.)

Donating to OVUC – 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:

- Mail your post-dated cheque(s) to the office (OVUC, 130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7);
- 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;
- Click the DONATE button on our website;
- Transfer funds to us via bank e-transfer. Please contact the office for details; or
- Sign-up for PAR. Please contact the office for details.

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).

New "Online Coffee Time" on Sundays – You are invited to attend our new Sunday "Online Coffee Time," which will be held via Zoom. Each Sunday, from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm, congregants are invited to logon to Zoom OR call in via phone, and spend a half-hour visiting with OVUC friends and family. You may join our Coffee Time by:

- Logging in via computer at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2291976771?pwd=Z0R0ckJmaU11MVZNdVBZd0VUMVZqQT09>
- Calling in on your cell phone (One tap mobile):
+17789072071,,2291976771#,,1#,142575# Canada
+14388097799,,2291976771#,,1#,142575# Canada
- Or calling the toll-free phone number:
1-855 703 8985

For each method, you must have the following information, to join in:

- Meeting ID: 229 197 6771
- Password: 142575

Orchard Valley Kidz Looking for People with Talents – Do you have a talent or interest that you would like to share with a small group of children: art? crafts? other handiwork? musical instrument? cooking? Andy Pitter is looking for a different congregational member each week to share something that either the kids could try out for themselves if possible or do in art in response if not. Orchard Valley Kidz is happening on Sundays at 10:00 am over Zoom. You would need a computer, tablet or phone with camera, mic and good Internet. Contact Andy if you are willing to try this out, even if you're not sure how it would work! (andriel_p@yahoo.ca; 902-542-1545).

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”.

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/>

Stroll for Your Soul 2020 – In these days when we are encouraged to walk outside for our physical, mental and spiritual health, Stroll offers incentive and a mindful focus. Participants receive a daily email for 21 days. Each email offers an introduction, a reflection and a task or practice you can carry into your time of strolling for your soul. Stroll emails help you notice the green and growing glories of Spring. They offer practice at paying attention and being in the present moment. With worship services suspended in many places and churches closed, the 21 Stroll emails offer a way of being together while needing to be physically distant by sharing a common focus through this series. Easy sign-up for Group Subscriptions and new features added for COVID-19 realities. Stroll 2020 begins on May 9. Stroll for Your Soul is available by Individual or Group/Congregation subscription. Visit the Prayer Bench at <https://prayerbench.ca/shop/> for more information.

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#.

WAICC Candle-Lighting Video – If you didn't see it last week, please consider watching and praying with Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council's video at <https://www.waicc.org/candle-lighting-vigil>. It features a beautiful piece by the Manning Chapel Choir and Don's candle-lighting liturgy that he referred to last Sunday when he mentioned candles for grief, courage, memory, love and hope. May we continue to keep those affected by the April 18–19 tragedy in our thoughts and prayers.

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

Allen Connell (1949–2006)

By Vangé Leslie