Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, May 17, 2020

FundScrip – Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dat
May 10	May 17
May 24	May 31
June 7	June 14

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

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 17, 2020 – Acts 17:22–31, Psalm 66:8–20, 1 Peter 3:13–22, John 14:15–21.

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
- Or calling the toll-free phone number:

1-855 703 8985

For each method, you will need the following information, to join in:

- Meeting ID: 229 197 6771
- Password: 142575

Mid-Week Online Coffee Break – Rev. Don would like to invite you to our mid-week coffee/tea break time on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm. He would love to see your face, or hear your voice, if you are able to join us.

- Join our Zoom Meeting by clicking: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84634875707.
- Or call in at:
 - 1-(855) 703 8985 Canada Toll-free.
- Meeting ID: 846 3487 5707.

Thank You from Wolfville Nursing Homes – The Wolfville Nursing Homes Ltd. would like to take this time to thank all of the WNH, Wolfville Elms and Wickwire Place volunteers for being you. The variety of interests that you have shared with us, your gentle presence, and interactions with each resident (and staff) made each day special and are greatly missed. We look forward to a new era when you again will be able to brighten our days and tweak our interests. But for now, know that we think of you and miss you. So many of you are trying to help from a distance, and it is greatly appreciated. Stay healthy, stay safe until we meet again. Thank you from the residents, staff and management.

Virtual Youth Forum – You may or may not have heard, but Fall Youth Forum IS on for May 22 & May 23. This year Youth Forum will look a bit different, because of course we'll be gathering online. Get your youth in your church to register for Youth Forum TODAY. We will have facilitators available. We have the songs in the queue. We have our devices charged up and are ready to chat. All we need now is your youth. Register Today for a small fee of \$20. We will explore the subjects of social media and faith. We will look at our perception of ourselves and the difference between what we show online and who we really are. As well we will look at social justice in isolation, and hanging on tight to faith in a changing world. Our format is still in development but will include large and small group meetings through an online meeting platform. For our churches, if any of our youth are in need our technology we will be looking to you to help us out if you can. Please see our recent Facebook post (https://www.facebook.com/youthforummaritimes/) and then visit https://ucceast.ca/58302-virtual-youth-forum-2020/ to register.

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/

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#.

Sherbrooke Lake Camp Challenge – Mat Whynott is challenging you to become a member of Sherbrooke Lake's monthly donor program. They are looking for at least 25 people giving \$25/month (or what ever you can) to support the Camp. Just click the following link and sign up through CanadaHelps.org: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47590

AVHC Virtual Concert – Join the AVHC online for a virtual choral concert, "A Finely Woven Earth," on Saturday, May 23, at 7:00 pm - on Facebook Live! The original spring concert, to be performed on Mother's Day weekend at Wolfville Baptist Church was to be a celebration of our earth and our role in its care. The overall message speaks to how truly connected we all are – a message now more poignant than ever with our feelings of isolation and grief, with the tragic losses we have suffered. This shortened concert features three virtual choir songs, thoughts from the singers, and a few surprises. It is a chance for the choirs to share some of the beautiful music that speaks to our connection as a global community. It will lift us up, allow us to reflect, and make us smile! Join us on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/annapolisvalleyhonourchoir/) or our newsletter (https://www.avhc.ca/) to access this concert.