

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, August 2, 2020

**Welcome** all who worship online with us this Sunday! We're looking forward to being together again. Until then, stay healthy, stay safe.

**Thank you to UCCEast for providing this week's videotaped worship service.**

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

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
August 2	August 9
August 16	August 23
August 30	September 6

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

**Lectionary Readings for Sunday, August 2, 2020** – Genesis 32:22–31, Psalm 17:1–7, 15, Romans 9:1–5, Matthew 14:13–21.

**Sunday Coffee Time** – You are invited to attend our Zoom “Coffee Time” each Sunday, from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. You may join us online or via phone. We hope you can join us!

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474107986>
  - 1-855-703-8985 Canada Toll-free
- Meeting ID: 834 7410 7986

**Covenanter Church Closed for Summer 2020** – It is with regret that the decision was made to leave the Covenanter Church closed this summer due to COVID-19. We will not be open to the public for visitations nor will we have a Summer Worship Series. We apologize to all for the inconvenience, but for the safety of all, it was felt this was the wisest choice. See you in summer 2021!

**Facilities Survey** – The Facilities Committee has prepared an update letter, a brief three-question survey, and copy of the latest proposed floor plan. These documents have been sent out electronically to our church family. The package has also been distributed through regular mail. We would like to have responses to the survey by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Upon receiving the responses, we will be scheduling opportunities for individuals to ask questions or voice support / concerns. If you do not receive your mailed copy by the end of July (and would like one), please contact the office at 902-681-0366 ext 1.

**Rev Don on Vacation** – Rev Don would like the congregation to know that he is currently on vacation, but will return to OVUC on August 10. If you have an urgent matter, please contact the church office at (902) 681-0366 ext 1 and leave a message.

**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 (REVISED)** – Hope Al-Anon is a fellowship that offers help and hope for families and friend of alcoholics. The group will be using FONGO for phone meetings on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am until further notice. This program lets 15 people meet by phone. To enter the meeting, call 1-902-932-1200 and enter 902-932-7986#. For more information about Al-Anon visit [www.al-anonmaritimes.ca](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

**Kairos Request for Signatures** – Forced labor, torture, rape, and the contamination of water sources are just some of the claims made against Canadian extractive companies around the globe by Indigenous and rural communities, including women who endure and highlight the gendered impacts of resource extraction. Even so, Canadian companies are rarely held accountable for wrongdoing; this is unacceptable. The Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA), of which KAIROS is a member, launched an e-petition to the House of Commons earlier this summer, urging the government to ensure that the Canadian mining, energy, and garment sectors operating abroad uphold human rights and rules for businesses. The e-petition closes on September 1, and the CNCA needs your help to reach 4,000 signatures. Call upon the House of Commons to take concrete measures to strengthen the rules for businesses and uphold human rights in the Canadian extractive, energy, and garment with operations abroad. Sign the e-petition, remember to validate the confirmation e-mail (otherwise the signature doesn't count), and encourage others to do the same: <https://bit.ly/EmpowerANDEnact>

**WAICC Worship on Eastlink** – The Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council has received funding from the Kings County Senior's Safety Society to provide worship services to the Long Term and Retirement Homes in our area. Eastlink TV has provided a time slot on their community channel for folks to be able to view them. The same goes for any household from Windsor to Aylesford that may have Eastlink as their provider. They will air on Eastlink's Channel 10, Sundays, at 12:30 pm according to this schedule if all goes according to plan:

- Aug 2: Nancy Harbers and Francis Hawley, St Francis Roman Catholic