

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, September 6, 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 the following people for their participation:

Leader of Worship Rev Don Sellsted
Music Director / Organist Ken Hassell
Special Music Cynthia Bruce & Nancy Handrigan
Scripture Reader Marion Buchan
Minute for Mission Reader Judy Gilmour

FundScrip – Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
August 30	September 6
September 13	September 20
September 27	October 4

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

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 6, 2020 – Exodus 12:1–14, Psalm 149, Romans 13:8–14, Matthew 18:15–20.

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

“For the Bible Tells Me So” – The Affirming Committee of OVUC invites you to watch the documentary film “For the Bible Tells Me So,” from the comfort of your own home. “For the Bible Tells Me So” deals with biblical passages and themes of sexual orientation as told through the lives of five people and their families. Please note that some sections may potentially be upsetting, disturbing or hard to watch. Viewer discretion is advised. If that is the case for you, please contact Rev Don by phone (902-681-0366) or email (MinisterOVU@bellaliant.com) for pastoral support. The film runs approximately 1.5 hours. The link is: <https://youtu.be/VYXK2FpK11c>. Rev Don will host a number of opportunities for you to discuss the film via ZOOM groups. The dates and times available are September 17, 22 or 24 at 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm. Please register with your choice of date and time at AdminOVU@bellaliant.com no later than Tuesday, September 15. Thank you.

Tree-Planting Service for Jean Carey – There will be a tree planting service in memory of Jean Carey, to be held at 1:00 pm at The Bruce Spicer Park in Canning, Saturday, September 19, 2020. Everyone is welcome.

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 or Al-Anon World Service Office at al-anon.org.

Kings-Kikima Grannies Jewellery Sale – The Kings-Kikima Grannies will be holding a sale of jewellery, fabric, knitted items, and decorator plates Saturday, September 12 at the Wolfville Lions Hall from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. COVID-19 protocols will be in place and masks are required. There will be a small silent auction..

Upcoming Programs & Retreats at the Tatamagouche Centre – Some of you have been asking what we're up to now at Tatamagouche Centre. The gardeners among you will know the term “hardening off.” It is the process of gradually cultivating inside and rooting before opening to the elements fully. This is what we’ve been doing. This period of pause and focusing inward has been critical grounding and rooting for opening. Please read our COVID-19 protocols for our onsite gatherings. We’re mindful that there will likely be a second wave but until then, we are prepared to warmly host and welcome you back. Can’t make a program this year or don’t feel comfortable? Become a member at \$5 and engage with us in other ways - offer art, bring your collective to gather here, join a council. Following are the upcoming online and onsite programs.

- **September 30 to October 2, 2020** – Contemplative Pathways: Sabbath Days: An Onsite Silent Retreat with Linda Foy and Marilyn Burrell
- **October 6-7, 2020, January 19-20 & April 20-21, 2021** – Soulful Aging Across the Seasons: A Six Session Circle of Trust® Seasonal ONLINE Retreat Series with Mardi Tyndal and Jean Richardson
- **October 15–17, 2020** – Courage to Lead for Young Leaders and Activists Onsite Program
- **October 15 to November 12, 2020** – Circle of Song ONLINE: A 5-week singing experience on Zoom
- **October 30 to November 1, 2020** – Deathcare, Rituals and Reflections Onsite Program with Denise LeBlanc & Jules Jones

- **November 6–8, 2020** – BIPOC Community Onsite Gathering
- **November 22–27, 2020** – ASPIRE Foundation Program: Facilitation, Design and Leadership Onsite Program

For more information visit <https://www.tatacentre.ca/?r=site%2Findex>

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in memory of Granddad

Vernon MacDonald
(September 10, 1933 – December 19, 2009)

with love from Jill & Michelle