

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, September 13, 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 ..... Dave Murphy  
Scripture Reader ..... Fran Turner  
Minute for Mission Reader ..... Judy Gilmour

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

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
September 13	September 20
September 27	October 4
October 11	October 18

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

**Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 13, 2020** – Exodus 14:19–31, Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21, Romans 14:1–12, Matthew 18:21–25.

**Tentative Date for Reopening of In-Person Worship Services** – Our Reopening Committee has been working diligently to prepare protocols and procedures for reopening our worship services to the congregation. We have set our target date for our first fall Worship Service for Sunday, September 27. This is a TENTATIVE date, so please watch for more information. There will be one Sunday service per week at 10:00 am, for a maximum of 40 minutes. There will be no choir and no congregational singing (although quiet humming is allowed). We plan to live-stream the worship services and record them to be made available for viewing by those who do not wish to attend church in-person at this time. Those wishing to attend a worship service must register with the office **in advance** and should call (902) 681-0366 ext 1 or email adminovu@bellaliant.com. The deadline for registering will be Saturday noon, prior to the Sunday service. More information will be forthcoming. Thank you for your patience.

**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.

**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).

**Climate Church, Climate World** – October 1–30. Register now! Season of Creation is upon us in the liturgical calendar (although we know that ALL seasons are “of Creation”). Want to dig deeper into how communities of faith can respond to climate crisis? Register now for this five-week online book study to read and discuss “Climate Church, Climate World” by Jim Antal, starting October 1. Thursday mornings, 10:00 am–11:30 am Atlantic, hosted on Zoom. Deadline for book orders is September 11. <https://ucceast.ca/59646-climate-church-book-study/>

**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>