

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, October 25, 2020

Welcome all who worship in person and online with us this Sunday!
We're looking forward to being together again.

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

Leader of Worship..... Rev Don Sellsted
Music Director / Organist Ken Hassell
Violinist..... Nancy Handrigan
Scripture Reader tba
Minute for Mission Reader Judy Gilmour
Projectionist..... Carol Dewar
Recordings..... Sylvia Jacquard, Andy Pitter



Clocks FALL Back

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, **November 1.**

Please remember to turn your clocks **back**
one hour Saturday night, **October 31.**

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, October 25, 2020 –

Exodus 33:12–23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10,
Matthew 22:15–22.



Christmas Hamper Program: Reaching Out to those Less Fortunate

Orchard Valley United Church, as part of our Outreach mission, will be providing 40 less fortunate families from the Kentville / New Minas communities with Christmas Hampers, as well as financially contributing to hampers distributed in Wolfville and Canning. Please support this much-needed outreach program with monetary donations. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 by December 6th. We can do it with your help. Donations can be put in the specially marked envelopes at the back of the church or by using an envelope that you clearly indicate for the Hampers, mailed to the church, or placed in the offering plate. Cheques should be made payable to Orchard Valley United Church, and must note "Christmas Hamper Program". If you have questions, please speak to Helen Seymour or Sheila Fisher. Thank you for your generosity.

In-Person Worship on Sunday October 25, 2020 – Good news! We are physically back in the church! Each Sunday, we will gather for an in-person service at 10:00 am. However, due to our limited seating capacity during the COVID-19 crisis, attendance each week is by pre-registration only.

For those of you pre-registered to attend the in-service worship Sunday morning, please do not arrive before 9:30 am. For the protection of everyone, face masks, hand sanitizing and physical distancing rules will be strictly adhered to. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home.

Each worship service will be pre-recorded, for the convenience of those who do not wish to attend in-person at this time. An email will be sent to our congregation each week with the link to our OVUC website.

FundScrip – Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates

October 25

November 8

November 22

Delivery Dates

November 1

November 15

November 29

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

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

OVUC Men's Breakfast – The men of OVUC will hold their next monthly gathering at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, November 1, at 7:45 am for Men's Breakfast. Come early to get the early bird special. All men of the congregation are welcome.

Spirit Yoga – Spirit Yoga is restarting at OVUC on Monday, November 2 at 9:30 am. We will be restarting with Chair Yoga Classes. Please bring your own mat, blanket, blocks and straps. Preregister please through the church office – 902-681-0366, ext 1. With spacing, we will be able to have 13 people per session. Signing in, wearing masks, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing will be required. See you on our mats.

Mask Project – Calling all sewists (sewing artists)! The Outreach Committee would like to reach out to our communities with a mask project. We would like a stock of reusable masks sewn by the members of our congregation, so we can attach a little note to them (similar to those we attach to our prayer shawls). These masks will be randomly handed out as people come in to the office. Any contribution you can make would be appreciated. Susan Cater has a pattern that she uses that seems to fit most adults. If anyone is looking for a pattern, please feel free to reach out to her. We would like a mix of adult and child masks. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Guys' Cans Fundraiser – The OVUC Men's Group were unable to conduct their Guys' Cans project in 2020 due to COVID 19. It was decided to conduct the project via email and church bulletin announcements, asking for your continued support. Thanks to your generosity, this project has consistently raised in excess of \$2,000 per year, enabling the Men's Group to assist with the church's general operating expenses and we have made a commitment to financially support the proposed church expansion. We are asking for your continued support by making your donation to OVUC Men's Group. The deadline for making your donation is November 30, 2020. Also if some members already have a can from prior years, cans should be returned to the church by that date as well. You can make your donation via the weekly offering plate, or drop them off to the church office, or mail them to: Orchard Valley United Church Men's Group, 130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS, B4N 3M7. Kindly ensure your donation is earmarked for OVUC Men's Group Guys' Cans project and provide your name and address for receipt purposes. Thank you for your continued support.

Live Streaming from Orchard Valley: Lights, Sound, Action!

Running a smooth live stream worship service takes 2 to 4 people per worship, and more people will give us even more flexibility. No specific knowledge is required: just some comfort with a computer and/or a video-camera and a passion to work with others on this new and exciting endeavor. Professional training will be provided at some point. For more information or to volunteer, please contact to Rev. Don, Jane McDonald, Andy Pitter or Sylvia Jacquard.

Request for Bulletin Cover Pictures – There are a number of “special” Sundays throughout the Church calendar year. OVUC would like to highlight the talent of our congregation by asking for electronic submissions of photos to be used on these bulletin covers.

Photographers of the chosen pictures will be acknowledged each time one of their photos is used. Some of the special bulletin covers include: Communion Sunday; Anniversary Sunday; Advents 1–5; New Year’s; Lent 1–5; Palm Sunday; Good Friday; Easter Monday; and Thanksgiving. If you have a photo(s) that you believe would suit a Special Sunday bulletin cover, please send it to the OVUC office in jpg format at your earliest convenience. Please note that submissions are made on a volunteer basis only and remain the property of the photographer. Photos must be at least 1100 x 1700 pixels (more than 1MB in size) if they are to print clearly (in other words, set your quality/size setting at maximum) and in portrait (vertical) format. If you have previously submitted a photo, you do not need to submit it again, as we still have these on file.

Video Recorded Worship Services – Each week, we post a copy of our worship service. 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 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.

A “More Than Just Jewellery” Sale – Kings Kikima Grannies presents a “More Than Just Jewellery” Sale, Saturday, October 24, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Wolfville Lions Hall. Come and do some pre-Christmas shopping. The sale includes jewellery, jewellery art, fabric, yarn, Christmas tree angels, bird and flower decorative plates, masks, knitted items, and a silent auction. All Public Health guidelines will be followed. Cash only, please. Thank you for your support.

Salvation Army / KNMAC Christmas Assistance Program – The Salvation Army in partnership with the Kentville and New Minas Area Council of Churches will be holding early registration for their “Christmas Assistance Program” on from Tuesday, October 27 through Friday, October 30, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Registration will be held at the Salvation Army Community Church, 15 Nichols Avenue, Kentville. Please call for an

appointment (902-678-4534). Please bring ID for each person in the household, proof of income for all those over 18, and proof of address.

Take-Out Soup/Chowder Luncheon – The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church present our first take-out Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder Luncheon on Wednesday, October 28 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, bread/butter and your choice of dessert (cheesecake or apple crisp) all for \$10. Please call one of the following people by Monday, October 26th to reserve your order:

- Carol Ann Burden – 902-542-3681 or
- Myrtle Merrett – 902-542-2623

You will be asked at the time what kind of soup you want, your dessert choice and your phone number. We will call on Tuesday, October 27 to give you a pick up time. We miss you all, and hope you will “join” us for lunch!

What More Should We be Doing? We at Tatamagouche Centre are saddened and appalled by the recent violence against M’ikmaw fishers. What makes us turn to violence, racism? What allows us to work through conflict in a way that undoes some of the knots? We're exploring lots of ways for diverse voices and experiences to join the conversations and influence decisions. One will be regular Community Conversations. Join our first conversation: Thursday October 29, 7-8 pm AST. Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89641269838?pwd=bGkvdjU5ZFBaSGR1eVBNRjloYWQ2QT09>

Please RSVP (info@tatacentre.ca), and if you would like to phone in let us know and we'll provide you with a toll-free number. We will use this first conversation to talk about the purpose of the forum, community standards, and what more we should be doing in our anti-racism, anti-oppression work. Join us. Everyone is welcome!

Inn From The Cold and Open Arms Outreach Centre – Overnight shelter volunteers are needed for the *Inn From The Cold* emergency shelter. If you have a time you can volunteer each month, bi-weekly or weekly, please let us know at: shelter@openarms.ca. Volunteers would be staying overnight with an experienced staff person at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kentville to support people facing homelessness. Potential new volunteers will need to complete an intake process. Please contact us if you have any questions or to volunteer.

This week's bulletin is sponsored
in memory of my aunt

Ann Connell

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with love from Vangé Leslie