

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 1, 2020

Welcome all who worship in person and online with us this Sunday! We're happy to be together.

Thank you to the following people for their participation:

Leader of Worship Rev Don Sellsted
Organist.....Debbie Mailman
Hymn Support Dave & Donna Murphy, Scott Sweatman
Scripture ReaderSheila Francis
Minute for Mission Reader Judy Gilmour
Projectionist.....Carol Dewar
Recording..... 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**.

Note from the Chair:

As we move forward with the next iteration of our Facilities Committee we are looking for a few people who may be interested in being involved. This version will be going into more detail and helping the architects consolidate our vision in final drawings that can be used for the "build". We are looking for a diverse group that can help us reach this goal. What skills we may be looking for? (You don't have to have all of them ☺) They can include but are not limited to:

1. Passion for the project;
2. Attention to detail;
3. Some knowledge around physical buildings;
4. Accessibility knowledge;
5. Energy efficiency;
6. Project management; and
7. Audio-Visual technology knowledge.

If this project is important to you and you feel you have some time to help us out then either let Rev Don or I know and we can go from there. The sooner we fill these positions the sooner we can move the project forward. You can reach me at jemcdonald56@gmail.com or 902-670-5514 or you can reach Rev Don at MinisterOVU@bellaliant.com or 902-681-4088.

Sincerely,
Jane McDonald
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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.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 1, 2020 – Revelation 7:9–17, Psalm 34:1–10, 22, 1 John 3:1–3, Matthew 5:1–12.

In-Person Worship on Sunday November 1, 2020 – We are physically back in the church! We will gather for an in-person service this Sunday at 10:00 am. Due to our limited seating capacity, attendance this 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 at this time. An email will be sent to the congregation with the link to our OVUC website.

FundScrip – Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
October 25	November 1
November 8	November 15
November 22	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 Resumes (REVISED) – Spirit Yoga is resuming at OVUC on Monday, November 2 at **10:00 am** (not 9:30 as previously advertised). We will be restarting with Chair Yoga Classes. Please bring your own mat, blanket, blocks and straps. Preregister 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.

New Family Worship Service – This new monthly worship will begin on Sunday, November 8, at 3:00 pm and will continue on the second Sunday of subsequent months. It will run a maximum of 40 minutes and include action songs, rhythm music, stories or dramatic readings, and other child-friendly elements. Those wishing to attend must register in advance by calling the OVUC office at 902-681-0366 ext 1 or sending an email to adminovu@bellaliant.com. Please include the number of people in your “bubble”. The deadline for registering will be Fridays by close of business. (Please make it clear which Worship Service you’re registering for – Sunday Morning Worship, or Family Afternoon Worship.)

Dorothy Walker Robbins’ 100th Birthday Party – On Saturday, November 14, Dorothy (Walker) Robbins will reach that remarkable milestone of 100 years. A COVID-friendly event is planned to enable her family and friends to wish her a Happy Birthday. The Walk-through Birthday Party will be held at Orchard Valley United Church, from 2:30–4:30 pm. To allow for social distancing and to permit guests a brief time with Dorothy, please space your visit time. It is suggested that friends whose last names start with A–M should come within the first hour and those with last names beginning with N–Z should come within the second hour. This will essentially be a walk through event with a short visit with Dorothy as you pass through the church; this enables safety for all through social distancing and the following of COVID rules. Please wear a mask and follow the directions given at the site. No gifts please. If you wish to make a donation in Dorothy's name, her suggestions are Hope for Wildlife or SOS Children's Villages Canada. (Phone or email the OVUC office for contact information for these organizations.) If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send Dorothy birthday greetings by mail or email. Please check Dorothy's Facebook page on the morning of November 14 to confirm the event is proceeding as planned.

Junior Youth Group – Christian Development launched a junior youth group this past Friday. Leaders were Andy Pitter and Grace Marcoux. Six kids in grades 4 to 8 came out for a Halloween party and had fun making paper decorations and playing games. Hennigar's Farm Market donated pumpkins for the party: Thank you, Heather and all! Next event: Friday, November 27, time TBA.

Introducing Grace Marcoux – Grace is a young adult who started attending Orchard Valley in January after moving here to be the Quality and Food Safety Manager at the Frito-Lay plant. You may have seen her in the choir before lockdown happened or in the children’s Palm Sunday video (<https://youtu.be/4AQzjKLk8vw>). She has lots of experience working with kids and lots of skills to share with them. Her previous churches were Hillsborough United, NB (her hometown) and St James United, St John's, NL (her university home). Christian Development is very excited to have her involved in their programs.

Affirming Website – The Affirming Committee would like to remind the members of our church family that we have been adding information to our Resource Page on the church website. The most recent addition is the Affirm United’s use of language regarding sexual orientation and gender identity (i.e. definitions of LBGTSQ+ and others). We invite you to check out our resource page if you have any questions.

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.

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.

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.

Offering Envelopes for 2021 – Offering envelopes for 2021 have been prepared. Please contact the office to arrange a date/time for pick-up – call 902-681-0366, ext 1, or send an email to adminOVU@bellaliant.com.

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](https://www.facebook.com/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.

Multi-faith Calendars – These beautiful 2021 calendars are \$15 each (<http://www.multifaithcalendar.org>). Perhaps this is the perfect Christmas gift for someone on your list! Please contact Andy Pitter by Wednesday, December 2, if interested (902-542-1545; andriel_p@yahoo.ca).

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!

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

Robert H. Newcombe

1925-2005

who was an elder at St. Paul and St. Stephen for 26 years

with love from Sylvia Jacquard