

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 8, 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.....Scott Sweatman, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Scripture Reader tba
Minute for Mission Reader Judy Gilmour
Projectionist.....Sylvia Jacquard
Recording..... Gary Dunfield, Andy Pitter

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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902-670-5514

In-Person Worship on Sunday November 8, 2020 – We will gather for an in-person service this Sunday at 10:00 am. Due to our limited seating capacity, attendance is by pre-registration only.

Please do not arrive at the church before 9:30 am Sunday morning. 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 when the service is available for viewing.

New Family Worship Service – This new monthly worship will begin this 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.)

Sunday Coffee Time (REVISED) – 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! Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474107986?pwd=SnlfFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjZQVg1bUo2QT09>

1-855-703-8985 Canada Toll-free

Meeting ID: 834 7410 7986

Passcode: 019067

Please note that you will now have to enter the passcode shown above, to gain admittance to Coffee Time.

OFFICE CLOSURE – Please note that the office will be closed Wednesday, November 11, in honour of Remembrance Day.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 8, 2020 – Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25, Psalm 78:1–7, 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, Matthew 25:1–13.



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.

FundScrip Gift Cards – The Men's Group wish to provide an update on the Fundscrip program. This year, our gross income has amounted to \$2,010.63 less shipping expenses of \$223.01, resulting in a net profit of \$1,787.62. Fundscrip cards make excellent gifts and are a very convenient and easy way to shop for Christmas. Our supporters also purchase them for their everyday shopping such as groceries, gas, coffee, clothing, etc. Our next order date is Sunday, November 8 and every second Sunday thereafter. Orders are delivered by the following Sunday (e.g. November 15) and every second Sunday thereafter. The last date to order gift cards for Christmas delivery is December 6. Orders will resume January 3, 2021. Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
November 8	November 15
November 22	November 29
December 6	December 13
January 3	January 10

To place an order, please contact Ian Godfrey, Cecil White or Bruce Smith. Thank you for your continued support.

Spirit Yoga Resumes (REVISED) – Spirit Chair Yoga has resumed at OVUC on Mondays at 10:00 am. Please bring your own mat, blanket, blocks and straps. Preregister through the church office – 902-681-0366, ext 1. With spacing, we can accommodate 13 people per session. Signing in, wearing masks, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing will be required. See you on our mats.

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.

Communications Requesting Christmas Story Submissions – The Communications Committee is requesting story submissions for the Advent newsletter. Deadline: Sunday, November 15. Please contact Sylvia Jacquard or the office as soon as possible.

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 LBGTQS+ 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.

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.

UCW 2021 Calendars – United Church Calendars will be available, through the OV-UCW, at the church office. The cost is \$10 per calendar, inc. tax. (Note: The price went up at our source.) To pre-order or purchase a calendar, pls contact the OVUC office, 902-681-0366, ext 1, or adminOVU@bellaliant.com.

Valley Foodgrains Bank Project Fall Blueberry Sale – Orders for 5 lb. boxes of frozen blueberries will be taken until November 22. The cost is \$15 for the 5 lb. box, with \$10 going to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (will be matched 4:1). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Jean Millett at 902-681-0043 or milletkje@hotmail.com. Your order can be picked up at OVUC on Friday, November 27, approximately 5:00 pm. Please advise Jean Millett if you are unable to pick-up at this time.

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.

Take-Out Soup/Chowder Luncheon – The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church present our next take-out Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder Luncheon on Wednesday, November 25 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 carrot cake with cream cheese icing) all for \$10. Please call one of the following people by Monday, November 23 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, November 24 to give you a pick up time.

St John's ACW Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 28, St John's Anglican Church, 164 Main St., Wolfville, 10:00 am until noon. Admission is by free will offering. This year featuring our famous Plum Puddings, home baking, holiday face masks, fancy work, table centrepiece decorations, white elephant table with grab bags, and jams, jellies & preserves. COVID 19 protocol restrictions will be followed. Masks or face coverings are mandatory inside the building.

Raffle Fundraisers – St. James Anglican Church has two Raffle fundraisers going on at present:

1. Snowblower and Double Size Quilt, \$2000 value. Tickets \$15 each or 3 for \$40.00.
2. Cozy Winter's Night Basket, \$350+ value. Tickets \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00.

Contact Donna Mailman (902) 678-8473 if you are interested in making a ticket purchase. The raffle draws will take place on Sunday, November 29.

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).