

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 22, 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:

Leaders of WorshipMarion Buchan, Kathy Schofield, Betty Rockwell
Music Director/Organist Ken Hassell
Special Music.....Cynthia Bruce, Dave Murphy, Scott Sweatman, Marilyn Whiteway
Hymn SupportThea Burton, Debbie Mailman, Scott Sweatman
Scripture Reader Betty Rockwell
Minute for Mission Reader Judy Gilmour
Projectionist.....Sylvia Jacquard
Recording Gary Dunfield, Andy Pitter

In-Person Worship on Sunday November 22, 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.

This week's worship service will NOT be pre-recorded. Instead, we will be LIVE-STREAMING the 10:00 am Worship Service. An email will be sent to the congregation containing the link so you can join us online, live, this Sunday morning.

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!

Join the Zoom Meeting at the following updated link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474107986?pwd=SnlfFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjIzQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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, to gain admittance to Coffee Time.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 22 2020 – Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15–23, Matthew 25:31–46.

Advent Kits for Children and Junior Youth – Christian Development will have Advent kits ready for anyone who would like one to help celebrate Advent with children and younger youth at home.

Kits will be available for pick up Friday, November 27, 6:30 to 8:30 pm or from the church office (call to arrange a time: 902-681-0366 ext 1). Delivery and an electronic version will also be available. Please contact Andy preferably by Sunday, November 22, if you would like one of these kits (andriel_p@yahoo.ca; 902-542-1545).

FundScrip Gift Cards – Fundscrip cards make excellent gifts and are a very convenient and easy way to shop for Christmas. 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 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.

Christmas Dedications – During the season of Advent, we're used to seeing our Giving Tree being raised and gradually changing its colour from red to white. However, due to our current COVID circumstances, that won't be happening this year. But since it's important we keep things as "normal" as possible, we'd like to keep the Christmas dedications without actually raising the Tree. Therefore, if you'd like to make a Christmas dedication in celebration of life, love, community, family & friends, please feel free to contact the office by phone or email. We will acknowledge all dedications starting November 29 (the first Sunday of Advent) by listing them weekly in our Announcements. Donations in support of dedications will be gratefully accepted.

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 millettje@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.

Junior Youth Group – The next youth group meeting will be a Christmas-themed gathering on November 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for youth IN grades 4 to 8. Activities will include decorating the sanctuary Christmas tree, games, crafts, and other fun. If you have any questions or you/a youth you know would like to attend, please reach out to Grace Marcoux (gracemarcoux@msn.com) or Andy Pitter (andriel_p@yahoo.ca; 902-542-1545). All junior youth are welcome: we hope to see you there!

Next Affirming Committee Meeting – The Affirming Committee will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, December 1 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Rev. Don will provide the link to attend prior to the meeting.

Epicure Sales – One of our members, Kelly Messom, is selling Epicure products again this Christmas. She is donating half her commissions to the Christmas Hamper program. You may order anytime using a credit card through <http://kellymessomross.epicure.com> or contact her for etransfer information.



Christmas Hamper Update (REVISED) – Congratulations Orchard Valley. Our annual Christmas Hamper program is progressing very well. As of November 16, you have donated close to \$3000 of our \$4000 goal. These funds are being raised toward our commitment to supply 40 families with Christmas food hamper assistance plus donating \$500 to Wolfville and Area Council of Churches as well as \$500 to Canning Inter Church Council. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made to Orchard Valley United Church with a notation for the Christmas Hamper program. With thanks for your generous support. If you have questions, see Helen Seymour or Sheila Fisher.

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

Palestinian Children Letter Writing Campaign – Region 15 asked congregations to observe Children's Sunday (November 15) by highlighting the need to protect the human rights of Palestinian children. Rev. Don mentioned this in his last sermon. One way we can help is to write letters to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and our MPs; you can download a sample letter from our website or by contacting the office.

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.

Support Mental Health at the Festival of Trees – Trees adorned with Dr. Robert Strang's famous ties, St. FX pride, *Atlantic Bubbles*, and Nova Scotia resilience are just some of the creations on display for all to enjoy at the Festival of Trees presented by RBC starting today! The Advocate Forest of Trees is the centrepiece for the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia's signature fundraising event now located at The Doyle at 1511 Queen Street, near the corner of Spring Garden Road. The Forest will be open to the public 7 days/week. Admission is free and donations are warmly welcomed. The featured trees will be up for auction with funds raised going to programs and services that support Nova Scotians living with mental illness and addiction. Bidding begins November 21 at fotauction.ca, powered by St. John Ambulance.

Celebration of the Raising of the Roof – Thanks to you the Roof has been Raised. Join the Wolfville Baptist Church family in offering our thanks to the community of Wolfville and beyond in a celebration of gratitude. November 22, from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Joyful music. Dedication of the roof. Guest speaker, Dr. Frank Quinta. Treats. All Welcome! Free admission. Masks and social distancing procedures will be observed.

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 – either apple crisp (formerly 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.

Kings-Kikima Grannies Donations Request – The Kings Kikima Grannies project soldiers on despite Covid-19. We will be having another sale and silent auction to support our children and their grandmothers in Kenya on December 12 at the Lions Hall in Wolfville. Here's how you can be a life changing instrument. We need donations like the following:

- a lovely gift you've been given but just haven't used
- a sculpture, collectible, or piece of art that you want to replace to make room for something new
- a small piece of furniture that is making your space just a little too cluttered
- a handicraft or collection of preserves that you have the time to create and donate
- a beautiful plant you feel you can part with
- anything that makes a nice gift for someone to begin their Christmas shopping with
- fabric, yarn and needlecraft supplies
- hand-crafted, vintage or collectible Christmas decorations

Donations can be dropped off to Betsy Baillie (902-542-7591), 15 Chestnut Ave. Wolfville or Kathryn Himsl (902-678-4101), 2111 Highway 359, Centreville. Many people are grateful for your kindness.

Order Your Sherbrooke Lake Camp Christmas Swag Today! – Breaking news!!! Get your "I love camp" gear for Christmas. You can order new camp gear with a special edition "I love camp" logo or re-order some of our favourites from 2020 summer. A perfect Christmas gift. Order your camper or alumni something under the tree. To order, go to the following link:
<https://www.sherbrookelakecamp.org/swagstore>.

Wheelchair-accessible Lodging Needed – A disabled woman needs an apartment, granny flat, etc., that is wheelchair-accessible, pet-free, smoke-free, etc. Please contact Andy Pitter if you know of a suitable place (902-542-1545; andriel_p@yahoo.ca).

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/>

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By loving wife, Elsie Swinimer and
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