

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 29, 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
Special Music Cynthia Bruce, Nancy Handrigan,
Alice Morse, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk,
Angela Whiteway, Marilyn Whiteway
Hymn Support..... Frank & Sarah Hartman,
Grace Marcoux, Scott Sweatman
Scripture Reader tba
Minute for Mission Reader Judy Gilmour
Projectionist..... Sylvia Jacquard
Recording..... Gary Dunfield, Andy Pitter

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. The recording of the live service will be uploaded later in the day for viewing.

In-Person Worship on Sunday November 29, 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.

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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474107986?pwd=SnlFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjIzQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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 note that you will now have to enter the passcode to gain admittance to Coffee Time.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 29, 2020 – Isaiah 64:1–9, Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19, 1 Corinthians 1:3–9, Mark 13:34–37.

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

November 22

December 6

January 3

Delivery Dates

November 29

December 13

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.

CANCELLED: Junior Youth Group – The next youth group meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This gathering has been cancelled. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Pitter (andriel_p@yahoo.ca; 902-542-1545).

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.

Christmas Hamper Update – 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.

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 e-transfer information.

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 – 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. 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.

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.

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.

Christmas Shopping for Kikima – Kings Kikima Grannies present Christmas Shopping For Kikima. Wolfville Lions Hall: Saturday, December 12, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Jewellery, fabric & yarn, re-imaged jewellery art, Christmas masks, and a fabulous silent auction. All public health guidelines will be followed. Money raised directly supports grandmothers in Kikima Village, Kenya, who are raising their orphaned grandchildren.

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>.

Advent / Christmas Season 2020

OVUC Services & Events

Sun, Nov 29	10:00 am	Sunday Worship – Advent 1
Sat, Dec 5	2:00 pm	Children’s Christmas Party
Sun, Dec 6	10:00 am	Sunday Worship – Advent 2
Fri, Dec 7	Pre-recorded	Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women Service
Sat, Dec 12	9:00 am	Christmas Hampers pick-up & delivery
Sun, Dec 13	10:00 am 3:00 pm	White Gift Sunday – Advent 3 Family Worship Service
Sun, Dec 20	10:00 am	Sunday Worship – Advent 4
Mon, Dec 21	Pre-recorded	Longest Night Service (Pre-Recorded – Pastoral Care)
Thurs, Dec 24	Pre-recorded Pre-recorded	OVUC Christmas Eve Service Covenanter Christmas Service
Fri, Dec 25 – Sat, Jan 2 (incl) <div style="text-align: right;">OVUC Closed for Christmas Break</div>		
Sun, Dec 27	No OVUC service. Links will be offered to other UCC services	
Sun, Jan 3	10:00 am	Sunday Worship – Epiphany



Christmas Dedications

November 29, 2020

Margaret Clarke in memory of my parents, Thelma and
Henry Larsen

Sylvia Delisle in loving memory of my parents, Iona &
Murray Canning, and my husband,
Jacques

Sheila Francis in loving memory of Ray

Helen Hansford in memory of my husband, Gordon

Frank & Judy
Maxwell With gratitude to all our staff and
special volunteers, who have kept our
congregation 'in tune' throughout the
difficult pandemic situations. We're
especially grateful to Rev Don and Ken