

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 6, 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..... Thea Burton, Grace Marcoux,
Scott Sweatman
Scripture Reader Shelley Moore-Dunfield
Minute for Mission Reader Cheryl Sellsted
Projectionist..... Carol Dewar
Recording..... Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard

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 home viewing.

In-Person Worship on Sunday December 6, 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, December 6, 2020 –

Isaiah 40:1–11, Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13, 2 Peter 3:8–15a, Mark 1:1–8.

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 are available for pick up 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 the office if you would like one of these kits.

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

December 6

January 3

January 17

Delivery Dates

December 13

January 10

January 24

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 by listing them weekly in our Announcements. Donations in support of dedications will be gratefully accepted.

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.

OVUC Men's Breakfast – The men of OVUC will hold their next monthly gathering at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, December 6, at 7:45 am for Men's Breakfast. Come early to get the early bird special. All men of the congregation are welcome.

December Family Worship Service Cancelled – The December Family Worship Service, scheduled for Sunday, December 13, has been cancelled. The January service is tentatively set for Sunday, January 10, 2021.

White Gift Sunday, December 13 – This year, Orchard Valley will be supporting two groups with our White Gifts, so you may choose to support one or both of these worthy causes:

- 1) **Chrysalis House** – They have a campaign to build a new shelter for women and children experiencing domestic violence. Please put your donation in a white envelope labelled Chrysalis House and submit to the office OR use the donate button on the OVUC website and put "Chrysalis House" in the comments box.
- 2) **Horton High Families in Need** – Please provide stocking stuffers for Horton siblings (boys ages 10–12, girls ages 11–13). Horton High is requesting socks, underwear, mittens, gloves, hats, candy, mini-LEGO sets, hair stuff, and small toys. (Children love surprise packs with small toys packaged so you can't see what's inside, e.g. LOL dolls or Treasure X.) Please put donations in the marked cloth bin in the sanctuary by Sunday, Dec 13.

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.

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.

Manning Memorial Chapel Advent Worship – This worship includes Rev. Don and you can find it at <https://chapel.acadiau.ca/Home.html> or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_bXkCxJpg5k&feature=youtu.be

This week's bulletin is sponsored
in loving memory of my mother

Marguerite Lloyd-Rafuse

(She was a life long United Church Member,
UCW, Sunday School Superintendent and
Choir Member in Waterville and Berwick)

By daughter, Edie Lloyd



Christmas Dedications

December 6, 2020

Ruth-Anne
Stirling

In memory of Tom Bradley - the wonderful gentleman who came into my life

Diana & Ian
Wallace

In memory of the following: Eileen & Trueman Wright, Ann Copeland, Victor Forsythe

Harvey & Judy
Gilmour

In celebration of and gratitude for all the front-line workers helping to keep us safe

Ruth-Anne
Stirling

In memory of Ann Lockhart, my sister-in-law

Mary Mercer

In memory of my brothers Howard Smith and Francis Smith

Vera Burke &
family

In memory of my dad, Aubrey Caldwell and in celebration of my mother, Marguerite Caldwell

Ruth-Anne
Stirling

In memory of Barb Stirling, my mother-in-law

Mary Mercer

In memory of John Mercer from his wife, Mary

Margaret
Clarke

In loving memory of my husband, Fred Clarke