

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 13, 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
Music Director/Organist Ken Hassell
Chimes Choir Trish Findlay-Williamson, Judy Gilmour, Valerie Mosher,
Andrea Purvis, Cheryl Sellsted, Angela Whiteway
Hymn Support Frank & Sarah Hartman, Grace Marcoux, Scott Sweatman
Scripture Reader Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Projectionist Carol Dewar
Recording Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard

In-Person Worship on Sunday December 13, 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. The recording of the live service will be uploaded later in the day for home viewing.

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=SnIFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjZlZQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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, December 13, 2020 – Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11, Psalm 126, Luke 1:46b–55, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24, John 1:6–8, 19–28.

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
December 6	December 13
January 3	January 10
January 17	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.

December Family Worship Service Cancelled – The December Family Worship Service, scheduled for Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm, 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.

Call for Participants in Children's Christmas Pageant – On Sunday, December 20, OVUC will present a children's Christmas pageant. The video will be recorded via Zoom to be shown during the Sunday worship service. (There will be no assembly of children required during this time of COVID.) If there are any children/youth who would like to participate in the pageant (who haven't already indicated their interest), please contact Thea Burton (theakoenigburton@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Fruit Images Wanted – Orchard Valley United Church has many ministries working for our congregation, our community, and our world. Rev Don has prepared a series of video recorded interviews with those inspired to make these important ministries happen. It's on our website under *What's Happening*. We're looking for images of orchard fruit, to use with these videos. Do

you have a picture of an orchard fruit we could use? Some grapes? Cherries? Perhaps some peaches? We would appreciate electronic submissions to the office. Thank you.

Condolences: Rev Dr Robert Harry Mills – Our sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Dr. Robert Mills who passed away November 28, 2020. As a former Executive Secretary of the Maritime Conference (1989–1995) we thank Rev. Dr. Mills for his service. Bob's dedication to his ministry within the pastoral charge, the presbytery, the Conference, the General Council and the Canadian Council of Churches is remembered by the whole church with gratitude. Dr Mills was active in the Wolfville / Greenwich churches many years ago. A copy of the obituary can be viewed at <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/obituaries/rev-dr-robert-harry-mills-48214/>.

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 memory of

Vernon MacDonald
(September 10, 1933 – December 19, 2009)

with love from wife Mary and family



Christmas Dedications

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Peggy Smith	in memory of my brother, Colin Chase
Margaret Curry & family	In loving memory of Blake Curry and other departed family members
Dorothy Robbins	for those in greatest need
Vicky & Keith Austin	in celebration of Christmas 2020 -- filled with Peace, Love and Hope for a brighter year ahead
Sandra Tremblett	in memory of loved ones
Ian & Pat Godfrey	in loving memory of our dearly departed family members
Fran Turner	in loving memory of Harold Turner, from Fran & Family
Jean Millett	In Loving memory of my husband Keith and parents Hilda and Walter Waters
Linda & Bryan Draper	dedicated to our mothers, Rosmond and Celeste
Peggy Jones	In loving memory of my husband, Arnold Jones, and my parents, Blanchard and Verna Sanford
Catherine Byers	in memory of Gerry Byers (my son) from mother & family
Vangé Leslie	with thanks and appreciation to my church family for their many acts of kindness & thoughtfulness they have shown me during the past months
Irma Maxwell	in memory of my husband, Vincent Maxwell, and son, Bruce MacKenzie
Catherine Byers	in memory of Arthur Byers (my husband) from wife and family
Susan Kingsbury	in loving memory of Fay MacDonald
Gloria & Carl Hick	in loving memory of sister, Dorothy Phillips