

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 20, 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
Drum Kit Colin Hassell
Hymn Support Cynthia Bruce, Thea Burton, Nancy Handrigan, Scott Sweatman
Projectionist Carol Dewar
Video Recording Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard
Pageant Participants Sonia El-Husseini, Sandra Bornemann, Gabe Bornemann-Davis,
..... Julien Davis, Micah Bornemann-Davis, Charlie Dennis,
..... John Dennis, Mary Sweatman, Grace Marcoux, Thea Burton

In-Person Worship on Sunday December 20, 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=SnlFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjlzQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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 20, 2020 – 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16, Luke 1:46b–55 or Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26, Romans 16:25–27, Luke 1:26–38.

FundScrip Gift Cards – Fundscrip cards make excellent gifts and are a very convenient and easy way to shop. Orders are currently suspended and will resume January 3, 2021. Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
January 3	January 10
January 17	January 24
January 31	February 7

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

Covenanter Christmas Eve Service – The Covenanter Church will be providing a virtual Christmas Eve Service this year! A link to the videotaped service, recorded in our historic building, will be available on the OVUC website. There will be greetings from Board members and friends, readings and lessons from Rev. Don Sellsted, music provided by Ken Hassell, solos, and much more. It won't be the same as gathering in-person, but we can all be together from the comforts of our own home, and share with others. We look forward to seeing you!

OVUC Christmas Eve Service – Orchard Valley United Church will not be holding in-person services on Christmas Eve. Instead, we will posting a pre-recorded worship service. The link will be available on our homepage and will be sent out via email to our congregation.

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.

Office Closure – The OVUC church office will be closed from December 25 through January 2 inclusive, so our staff and Minister may have some well-earned vacation time. In case of a Pastoral Care emergency, please contact Rev Don at 902-599-4797. Please note, there will no worship service (neither in-person nor pre-recorded) for Sunday, December 27. We will provide links to other Region 15 services. We apologize for the inconvenience.

OVUC Men's Breakfast – The men of OVUC will hold their next monthly gathering at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, January 3, at 7:45 am for Men's Breakfast. Come early to get the early bird special. All men of the congregation are welcome.

Annual Reports Due – Committee Chairs and Group Leaders should prepare their 2020 Annual Reports for submission to the office on or before Tuesday, January 5. Please prepare them in Word or RTF (no PDF versions, please!)

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".

Weather Cancellations – In the event that one or more of our Sunday Worship services is cancelled due to weather, a message will be left on the OVUC phone and website. We will also do our best to send out an email (but cannot guarantee this option will be available). We also endeavour to place cancellation messages with all the local radio stations. In the event of a power outage, your first source for cancellation news should always be our phone line – 902-681-0366.

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.

Free-will Christmas Dinner – There will be a free Christmas Community supper on December 25. It will be a 'take-away' dinner from the Lion's Hall in Wolfville. Please call 902-542-0675 and make a reservation for the number of meals that you need. There is a vegetarian option. They will give you a pick up time. If you need your meal delivered, please give that information when you call, as there will be limited delivery. It will be a 'free will' offering for the meal.

Thank you from Kings-Kikima Grannies – The Kings-Kikima Grannies send a sincere thank you to members of the OVUC congregation who contributed in any way to our successful sale on Dec 12th. Christmas Blessings!

Thank you from Horton High – The Horton High School organizers of the White Gifts for Horton Families would like to thank the OVUC congregation for its generosity in giving to the siblings of Horton High students. The organizer stated: “This is amazing. It is more than we expected. Thank you”. Thank you to all those in OVUC who gave so generously.

This week's bulletin is
sponsored in memory of husband and father
Fred Clarke
with love, Margaret, Greg, Chris Mark & David



Christmas Dedications

December 20, 2020

David & Donna Murphy with appreciation & thanks to essential workers and leaders who have given service, tirelessly, to our community during COVID-19

Cheryl Manzer & Family in memory of lost family members

Marjorie Watters in memory of Dan Watters (husband) and Minnie & Wilfred Phinney (parents)

Peter & Debbie Selig in memory of Sheila Selig

John & Linda Foote in memory of our parents

Joy Waterbury in memory of Gerry Foote

Mary Crouch in loving memory of my husband, George Crouch, parents Joseph & Helen MacKnight, sisters Linda & Ruth, and brothers Earl, Cecil & Donald