

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Thursday, December 24, 2020

Welcome all who worship in person and online with us! We're happy to be together!

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

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!

Church Closure – Orchard Valley United Church will be closed from noon on Thursday, December 24 through Saturday, January 2 inclusive, so our Minister and staff may have a well-earned break. In case of a Pastoral Care emergency during this time, please contact Rev Don at 902-599-4797.

Worship Service for Sunday, December 27 – Please note, there will no worship service for Sunday, December 27. Instead, Region 15 has provided us with a link to a pre-recorded worship service. Please click on the following link to view the Region 15 YouTube service for Sunday, December 27: <https://youtu.be/dKgkpUZf-Ss>.

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.

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.

OVUC Men's Breakfast – The men of OVUC will hold their next monthly gathering at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 7:45 am for Men's Breakfast. Come early to get the early bird special. All men of the congregation are welcome.

Spirit Yoga – Spirit Chair Yoga will begin its 2021 schedule on Monday, January 11. Pre-registration for this new season is required. Please contact the office to register: 902-681-0366 ext 1 or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com. Space is limited to 13 seats, half of which have already been reserved.

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.

This week's bulletin is
in memory of

Fred Wooster

(July 25, 1939 – December 29, 2004)

Loving husband of Carol & father of Lyal



Christmas Dedications

December 24, 2020

Theresa Perrin

In loving memory of my mother,
Virginia Innis, my sister-in-law,
Vicky Innis, and my grandparents,
Arthur & Mary Sampson and
Vincent and Edna Innis

Mary Craig

in memory of my husband Don and
son David

Bill & Joan
Simpson

in memory of our parents and
daughter Joanne