

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 17, 2021

Welcome all who worship in person and online with us! 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
Special Music Roger Bolt, Cupido Daniels, Fred Lipskey,
Dave Murphy, and Scott Sweatman
Hymn Support Dave & Donna Murphy, Chris Seymour,
Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Minute for Mission Judy Gilmour
Scripture Reader Sheila Francis
Projectionist Carol Dewar
Sound / Live-stream Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard

In-Person Worship on Sunday, January 17, 2021 – 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. This week's worship service will NOT be pre-recorded. Instead, we will be live-streaming the Service. A recording of the live service will be uploaded later in the day for home-viewing.

For those attending in-person, 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 and call to cancel your reservation.

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 link:

<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, to gain admittance to Coffee Time.

FundScrip Gift Cards – Fundscrip cards make excellent gifts and are a very convenient and easy way to shop. Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates:

Order Dates	Delivery Dates
January 17	January 24
January 31	February 7
February 14	February 21

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

Next Pastoral Care Meeting – The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am, i.e. Tuesday, January 19, via Zoom. Rev. Don will forward the Zoom link prior to that date.

Next Affirming Committee Meeting – This is a reminder that the Affirming Committee will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, January 19, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. Rev. Don will forward the Zoom link prior to that date.

Junior Youth Group – The Junior Youth Group will meet next on Friday, January 29, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in the OVUC sanctuary. Program TBA. This group is for those in grades 4 to 8. For more information, contact leaders Andy Pitter and Grace Marcoux. Stay tuned, everyone, for an Open Arms fundraiser!

Men's Group Turkey Dinner Meeting – The OVUC Men's Group will meet at the church on Thursday, February 4 at 10:00 am to discuss our Fall Turkey Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 9 at the Louis Millet Centre. Bill Woodman will Chair this meeting. All interested men are asked to participate in this meeting. Please contact the office to pre-register (902-681-0366, ext 1, or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com). For further information about the meeting, please speak to Bill Woodman or Chris Seymour.

Next Congregational Life Meeting – The Congregational Life Committee will meet on Sunday, February 7 (the first Sunday of each month), following the Sunday morning Worship Service. Please contact the office to pre-register (902-681-0366, ext 1, or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

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

Call for Return of Children's Books – The Affirming Resource Library for Children, Youth and Families currently has an extensive collection of titles. Unfortunately, there are currently three children's books missing from the Library: *And Tango Makes Three*, *I am Jazz*, and *Red: A Crayon's Story*. If you currently have these books on loan from OVUC, we would ask that you return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas Hamper Thank You Announcement – As the 2020 Christmas Hamper Program was launched, we set our goal to provide volunteers, prepare Christmas Hampers for 40 families in New Minas, Kentville and surrounding area, and to assist both Wolfville and Canning with \$500 contributions respectively. Our goal was to raise \$4,000. Due to your generosity, we were able to complete our pledges plus provide in excess of \$900 toward toys for young families. You helped many families have a brighter Christmas. Thank You.

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.

WAICC Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Events (REVISED) – The Wolfville Area Interchurch Council will have an evening Biblical reflection series via Zoom on Monday to Friday, January 18 to January 22, 6:30 pm, on the Internet (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85194236307>) OR by phone (1-855 703 8985 toll-free; meeting ID#: 851 9423 6307).

If possible, Wolfville Baptist Church will host an in-person ecumenical worship service, “Abide in God’s Love”, on Sunday, January 24, 4:00 pm, following health protocols in effect at that time. If it is not possible, WAICC will post a video on <https://www.waicc.org/>. For up-to-date information, go to <https://www.waicc.org/posts/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021> or <https://www.facebook.com/WolfvilleAreaInterchurchCouncil>

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