

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 31, 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..... Cynthia Bruce, Thea Burton, Betty Rockwell
Violinist Nancy Handrigan
Hymn Support..... Roger Bolt, Nancy Handrigan, Norma Mailman, Scott Sweatman
Minute for Mission Judy Gilmour
Scripture Reader tba
Projectionist Carol Dewar
Sound / Live-stream..... Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard

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.

In-Person Worship on Sunday, January 31, 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=Sn1FeWNtWDZPeHJHMjZlZQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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.

Subscribe to OVUC's YouTube Channel – Want to know when the latest “Fruit from the Orchard” video is released? Or the upcoming daily “Lenten Reflections”? One way is to subscribe to our YouTube Channel. Simply select the ‘Subscribe’ button the next time you are watching one of our videos or during the Live Streamed Worship Service. (Please note that you must have a Google account in order to subscribe.)
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEW4VOpk_znrA5qevOqCr9Q

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 31	February 7
February 14	February 21
February 28	March 7

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

Fruit from the Orchard – OVUC has many ministries working for our congregation, our community, and our world. This series of video recorded interviews include those inspired to make these important ministries happen. This week's “Fruit from the Orchard” (Episode 7) highlights our Minute for Mission (M&S Fund) Ministry with a conversation with Judy Gilmour. Episode 7 may be found at the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/NQatC3wil2I>

Our Condolences – Our prayers and condolences are offered to Vicky Dekker and family on the loss of our friend and OVUC member, Peter Dekker. Peter's Celebration of Life will be live-streamed on Thursday afternoon, January 28, at 2:00 pm at <https://youtu.be/vS0XAszkdY>. The service will also be available for viewing afterwards by going to our website, and clicking on “Worship Services/Video Recorded Messages”

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. See below for information on our 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 men are asked to participate in this meeting, to provide input and suggestions for this event. Everyone must pre-register with the church office if you plan to attend (902-681-0366, ext 1, or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com). For further information, please contact Bill Woodman or Chris Seymour.

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

Food Bank Sunday – Sunday, February 7 will be our next Food Bank day. Please bring your non-perishable items and leave them in the shopping cart after the Worship Service. Please remember to stay physically distanced from one another.

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).

Toque Fundraiser at Hennigar's Farm Market – Valerie Mosher's beautiful, warm hand-knit toques, seen last year at Orchard Valley, will be on sale at Hennigar's Farm Market through the month of February only for \$20 each. All proceeds will go to Open Arms. Sponsored by our Junior Youth Group.

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”.

Volunteer Usher(s) Wanted – OVUC is looking for a volunteer(s) to serve as usher on Sundays. Duties would be to set out the wheelchair accessible parking signs before worship, retrieve them after the service, and assist congregants to find appropriate seating. Please contact the office (902-681-0366, ext 1 or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

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.

Soup & Chowder Luncheon – The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church invite you to enjoy their Take-out Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder Luncheon on Wednesday, February 17, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for. Cost is \$10 per person. The luncheon will include a bowl of soup, bread/butter, and your choice of dessert (Apple Crisp or Cheesecake). Please call by Monday, February 15, to reserve your order:

- Carol Ann Burden, 902-542-3681, or
- Myrtle Merrett, 902-542-2623

You will be asked at the time what kind of soup you want, your dessert choice, and for your phone number. We will call on Tuesday, February 16 to give you a pick up time. (The Loyal Workers support ongoing Church expenses, e.g. furnace oil, etc.)

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Gerry Buchan

Love, Marion