

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, February 7, 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, Dave Murphy, Scott Sweatman
Hymn Support..... Roger Bolt, Cupido Daniels, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Minute for Mission Judy Gilmour
Scripture Reader..... tba
Usher Theresa Perrin
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, February 7, 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 8) highlights our Orchard Valley Men's Group Ministry, with a conversation with Chris Seymour and Ian Godfrey. Episode 8 may be found at the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/ad7uRapf1KE>.

Our Condolences – Our prayers and condolences are offered to the family of Adeline “Del” MacInnes. Del passed away on February 2, 2021, after a long illness. She will be sadly missed. Del's private funeral will be held at Orchard Valley on Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00pm. It will also be livestreamed. (The link will be posted on our website.)

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).

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper – The Worship Committee, along with Congregational Life, are having a drive-through pancake and sausage supper on Wednesday, February 17. There will be three pick-up times to choose from –5:00 to 5:30 pm, 5:30 to 6:00 pm, and 6:00 to 6:30 pm. We will offer both regular and gluten-free pancakes. The meal will be free of charge and everyone is welcome. Those wishing to partake must pre-register between February 3 and February 12 by calling the church office (902-681-0366, ext 1) or sending an email (AdminOVU@bellaliant.com) so we know how much to prepare. There will also be a contactless ash blessing offered.

Zoom Worship for the Wolfville Nursing Home – If you are comfortable using Zoom and would like to lead or help with a short worship for nursing home residents, please contact Rev Don. These worship services are every fourth Wednesday morning of the month (apart from July and August). The next one is February 24, 10:30 to 11:00 am.

Property Committee Needs New Members – The Property Committee needs three members for 2021. We meet once per month. Interested parties should contact John Foote at (902) 678-7245 or Pat Foote at (902) 678-7473.

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.)

A Note from the Ministry & Personnel Committee

The role of M&P is to oversee the church staff and contracts on behalf of the congregation and Council, and to help manage any issues or concerns.

We have been very blessed to have Theresa as our very productive office administrator for a number of years. Although this position was created as a full-time position, it has become apparent over time, and especially in more recent times, that the tasks associated with this position are not really those requiring full-time hours.

M&P proposed, and the Council agreed, to reduce the hours of the position to part-time, to better reflect the time needed to fulfill the roles of the position. Theresa kindly took on a lot of extra tasks to help us all out over the years...we ask your patience and kindness as her work priorities shift moving forward, so we aren't taking advantage of her, and as these extra tasks are reallocated.

We will do our best to keep you informed of future adjustments to office hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk, Chair
Ministry & Personnel Committee