Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, February 28, 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
Anthem	Debbie Mailman, Mary MacFarlane, Fred Lipskey,
	Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk, Nancy Handrigan (violin)
Hymn Support	Vera Burke, Cupido Daniels, Scott Sweatman
	Judy Gilmour
Scripture Reader	Lorna MacNeil
Usher	Ian Godfrey
Projectionist	Sylvia Jacquard
Sound / Livestream	Gary Dunfield, Jane McDonald

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 28, 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 be livestreamed. 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.

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

February 28 March 7 March 14 March 21 March 28 April 4

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

OVUC Men's Breakfast – The men of OVUC will hold their next monthly gathering at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, March 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, March 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, March 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).

Next Affirming Committee Meeting – The Affirming Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 16, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm on Zoom.

Committee Members Needed – We are looking for a couple more people for the Communications and Property Committees. Anyone interested in joining a committee should contact the office – 902-681-0366 ext 1, AdminOVU@bellaliant.com.

Request for Items – The benevolent fund has received a request from a family of four for assistance. They are looking for a small BBQ and a bicycle for a 10 year-old boy. If you can help, we can arrange to pick-up the item. Please contact the church office – 902-681-0366 ext 1, AdminOVU@bellaliant.com.

Newsletter Articles – Our Easter Newsletter will be published on March 28, the beginning of Holy Week. If you have an Easter-themed article or a story you would like to share with the congregation, please send it to the office no later than Sunday, March 14. We would love to include stories from our congregation.

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".

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/

This Week in the Orchard February 28 - March 6, 2021

Sun, Feb 28	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
Mon, Mar 1	10:00 am	Spirit Chair Yoga
Tues, Mar 2	7:00 pm	Worship Committee (via Zoom)
Wed, Mar 3	2:00 pm	Property Committee
	4:00 pm	OV-Chimes Practice
	7:00 pm	Building Fundraising Committee (sanctuary)
Thurs, Mar 4	10:00 am	Hope New Minas / Al Anon Family Group (via Zoom)
Fri, Mar 5		n/a

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.

Ecumenical Lectionary Lenten Bible Study – Wednesdays, March 3 to 24, 2:00 pm via Zoom with Rev. Dr. Rob Hankinson, retired United Church of Canada minister. See poster or www.waicc.org for readings. To register for the series, obtain the Zoom link, or ask questions, email Rev Rob at robthechaplain@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council.

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Aubrey Caldwell (1916–2013)

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