

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, March 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  
Anthem ..... Cynthia Bruce, Nancy Handrigan,  
Brenda Parker, Betty Rockwell,  
Angela Whiteway, Marilyn Whiteway  
Hymn Support ..... Roger Bolt, Norma Mailman,  
Scott Sweatman, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk  
Minute for Mission ..... Judy Gilmour  
Scripture Reader ..... tba  
Usher ..... Helen Seymour  
Projectionist ..... Sylvia Jacquard  
Sound / Livestream ..... Gary Dunfield, Grace Marcoux



Clocks **SPRING** Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 14.**

Please remember to turn your clocks  
**forward** one hour Saturday night, **March 13.**

**In-Person Worship on Sunday, March 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 livestreaming 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.

**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.

**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\\_znrA5qev0qCr9Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEW4VOpk_znrA5qev0qCr9Q)

**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:

<b>Order Dates</b>	<b>Delivery Dates</b>
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.

**March Family Worship Service** – Rev Don will lead the next Family Worship at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 14, with help from Ken Hassell, Thea Burton, Grace Marcoux, Cheryl Hill and Andy Pitter. We will celebrate God and a Holy Week story through song, discussion, prayer and other worship activities. Grandparents as well as parents are welcome to bring children; individuals are welcome, too. It takes a village to raise a child! Families and individuals must pre-register with the office by Friday, March 12, 4:00 pm and follow church guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

**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.

**Open Arms Sponsorship Campaign** – The Junior Youth Group will do a walk in Kentville on Saturday, March 27 (the walk will include a tour of the Kentville Open Arms' location, their thrift shop and hopefully an Inn from the Cold location). Please consider sponsoring an OVUC youth by making a donation to Open Arms via Orchard Valley. Donations can be given to the youth, dropped off at the church, mailed to the church, or made online on the church's website. Please

note on your envelope, cheque or online gift that it is for Open Arms. We would like to receive all donations for the walk no later than Saturday, March 27. Sponsorship donations are tax deductible.

**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.

**Toque Fundraiser** – Thank you to everyone who supported the Junior Youth Group's toque fundraiser. We raised \$500 for Open Arms! Many thanks to Valerie Mosher for knitting the toques and Heather Hennigar for selling them at Hennigar's Farm Market!

**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/>

## Update from M&P

Since the decision in Council to support the M&P recommendation to acknowledge the Admin Assistant position as part time (to better reflect the actual duties of the position), several members of our congregation have communicated their concern for the timing of the decision in these difficult times. We wished to reassure the congregation that the Council has responded to that compassion by approving a charitable proposal from the Finance Committee to continue to protect Theresa's income at its current level, even as she transitions into her new hours, for an extended period of time.

Respectfully Submitted

Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk  
Chair, M&P

### This Week in the Orchard – March 7–13, 2021

Sun, Mar 7	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	11:30 am	<b>Congregational Life Committee</b>
Mon, Mar 8	10:00 am	Spirit Chair Yoga
Tues, Mar 9	10:00 am	<b>Covenanter Church Committee</b> (via Zoom)
	7:00 pm	<b>Christian Development Committee</b>
Wed, Mar 10	4:00 pm	OV-Chimes Practice
	7:00 pm	WAICC (Zoom)
Thurs, Mar 11	10:00 am	Hope New Minas / Al Anon Family Group (via Zoom)
Fri, Mar 12		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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

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

**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, March 17, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. The luncheon will include a bowl of soup, bread/butter, and your choice of dessert (Apple Crisp or Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese icing). Please call by Monday, March 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, March 16 to give you a pick-up time. (The Loyal Workers support ongoing Church expenses, e.g. furnace oil, etc.)

This week's bulletin is  
sponsored in loving memory of

**Jean Palmeter**  
(1928-Feb 2016)

by son Robert & Family