

Orchard Valley United Church
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Announcements for Sunday, March 14, 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.....	Nancy Handrigan (Violin)
Hymn Support.....	Thea Burton, Cupido Daniels, Nancy Handrigan
Minute for Mission	Cheryl MacDonald
Scripture Reader.....	Chris Seymour
Usher	Ian Godfrey
Projectionist	Carol Dewar
Sound / Livestream	Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Wayne MacDonald



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 14, 2021 – We will gather for an in-person service this Sunday at 10:00 am. Please remember to pre-register. This week's worship service will be livestreamed. A recording of the live service will be uploaded later in the day for home-viewing.

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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474107986?pwd=SnlfFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjZlZQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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 a Worship service is cancelled due to weather, a message will be left on the OVUC phone and website. 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_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
March 14	March 21
March 28	April 4
April 11	April 18

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

Affirming PIE (Public, Intentional and Explicit) Day Worship Service – OVUC invites everyone to an in-person / livestreamed Affirming PIE Day Service, welcoming LGBTQ2S+ folks to our church community. At Orchard Valley, we are committed to working for greater social justice and to celebrating diversity. This service will take place on Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 am and can be viewed by going to our website and clicking on the livestream link on the homepage. If you are unable to join at that time, a link to a recording of the service will also be available by going to our homepage and clicking on “Worship Services/Video Recorded Messages”.

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.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry – The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 pm. COVID-19 protocols will be followed. New knitters/crocheters are welcome.

New Office Hours for Theresa – As a heads-up to our congregation, it is anticipated that the church office hours will be changing to 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday, by April 1st.

Men's Group Contact List – Men of the congregation are invited to submit their email to the chair of the Men's Group, Chris Seymour, if they would like to be included in emails from the Men's Group. Please send your email address to the OVUC office for forwarding (AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

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.

Volunteer Usher(s) Wanted – OVUC is looking for a volunteer to serve as usher every second Sunday. Please contact the office (902-681-0366, ext 1 or AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

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 March 14–20, 2021

Sun, Mar 14	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
	3:00 pm	Family Worship Service
Mon, Mar 15	10:00 am	Spirit Chair Yoga
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee (Zoom)
Tues, Mar 16	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee (Zoom)
	12:00 pm	Affirming Committee (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wed, Mar 17	4:00 pm	OV-Chimes Practice
	7:00 pm	Building Fundraising Committee
Thurs, Mar 18	10:00 am	Hope New Minas / Al Anon Family Group (via Zoom)
Fri, Mar 19		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.

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

Blake Curry
(March 10/34 – January 24/12)

from wife Margaret and family