

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 21, 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..... Roger Bolt, Cynthia Bruce, Mary McFarlane, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Hymn Support.....Frank Hartman, Norma Mailman, Dave & Donna Murphy
Minute for Mission Judy Gilmour
Scripture Reader..... Thelma MacDonald
Candle Reader..... Donna Murphy
Usher Theresa Perrin
Projectionist Carol Dewar
Sound / Livestream Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Wayne MacDonald

New Church Office Hours – The OVUC church office hours will be changing. Theresa's new office hours will be 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Please feel free to send an email or leave a phone message after these hours.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting for Orchard Valley Pastoral Charge will take place on Sunday, April 11 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. Please make every effort to join us via Zoom. (A link will be sent out closer to the date.)

If you are unable to join us via Zoom, you can register with the office for a limited number of seats in the sanctuary.

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and/or would like to have a refresher, please let Theresa know and she will sign you up for a session with either Gary Dunfield (for PC computers) or Jane McDonald (for PC or Mac computers).

We will receive reports from our Committees as well as updates on facilities and building fundraising plans, and an update from our Search Committee. We will also be approving the Budget for 2021/22. We hope to see you on Sunday, April 11.

Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Worship Services – There will be a Good Friday Worship Service at Orchard Valley United Church, on Friday, April 2, at 10:00 am. The service will be held in-person and live-streamed. We will have two Easter Sunday services – one at 10:00 am (which will be in-person and live-streamed) and one at 1:00 pm (which will be in-person only). Regular worship service protocols will be in place (e.g. masks, hand sanitizing, etc.). Those pre-registered for Palm Sunday worship are also able to pre-register for Good Friday's service and/or Easter Sunday's services (since they are all parts of the same worship event). To pre-register for Palm Sunday, please contact the office no later than noon, Thursday, March 25. To pre-register for Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday, please contact the OVUC office no later than noon, Wednesday, March 31. Our contact information is 902-681-0366, ext 1, OR AdminOVU@bellaliant.com.

In-Person Worship on Sunday, March 21, 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 after the service 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.

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.

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.

Scholarship Volunteer – The Scholarship Committee is seeking an individual who has a pdf editing program to volunteer to redact the scholarship applications/transcripts to be received mid-May and to stitch the redacted applications into one document. It is important to the Committee members that they are choosing the scholarship winners without having any knowledge of who the applicants are. If you are

willing to assist the Scholarship Committee, please contact the office (902-681-0366, ext 1, OR AdminOVU@bellaliant.com).

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

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”.

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.

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 21–27, 2021**

Sun, Mar 21	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service
Mon, Mar 22	10:00 am	Spirit Chair Yoga
Tues, Mar 23		n/a
Wed, Mar 24	10:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Wolfville Nursing Home Seniors' Worship (via Zoom) OV-Chimes Practice OVUC Church Council
Thurs, Mar 25	10:00 am	Hope New Minas / Al Anon Family Group (via Zoom)
Fri, Mar 26		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.

Giant Kings Kikima Grannies Sale – The Kings Kikima Grannies are saluting an early spring with a giant sale at the Wolfville Lions Club on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The sale will feature jewellery (both free-will donation & priced), craft supplies, artwork, hearing-aid masks, and much more. All COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Come, find treasures, and help us support grandmothers and their orphaned grandchildren in the Kikima Village of Kenya. Here are future sale dates to mark on your calendars: May 8th and June 5th. Watch for further details.

This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of
Susan Pearl (MacDonald) McNamara
by Cheryl MacDonald