

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 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 McFarlane,
Brenda Parker, Scott Sweatman
Hymn Support..... Thea Burton, Frank Hartman, Brenda Parker
Minute for Mission..... Judy Gilmour
Readers..... Roger & Lyn Bolt
Usher..... Ian Godfrey
Projectionist Carol Dewar
Sound / Livestream Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard

In-Person Worship on Sunday, March 28, 2021 – We will gather for an in-person service this Palm 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=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.

Revised Office Hours for Admin Assistant, Effective Immediately

As you are aware, a recent review of the Admin Assistant’s position determined that there was insufficient work to keep Theresa busy full time. A motion was therefore put forward to Council, which Council approved, to reduce Theresa’s time to 20 hours per week. We are pleased to announce that Theresa began splitting her work week between OVUC and Wolfville Baptist Church on Monday, March 22. She will be working at WBC for approximately six months. Therefore, **her new OVUC office hours are 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.** Phone messages or emails may be left for her, outside of these hours. We thank the congregation for their support and wish Theresa all the best as we share her knowledge and skills with Wolfville Baptist Church. Regards, M&P Committee

Good Friday and Easter Sunday with Communion 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 with Communion – one at 10:00 am (which will be in-person and live-streamed) and one at 1:00 pm (which will be the same service BUT the worship service 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 the Good Friday service and/or Easter Sunday services (since they are all parts of the same worship event). To pre-register for Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday (1pm only available), please contact the OVUC office as soon as possible.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING [REVISED]

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. In addition, we will receive **the report and recommendation for the appointment of a half-time ministry position to support Orchard Valley**, and we will also be approving the Financial Reports of 2020 and the Budget for 2021/22. We hope to see you on Sunday, April 11.

Easter Sunrise Service – There will be an Easter Morning Sunrise Service, 7:00 am, outdoors at OVUC (weather permitting). Pre-registration is **not** required.

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 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.

Open Arms Sponsorship Campaign [REVISED] – The Junior Youth Group are doing their walk in support of Open Arms on Saturday, March 27, in Kentville. Look for their wind-up video in Sunday's worship or on the church's website! If you haven't already, please consider sponsoring our 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 indicate on your envelope, cheque or online giving that it is for Open Arms. Sponsorship donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

Easter Food Drive and Fun – The Junior Youth Group will be having an Easter Food Drive and Fun afternoon on Saturday, April 3, from 1:30 – 3:30 pm, rain or shine. Celebrate Easter with the rest of the congregation by helping others! Please bring your non-perishable items to the front parking lot and put them in a marked vehicle while staying physically distanced from each other. Donations will be split between the Fundy Food Bank, Wolfville Area Food Bank, and Canning

Area Food Bank. Weather permitting, bring a lawn chair for safe six-foot-spaced visiting. Children and youth can take part in "The Amazing Easter Story Hunt" – find all the clues in the church's back area and get an Easter prize! Note: if you prefer, you can bring your food donations to Easter Worship on April 4 for Food Bank Sunday as usual. Sponsored by the Outreach, Christian Development and Congregational Life committees.

OVUC Men's Breakfast – The men of OVUC will hold their next monthly gathering at the Irving Big Stop on Sunday, April 4, at 7:45 am for Men's Breakfast. Come early to get the early bird special. All men of the congregation are welcome. Please remember to wear your mask.

Food Bank Sunday – Sunday, April 4 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.

Congregational Life Meeting Postponed – Due to Easter and the Annual Congregational Meeting, the Congregational Life meeting schedule for Sunday, April 4, has been moved to Sunday, April 25. This will combine the April and May meetings, so the Sunday, May 2 meeting will be cancelled.

April Family Worship Service – Due to the Annual Congregational Meeting, the April Family Worship Service will be held on Sunday April 18 at 3:00 pm, instead of April 11. Families and individuals must pre-register with the office by Friday, April 15, 4:00 pm and follow church guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Men's Group Contact List – Men of the congregation are invited to submit their email to the office if they would like to receive emails from the Men's Group. (Theresa will forward them to Chris Seymour, the leader of the Men's Group.)

OVUC Scholarship Competition Now Open – Each year, Orchard Valley makes available two scholarships – the Rev. Dr. K.G. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship and the Arthur R. Allen Memorial Scholarship. These are offered to graduating students in our OVUC catchment area. If you know of a Grade 12 student who is attending Central Kings Rural High School, Horton High School, or Northeast Kings Education Centre, please encourage them to speak to their guidance counselor for information on how to apply. The deadline for receipt of all pieces of the application package is midnight, Sunday, May 16, 2021.

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/UCEW4V0pk_znrA5qev0qCr9Q

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 28 – April 3, 2021**

Sun, Mar 28	10:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
Mon, Mar 29	10:00 am	Spirit Chair Yoga
Tues, Mar 30		n/a
Wed, Mar 31	4:00 pm	OV-Chimes Practice
	6:00 pm	Choral Rehearsal / Recording
Thurs, Apr 1	10:00 am	Hope New Minas / Al Anon Family Group (via Zoom)
Fri, Apr 2	10:00 am	Good Friday Worship Service
Sat, Apr 3	1:30 pm	Jr Youth Group Easter Food Drive & Fun Event

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.

Interfaith Engagement Series – "Reflections Upon Passover" with Rabbi David Ellis on Wednesday, March 31, 7:00 pm via Zoom: http://tiny.cc/wbc_interfaith. Hosted by Wolfville Baptist Church. Everyone welcome.

WAICC Good Friday Observance – In lieu of a Walk with the Cross and a Worship on Good Friday, April 2, Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council will share a video on their website (<http://www.waicc.org>) and YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQUANVNw1SfTBdzkxM2ClBg>. Rev. Don and Andy Pitter will represent Orchard Valley in the video.

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.

Tatamagouche Centre Spring 2021 Programs – We are excited to share our learning programs for Spring, 2021! Through the winter, we have been operating at a minimal level, enough to rest, reflect on 2020 and be ready for Spring and the year. Typical of Spring in the Maritimes, there is both snow and crocuses in our line-up, opportunities for rest and growth, both onsite and online. Effective March 20, the Atlantic bubble is open! Of course, things can change quickly so please check travel restrictions, our website and Facebook regularly. For now, we are open to small gatherings of 15-20 people safely distancing and masking in our training rooms according to COVID-19 protocols. We're also open to retreats and stays at the Centre with lodging for up to 40 people safely. There is even a new kitchen in Campbell House to gather and cook with your loved ones, your collective. Soon we will be sending out our full 2021 offerings. Of course, onsite programs are still subject to cancellation or postponement. Keep checking for regular updates and new additions. Meanwhile, come and join us for one of these upcoming Spring programs. A listing of our events is available at <https://www.tatacentre.ca/>

This week's bulletin is sponsored
in memory of my brother-in-law

Aldon Young

by Mary MacDonald