

## Orchard Valley United Church

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### Announcements for Sunday, April 11, 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..... Orchard Valley Chimes (Trish Findlay, Sheila Francis,  
Judy Gilmour, Valerie Mosher, Andrea Purvis,  
Cheryl Sellsted, Angela Whiteway)  
Hymn Support.....Thea Burton, Chris Seymour, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk  
Readers..... tba  
Usher ..... Ian Godfrey

#### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Revised – with Zoom info)**

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.

##### **Zoom Computer link for Annual Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83619046608?pwd=TUhZRHp4L2Q2eVIESWlxbkhFbEpKQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 836 1904 6608

**Passcode:** 409050

##### **Zoom phone info for Annual Meeting**

1-855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

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**Passcode:** 409050

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). Pre-registration for training is required.

Jane is available on Thursday afternoon or evening, April 8  
Gary is available on Saturday, during the day, April 10

At the meeting, 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.

**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=SnIeWnNtWDZPeHJHMjIzQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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 Effective Immediately – The new OVUC office hours are 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.** Phone messages or emails may be left outside of these hours.

**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>
April 11	April 18
April 25	May 2
May 9	May 16

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

**Turkey Dinner Meeting** – The OVUC Men's Group will meet in the sanctuary at the church on Saturday, April 10, at 10:00 am to discuss the upcoming Fall Turkey Dinner at the Louis Millett Centre. All men are welcome and invited to attend. For further information, contact Bill Woodman or Chris Seymour.

**Scots Bay Beach Clean-up** – Christian Development is sponsoring a beach clean-up on Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (dependent on tides) in anticipation of Earth Day. A great activity for families! For more information, please contact Kelly Messom at (782) 232 5235. (This number is NOT long distance... 782 is Nova Scotia's new area code.)

**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.

**Next Affirming Meeting** – The Affirming Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 20 at 12:00 on Zoom. Contact Rev Don to receive the Zoom link.

**Next Congregational Life Meeting** – The next Congregational Life will be held Sunday, April 25, following the worship service. This gathering will combine the April and May meetings, so the Sunday, May 2, meeting will be cancelled.

**(Fun)draising Calendar** – A group of OVUC people are really keen to create a 2022 calendar featuring our church family... members of all ages in our congregation! We were inspired by the "Contilia Retirement Group, Essen, Germany" calendar...check it out on Google (<https://jewishbusinessnews.com/2016/01/14/a-creative-calendar-from-a-retirement-home-in-germany/>). The idea is to feature a person or group depicting a scene around the theme of "arts & entertainment". Some examples could be "Maggie Smith from Downton Abbey" or maybe a scene from the "Titanic", or "Blues Brothers", or "Harry Potter", or...or...the possibilities are endless!!! Besides lifting our spirits and creating a fun keepsake for the years ahead, we hope to earn some money for the building fund. Here's some of what we need to get this idea off the ground:

- We need volunteers to be our "pin ups". Come up with a scene and put a group together to bring it to life. The more groups the merrier!
- Hate having your picture taken? Maybe you'd like to sponsor a month to help defray costs?
- Got swag? Maybe you have a tickle trunk and can share costume bits and props.
- Got skills? If you know Photoshop, then we want to know YOU.

We want to hear from you! Contact the "Calendar Club" by emailing [gailgord@hotmail.com](mailto:gailgord@hotmail.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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEW4VOpk_znrA5qevOqCr9Q)

**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

### April 11–17, 2021

Sun, Apr 11	10:00 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>
Mon, Apr 12	10:00 am	Spirit Yoga
Tues, Apr 13	10:00 am	Covenanter Church Committee (Zoom)
Wed, Apr 14	3:00 pm	Music Mentoring Session
	4:00 pm	OV-Chimes Practice
	7:00 pm	WAICC
Thurs, Apr 15	10:00 am	Hope New Minas / Al Anon Family Group (via Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Music Rehearsal / Recording
Fri, Apr 16		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).

**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 8<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>. Watch for further details.

**Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup Take-Out Soup Luncheon** – On April 21, Port Williams United Baptist Church will host their Take-Out Soup Luncheon from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, bread and butter and either Apple Crisp or Cheesecake all for \$10. Call by April 19 to Carol Ann Burden – 902-542-3681 or Myrtle Merrett – 902-542-2623 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on April 20. This is the last of the season until we “see you in September”!

**Action Planning for Non Profit Groups and Organizations** – Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm. Join us for an online interactive workshop on the strategies & importance of Action Planning for Non Profits. Seats are limited so register now. (Although a small nominal fee is charged to ensure attendance, if this is a barrier to anyone in community simply message us and we can waive it for you.) Blaise Landry will facilitate. Register at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/action-planning-for-non-profit-groups-and-organizations-tickets-149672720135>. A ZOOM link will be forwarded to you the day before the workshop once you register.

**Sherbrooke Lake Camp Wish List** – As we all know, camp changes lives, period. And we couldn't do it without Sherbrooke Lake Camp alumni, donors, churches and families alike. Visiting (and purchasing from) our Amazon Wish List is a unique way for you to support Sherbrooke Lake Camp, by purchasing some of the needs we have for this summer. Simply go to <https://www.sherbrookelakecamp.org/wishlist>, buy from our Amazon wish list and it gets shipped directly to us. Any and all purchases are greatly appreciated and help us to provide an incredible experience for our campers! Thank you from the Sherbrooke Lake Camp Team!

This week's bulletin is sponsored  
in loving memory of my son

**Bruce MacKenzie**

by Irma Maxwell