

Orchard Valley United Church
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Announcements for Sunday, April 18, 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.....	Fred Lipskey, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk,
Hymn Support.....	Vera Burke, Mary McFarlane, Brenda Parker, Betty Rockwell
Minute for Mission	Judy Gilmour
Readers.....	tba
Usher	Bill Woodman

In-Person Worship on Sunday, April 18, 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 be live-streamed. 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474107986?pwd=SnlFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjZlZGVhU0U2QT09>

- 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
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.

Scots Bay Beach Clean-up [REVISED] – Christian Development is sponsoring a beach clean-up, rain or shine, on Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in anticipation of Earth Day. Possibly a great activity for families! The Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up/Glad will supply bags and adult-sized disposable gloves. Please bring drinking water and, if children are in your bubble, a pair of kid-sized

disposable/washable gloves/mitts per child. Please also dress warmly. Consider bringing a bucket/pail, grabbers, sanitizer, sunscreen, etc. Friends of the Scots Bay Salt Marsh will join us. Others welcome: please share this Facebook event link: <https://fb.me/e/P3E7qj8A> . 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 – Rev Don will lead the next Family Worship at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 18, with help from Ken Hassell, Thea Burton, Andy Pitter, Sylvia Jacquard and Heather Hennigar. We will celebrate God, Easter and communion through song, prayer, rhythm instruments 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, April 15, 4:00 pm and follow church guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 pm. New members welcome. Needles, yarn and patterns will be provided.

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.

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

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 17–24, 2021

Sat, Apr 17	10:00 am	Scot's Bay Clean-up
Sun, Apr 18	10:00 am	Worship Service
	3:00 pm	Family Worship Service
Mon, Apr 19	10:00 am	Spirit Yoga
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
Tues, Apr 20	9:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee
	12:00 pm	Affirming Committee
	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wed, Apr 21	4:00 pm	OV-Chimes Practice
Thurs, Apr 22	10:00 am	Hope New Minas / Al Anon Family Group (via Zoom)
Fri, Apr 23		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.

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 memory of

Erik Swinimer
(1924–2010)

by loving wife, Elsie,
and daughters Jo-Anne Eye and Heather Ross