

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, May 23, 2021

Welcome all who worship 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
Minute for Mission..... Judy Gilmour
Scripture Reader.....Sheila Francis

PRE-RECORDED WORSHIP – No In-Person or Live-Streaming Worship on Sunday, May 23, 2021 –
Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, there will NOT be an in-person or live-streaming worship on Sunday, May 23. Instead, Rev Don has prepared a pre-recorded service for viewing. The link to the service will be available later in the week.

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=SnlfFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjlzQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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
May 23	May 30
June 6	June 13
June 20	June 27

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

Family Zoom Gathering – In lieu of a family worship, Rev Don, Thea, Grace and Andy invite families and special friends to gather Sunday, May 23, 10:00 am via Zoom to celebrate Pentecost together! We'll sing, pray, watch a short video about Pentecost and have other fun. The link to the gathering will be available later in the week and sent by email. Contact Andy if you would like to join in and don't have an email (902-542-1545).

Facilities Committee – The Facilities Committee continues to work towards the earliest possible construction date for an addition to the church. We are in the process of finalizing the land transfer from B.D. Stevens. We are working with Region 15 to secure the necessary permissions and support for the process. We have begun the process of fundraising by creating a committee to oversee contacting potential donors and the process of receiving donations and pledges (to discuss donations call Nancy Handrigan at 902-698-9205). And we are working towards beginning the next phase of the design process with B.D. Stevens, as soon as they are available this summer. We look forward to coming to the congregation to receive their support for the expanded set of design documents and a budget, hopefully this fall. Gary Dunfield for the Facility Committee for Orchard Valley United Church (gary@gaspereau.com).

Scripture Readers – Calling scripture readers! If you are willing to read scripture for our pre-recorded services, and can either make a video recording or an audio recording (we will add pictures), please let the office or Rev. Don know. We love to see or hear the participation from our church family.

A Request from Rev. Don – This Sunday is Pentecost, often considered to be the birthday of the church. Pentecost was a new and unexpected experience. How does one describe something this life-changing for those present? Most of us have experienced something—as individuals of faith or as a congregation—that is life-changing and defies words. The Spirit can move when people all come together (for reference, see scriptures below). Now my ask – share with me your Spirit-moments — by email, with video or audio recording, or do you have an image or picture that captures or speaks to you of your Spirit moment. Was it at a baptism? A youth event? Was it a kind word needed at just the right time? A marker moment? An unexpected experience? Fair warning – it may well find itself in this Sunday service!

- **Acts 2:1-21** - The coming of the Holy Spirit.
- **Ezekiel 37:1-14** - The valley of dry bones.
- **Psalms 104:24-34, 35b** - Wisdom was creating at God's side.
- **Romans 8:22-27** - The Spirit prays for us with sighs too deep for words.
- **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15** - Jesus will send the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth.

Camp Sponsorship Drive – With the hope that Sherbrooke Lake Camp will still be able to run this summer or at least have family rentals like last summer, Christian Development is launching this year's sponsorship drive. This year we have three youth/children and possibly four families asking for sponsorships for a possible total of \$1,683 in fees (note the camp hasn't set rental rates let alone opened bookings yet). Please consider making a donation to ensure we can continue this ministry! If you mail a cheque or put it in the church's exterior mail slot, please write on the memo line that it is for camp sponsorships. If you send the church an e-transfer, please mention what it is for. If you use the "Donate" button on Orchard Valley's website, pick "General" for the Fund but type "Camp Sponsorships" in the Message box. Note that any money not used this year for camp sponsorships will be held for next year's sponsorships.

Subscribe to OVUC's YouTube Channel – Did you know we have a 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”.

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/>

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.

Annapolis Valley Honour Choir – The Annapolis Valley Honour Choir is planning for a return to safe in-person singing in the fall, and is excited to welcome singers for next year! Registration is now open for students in Grades 3-12 in September. Musical Meet & Greets for all three choirs will be taking place the first two weeks of June. Nationally recognized and known for its excellence in education and capacity for community building, AVHC is an accessible, inclusive program that offers a complete and well-rounded music training through choral singing, musicianship skills, leadership and more. Rooted in teamwork, community and common vision, it is a positive, safe and supportive atmosphere for all young people to build their confidence and discover their true voice. Come Sing Safely With Us! Find out more about the AVHC programs and how to join at www.avhc.ca!

Willowbank Cemetery Needs Assistance – The Board of Trustees responsible for the care and operation of Willowbank Cemetery are in need of new Board Members who can help guide and operate the Cemetery now and into the future. If you have a family connection or an interest in the Cemetery, please contact Wendy Elliott at welliott@bellaliant.net or 902-542-2533 for more information.