

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, August 1, 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  
Hymn Support..... Betty Rockwell, Thea Burton,  
Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk  
Scripture Reader..... Mary McFarlane  
Children's Time ..... Katie Logan  
Live-stream Team..... Gary Dunfield, Andrea Purvis,  
Sylvia Jacquard  
Usher..... Ian Godfrey

**In-Person Worship on Sunday, August 1, 2021** – We will gather for an in-person / live-streamed service this Sunday at 10:00 am. A recording of the 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=SnlFeWNtWDZPeHJHMjZlZQVg1bUo2QT09>

- 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.

**Camp Sponsorship Drive UPDATE** – Thanks to all of you who have already made a donation towards this ministry. So far we have raised \$900, which covered the fees of the 3 kids we are sending to Sherbrooke Lake Camp. The 4 families we are also sponsoring did not get spots at Sherbrooke but did at Kingswood Camp. Their fees will total \$1,300. Please consider making a donation if you haven't already! 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.

**We have visitors!** Rev. Don wants to see more of our part of beautiful Nova Scotia! In our August 1 Worship Service, we will be joined by our sisters and brothers in Christ from Niverville and Steinbach United Churches in Manitoba as they stop in on their virtual tour of Canada via worship.

So, here's Rev. Don's ask – share with him any of your pictures or videos of Nova Scotia that speak to you – bays and lakes, rivers and valleys, mountains and forests, parks and history. And even better if you are in the picture! If you have any to share, please email or phone Don at the church to arrange the transfer.

**CONGRATULATIONS** -- to our graduates! These include Branden Godding, Mary Cormier and Ella Anderson at least! If you know of a graduate in Orchard Valley's circle, please contact Andy Pitter or another member of Christian Development.

**Unused Stamps** – Kelly Messom would like to remind everyone to bring in their used stamps to the wooden box at the back of the sanctuary! The stamps are donated to Oxfam Canada and The Canadian Bible Society, which are then sold to collectors to help fundraise.

**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**

August 1

**Delivery Dates**

August 8

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

## **Guy's Cans Fundraiser**

Due to Covid 19, the Men's Group was unable to conduct its annual Guy's Cans Fundraiser in 2020 in the normal manner of providing a Guy's can to Church Members. It was conducted by a virtual method via e-mail and Church bulletin announcements asking for your support.

Thanks to the generosity of our Church supporters, the program raised \$1,848 in 2020. In view of current Covid restrictions and with regard to the reduced number of members who can attend Sunday's Church services, it has been decided to conduct it via the virtual method again in 2021.

The Men's Group is seeking your continued support and ask that you mail your donations, (preferably by cheque), to the Church office at any time, but no later than November 30, 2021. Alternately you can place an envelope in the Church offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Your envelope and/or donation is to be highlighted for the OVUC Men's Group Guys Can project.

If any members presently have a can, they are also to be returned to the Church by Nov 30th. Please ensure your name and envelope number is on the can label in order to receive a tax receipt.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support. We look forward to when we can all meet together.

Kindly mail your donation to:  
Orchard Valley United Church Men's Group  
Attention – Bill Simpson, Treasurer  
130 Cornwallis Avenue  
New Minas, NS,  
B4N 3M7

**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](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".

**Open Arms Sponsorship Campaign** – A very belated thank you to all those who sponsored the Junior Youth Group for their walk in support of Open Arms on Saturday, March 27. Including the almost \$500 they raised through the toque sale, they raised a total of \$1,270 for Open Arms!!! Many, many thanks to those of you who gave money to this campaign and recognized the contribution these youth made and make to our church. (P.S. Christian Development will have an update on the camp sponsorship campaign soon.)

**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).

**Cup of Life Daily Devotions** – Rev Valerie Kingsbury is sharing daily devotions entitled Cup of Life. Her reflections can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbCfq0fRpwkiw6bmoNoiI5g>