

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 21st, 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
Anthem..... The Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Hymn Support..... Vera Burke, Thea Burton, Cupido Daniels,
Mary McFarlane, Betty Rockwell, Mindy Vinqvist-
Tymchuk, Angela Whiteway, Marilyn Whiteway
Scripture Readers Sarah Hartman
Children's Time..... Pastor Katie Logan
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar/Andrea Purvis,
Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard
Ushers Linda Draper/Ian Godfrey

In-Person Worship on Sunday, November 21st, 2021 –Good news!

For our in-person worship service, we no longer need to limit numbers. Come as you are able. 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. Please sign in upon arrival for the service. For the protection of everyone, we will continue to encourage the use of face masks, hand sanitizing and moderate physical distancing. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home.

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.

Christmas Hamper Program - reaching out to those in need.

Orchard Valley United Church, as part of our Outreach mission, will be helping to provide Christmas for 40 families from our community by gifting Christmas Hampers. **Please support this outreach through monetary donations. Our goal is to raise \$4,000.00 between now and December 1st. We can do it with your help.** Donations can be put in the specially marked envelopes at the back of the church or by using an envelope clearly indicated for the hampers and mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate. Include your name or envelope number to receive a tax receipt.

Cheques made out to Orchard Valley United Church... please note, **"Christmas Hamper Program"**. If you have questions speak to Sheila Fisher or Helen Seymour. Thanks for your generosity.

OVUC MEN'S GROUP - Guy's Cans Fundraiser

Reminder: the deadline to return your Guy's Can or make your annual donation is **November 30, 2021**. We are asking for your continued support and that you mail your donation, (preferably by cheque), to the Church office no later than November 30, 2021.

If you prefer, you can place an envelope in the Church offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Your envelope and/or donation must be highlighted to 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.

You may mail your donation to:

Orchard Valley United Church Men's Group

Attention – Bill Simpson(Treasurer)

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Thank You for your support.

Congregational life has created a survey to see what events and activities should take place at the church now that COVID19 restrictions have eased. Please take time to fill out the online survey or pick up one of the paper copies from the front of the church and return it to Katie by December 5th. Thanks for your participation! <https://forms.gle/z3vrs2NS1FYKcPUC6>

Advent Newsletter – Do you have a personal story to tell about a past Christmas? The Communications Committee would love to receive your story submissions for the Advent newsletter. Please contact Sylvia Jacquard at sylviajacquard@ns.sympatico.ca as soon as possible to let her know that you intend to submit a story.

OVUC Membership and Membership Transfer: OVUC is having a Transfer of Membership on November 28th during Sunday Worship Service. If becoming a member or transferring your membership to OVUC is something you would like to do (or to discuss), please contact Rev. Don Sellsted.

Calling all OVUC Members/Families: Would you like to have a member/family receive special occasion acknowledgement throughout the year? Our Birthday-Anniversary card list needs updating and you can help! Please contact the Church office by email or phone. We have, also, placed a sign-up sheet in the Church foyer, for your convenience(see Linda Draper). Thank you!

Sunday Morning Ushers – Anyone interested in helping out as Worship Service Usher is asked to contact the Church office. As Worship Service numbers increase, so does the need for extra volunteers. Thanks!

Senior Worship Volunteers – If you are able to help out, we would love to have you! Please contact Rev. Don or the Church office for details.

Weekly Bulletin Sponsorship – OVUC appreciates all who generously sponsor the bulletin each week. If you would like to sponsor a weekly bulletin in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a milestone Birthday or Anniversary, please contact the Church office.

Friendly reminder - please have all weekly Worship Service announcements submitted to the Church Office by Tuesday, 12pm.

Volunteers needed - Be part of Katie's exciting new ministry for children and youth! If you enjoy working with children and/or youth, please consider applying to teach or help lead one of the following programs. Police record check and proof of vaccination required. Contact Katie (902-681-6010; youth.ovuc@gmail.com) or Andy (902-542-1545; andriel_p@yahoo.ca) if interested.

Voyagers (aka Sunday School) for Preschool, Primary-Gr 3, and Junior Youth: teach one age group once or twice a month; curriculum provided.

Kids Hang Out: 3rd Saturday of each month for Primary to Grade 3 children, 1pm - 2:30pm.

Youth Group: 2nd and 4th Fridays each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the sanctuary and loft.

Annual Congregational Breakfast – Friday, December 17th, 8:30 am – 10am. All welcome!

Women's Breakfast – Friday morning breakfast has started and will be held in the Church sanctuary each week at 8:30am. All women are welcome!

Chimes practice – Church Sanctuary, every Wednesday, 4pm – 5pm. It's fun! Just ask any of our members! Contact the Church office if interested.

Spirit Yoga – Spirit Yoga 10:30am- 11:30am, every Monday in the Church Sanctuary. All are welcome!

FundScrip Gift Cards – A special thank you to our valued supporters over the past number of years. This program has successfully raised an average of **\$2,800/year**, which is donated back to the Church to assist with its operating expenses and to support Meet Your Feet, the Christmas Hamper program, and other Outreach projects.

Gift cards are so convenient and make excellent Christmas gifts! See below, our last order/pick up dates for 2021 and our start-up dates for 2022.

Place your orders, soon, and just a reminder to make sure your order includes gift cards to have on hand during our shut down time over the Christmas season.

Order Dates

November 21

December 05

January 09

Delivery Dates

November 28

December 12

January 16

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

Kings Kikima Grannie's Christmas Sale – Saturday, December 11th at the Wolfville Lion's Hall from 9am – 2pm. Jewellery (both priced and freewill donation)/ fabric & yarn/ hearing aid masks/ reimagined art/ fabulous silent auction/ indoor plants/ knitted items and more. Great Christmas shopping all in one place!!

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".

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.

Help for International Students at Acadia - Wong International Centre welcomes donations of high quality winter wear: sweaters, raincoats, winter coats/jackets, snow pants, scarves, winter boots, hats, gloves, and mittens. Please wash all items before donating. No ripped, stained or otherwise unwearable items. The Centre will also accept gift cards for Independent and Shoppers Drug Mart. Drop off donations at the Centre, 27 Acadia Street, Wolfville, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm until November 27 (the bin for winter wear is located in the front entrance). If you prefer, you can put winter wear in Orchard Valley's mail "nook" in the marked bin and gift cards in the office door mailbox until Friday, November 26 (please put gift cards in an envelope marked "International Students").

This week's bulletin is sponsored by

Elsie Swinimer

In memory of
Erik Swinimer (1924-2010), loving wife, Elsie, and
daughters, Jo-Anne Eye and Heather Ross.