

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, February 20th, 2022

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
Special Music..... Cupido Daniels
Hymn Support..... Cupido Daniels, Norma Mailman,
Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Scripture Reader Faye Calder
Children's Time..... Pastor Katie Logan
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar/Andrea Purvis,
Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Wayne MacDonald

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, February 20th, 2022 – There will be a live-streamed service this Sunday at 10:00 am. Please join us on-line!

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.

Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 20th following Worship Service - to approve the Expansion and Renovation proposal via Zoom. Please contact the Church office if you need to attend in person. In person attendance is possible, but only for a very limited number due to the current lack of space in the Sanctuary and continued physical distancing.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82943362316?pwd=Z1A0MVVkcldpiT01UNHBuYXJjSFRsdz09>

Meeting ID: 829 4336 2316

Passcode: 851768

855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

The OVUC COVID Committee, in consultation with the Council Executive: would like to provide an update as we cautiously move into reopening the church, in line with the province loosening their restrictions. These recommendations are intended to balance our desire to worship in community and our need to protect everyone to the best of our ability. We will be opening up under the following timeline (unless perceived risk increases dramatically) :

-Increased hymn support and choir practice will commence starting **Feb 20th**.

-Social activities within the church can commence so long as participants remain fully masked *and have proof of vaccination status.*

-Meetings should continue to be held online as much as possible, unless a lack of online access would hinder that. **Youth activities** will continue online.

-In person Worship Service will resume **March 6th**, following provincial guidelines. Services will continue to live-stream, should you not yet feel comfortable to attend, or should space not allow, as seating will be limited (please book your seating as before).

Youth Activities:

Voyagers - All Ages

Feb. 27th 3:00 - 3:30pm

Topic: OVUC Voyagers Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81833089251?pwd=Z3FCbzdaVa3NnVG50NEtoSVp1bzh1UT09>

Meeting ID: 818 3308 9251

Passcode: 8jgYrF

Youth Group - Grades Four to Twelve

Feb. 27th 7:00-7:30pm

Topic: OVUC Youth Group

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88656989142?pwd=cXV6SktESVNaemFhTDVKTEM5RS8wQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 5698 9142

Passcode: qJC31D

Lesser Evils* Lenten book and study guide** – “What does it mean to be Christian in this time when we don’t always feel good about the many choices before us?”. “When systems are broken and we are in those systems, how do we deal with it? ***Lesser Evils is really for all of us coping with uncertainty. This book is about being faithful while wrestling with what’s best.”

The UCC’s Mission and Service helps deepen faith by lowering the cost of important faith resources such as ***Lesser Evils***, a book on Daily Reflections on Seeking Wisdom. The book study webinar that accompanies this resource can be done as an individual or group and is hosted online through, [United In Learning](#). The study runs every Tuesday at 2pm AT from March 8 – April 12, 2022.

Please contact the Church office if you are interested in being part of this as soon as possible. There will be a small cost for the book, however, the group webinar with Rev. Don will be free. (If you wish to take part, but need help with the cost of the book, please let us know.)

Coldest Night of the Year - If you would like to help form an Orchard Valley team to raise funds and walk 5km in support of Open Arms (walking individually, as a small group, or at the in-person event in Kentville, COVID permitting), please contact Andy Pitter (902-542-1545/ andriel_p@yahoo.ca).

The in-person event is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th, but teams can walk any day in February if they prefer, or are required to, given Public Health measures. You can find more information in this video and website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ef6A5t4EG3c> and <https://cnoy.org/home> . Thank you!

Sponsor a bulletin in memory of a loved one – If you would like to sponsor a weekly bulletin in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special birthday or anniversary, please call or email OVUC: (902)681-0366 / adminovu@bellaliant.com (suggested donation: \$20). Thank you!

Offering Envelopes – 2022 offering envelopes are in the foyer mailboxes for those who wish to come into the Church to pick them up (if you are more comfortable picking them up at the door, please call the Church office to arrange a time).

FundScrip Gift Cards:

Order Dates

February 20

March 06

Delivery Dates

February 27

March 13

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

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.

The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church will be holding the next luncheon on **Wednesday, March 16th**! Our usual advertising, posters and bulletin announcements will resume at the beginning of March as long as restrictions have been lifted in time. We miss you all and look forward to another couple of months of delicious soups and desserts!