

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Welcome** all who worship with us! We're happy to be together. Thank you to the following people for their participation:

Leaders of Worship.....Pastor Katie Logan  
Bev Thompson  
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng  
Anthem.....Orchard Valley United Church Choir  
Scripture Reader.....Marion Buchan  
Live-stream Team.....Carol Dewar/Andrea Purvis,  
Gary Dunfield/ Sheila Jacquard  
Ushers.....Linda Draper/Marion Buchan

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – There will be a live-streamed service this Sunday at 10:00 am. Please join us on-line if you are unable to attend in person.

### **OVUC Admin Office hours:**

Monday – Thursday / 8am – 12pm.

Church offices are closed on Fridays.

**\*\*Please note: Rev. Don will be on vacation - Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>  
and working remotely Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### ***Upcoming activities and events at OVUC:***

**Coffee/Tea Time** – Please remember all are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship following our weekly Worship Service (tasty snacks included).

**Usher/Greeter Request** – If any OVUC members are willing and able to help out before Sunday Worship Service once per month (or less frequently if we are blessed with several more volunteers), we would be so appreciative and happy to have you! Please email or call our Admin Office to sign up.

**Volunteers for decorating** - Looking for a few volunteers to help decorate the Church space for Fall/Thanksgiving. If you are willing to help and/or have some items that could be used, she looks forward to hearing from you. Hoping to meet on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact: Brenda Parker, 902-582-7549 or email: [bparker@techshop.ns.ca](mailto:bparker@techshop.ns.ca)

**Spirit Yoga** – Mondays at 10:30am. Please come along (friends are welcome!) and experience Spirit Yoga with Joy. A relaxing and uplifting way to start your week!

**Friday Morning Women's Breakfast** – restarts on **Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Greenwich Hall (Greenwich Road), 8:30am.

### **Fundscrip Gift Cards:**

#### **Order Dates**

#### **Delivery Dates**

October 02

September 25

October 09

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

## **Youth Programs**

**Voyagers:** During Worship Service. As part of our creation season, for the next four weeks, we are doing a fundraiser for the *World Wildlife Foundation*! Please bring donations to Pastor Katie at the church; all cheques should be made out to Orchard Valley United Church so we can tally the total at the end of the five weeks! Please contact Pastor Katie for a letter and form.

**Youth Group:** *Fri. Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> is cancelled due to the forecasted storm.*

**Next Youth Group:** Oct. 14th and Oct. 28th from 6:30-8:00 pm

**Kid's Hang Out:** Oct. 15th - Halloween-themed, costumes are encouraged!

**Mystery Friends** is an anonymous pen pal program where a member of the youth in the congregation is partnered with an adult in the congregation for four weeks. They write letters using their secret codenames for the first three weeks about hobbies, life, school, work. They either Email their letter by Saturday evening to [youth.ovuc@gmail.com](mailto:youth.ovuc@gmail.com) to be printed off on Sunday **OR** write a handwritten letter to be left on the table to be picked up. There will be two tables set up in the sanctuary, one to receive letters for the Jr. members and the other where letters for the Sr Mystery Friend may be dropped off. Following church the juniors check the Jr. Table to see if they got anything from their Sr. Mystery Friend, and the seniors check their table. Then the pairs all meet on the fifth week at our Santa Claus Celebration held before the white gift service! You will be contacted the week before mystery friends with your codenames!

**Getting to Know You *small dinner groups*** - late in 2019, Congregational Life Committee offered to connect folks interested in

getting to know each other more deeply into small dinner groups. All was set and then the Pandemic arrived before this initiative ever got up and running. Most folks that originally signed up have been contacted to confirm their interest (apologetically, some may have been missed). A lot of time has passed and we have some new folks, some folks have moved away, etc. So, we begin again!!

***How it can work*** - folks put their name forward to participate (singles or couples). Congregational Life will randomly put small groups together (no more than 6). Each group will then be on their own to organize how they wish to proceed within their dinner group. The idea is that each “household” will take a turn hosting a dinner. The host will determine the menu and prepare/provide the main food item. The other group members will contribute something else from the menu as their contribution. The plan is that the meal preparation is not onerous on any one person or household. Truth be told, once the groups are set, feel free to go rogue and agree to do your own thing! We only want to facilitate opportunities for people from the church family to get to know each other more meaningfully.

This first round should last approximately 6 months. That should be a dinner a month on average. When round one is complete, anyone wanting to continue participating can go for another round and be set within a different group of folks. Congregational Life Committee is happy to facilitate the group making!

Contact Cheryl Sellsted at [Cheryl.sellsted@gmail.com](mailto:Cheryl.sellsted@gmail.com) or call 902-670-4541 to sign up if you are interested. For those I have already spoken to, you are already on the list and there is no need to contact again. We hope to have the groups in place to “set you loose” to begin your dining adventures in October.

**Notice from Communications/Pastoral Care Committees on**

**Photo Directory and Database Update:** The Communications and Pastoral Care committees are working together to update our church database **and** to gather information for an upcoming Photo Directory!

*Our church database captures information on membership, activity in the church and financial contributions for any purpose. It is important that we keep this information up to date so that we can answer questions that come to the church from the United Church of Canada for our statistical forms as well as questions from CRA for the determination of our charitable status.*

*It is also very important to keep contact information up to date in case of mailouts from the church or email lists for bulletins and other activities that the church may be involved in.*

Someone will be making the initial contact with a phone call. If you are comfortable answering the questions over the phone, please do so. If you wish to receive the information form via email or regular mail, then we will require a current email or mailing address.

Thank you for helping us with this very important task of maintaining proper records for our faith family. *If you have any questions feel free to contact Jane McDonald at 902-670-5514 or*

*[jemcdonald56@gmail.com](mailto:jemcdonald56@gmail.com) or Sylvia Jacquard at 902-698-9218 or [sylviajacquard@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:sylviajacquard@ns.sympatico.ca)*

**OVUC Men's Group - Guy's Cans Fundraiser** - Thanks to the generosity of our Church supporters, this fundraiser raised \$2,036 in 2021 with the income being used by the Men's Group to fund special projects from time to time and making an annual donation to the church to assist with its operating expenses. We have, also, decided that future Guys Cans fundraisers will be carried out via e-mail and Church bulletin announcements.

The Men's Group is seeking your continued support and ask that you mail your donations, (preferably by cheque), to the Church office no ***later than Nov. 30th***. You can, also, place an envelope in the Church offering plate. Please make a note on your donation that it is for the **OVUC Men's Group Guys Can Project**. If any members presently have a can, please return them to the Church by Nov. 30th. 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. To mail your donation:

### **Orchard Valley United Church Men's Group**

Attention – Bill Simpson, Treasurer  
130 Cornwallis Ave.,  
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** – Please view our weekly posted 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 friends of alcoholics. ***The group meets at OVUC(County Fair Mall) on Thursdays, 10-11am and can also be accessed by using FONGO for phone meetings.***

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).

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**Free Trauma Training** - Rachel Lutz via Orchard View Mediation and Coaching will offer a free, online training session on Wednesday, September 28, 4pm AST. Trauma training is useful for anyone who works with vulnerable populations, including newcomers, people living in poverty, and people experiencing mental illness. For more info and to register, go to:

<https://www.orchardviewcoaching.com/free-trauma-training>

**Personal Care Aide Needed** - A lady in the Wolfville area is looking for someone to provide food preparation, housekeeping and personal care 2 days a week. Vehicle required. More details upon request. If interested, please contact Vesta Singleton (902-542-6116; [vestasingleton@yahoo.ca](mailto:vestasingleton@yahoo.ca)).

**Wolfville Baptist Church** – upcoming events:

**Free In-Service Day Camp:** Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 3pm, ages Primary – Grade 5. Registration: [TINY.CC/WBC\\_EVENT](http://TINY.CC/WBC_EVENT)

**Concert:** Music by J. S. Bach/Schubert performed by pianist, Walter Delahunt on Sunday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30pm.

**Apartment hunting** - Hello church family, a friend of Pastor Katie's who works in New Minas is looking to move to the area however she has not had any luck finding an affordable apartment. If you know of any local rentals, please send them to Pastor Katie at [youth.ovuc@gmail.com](mailto:youth.ovuc@gmail.com).

This week's Worship Bulletin is sponsored by

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**~Arnold Jones~**