

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 27th, 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.....Rev Don Sellsted
Pastor Katie Logan
Accompanist.....Carmen Peng
Anthem.....The Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Reader.....Christina MacDonald
Live-stream Team.....Gary Dunfield/Sylvia Jacquard/Carol Dewar
Ushers.....Gordon Wray/Linda Draper
Hospitality.....Judy Gilmour/Brenda Parker

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, November 27th, 2022 – There will be a live-streamed service this Sunday at 10:00am. 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~

Rev Don will be at the Church Mon-Thurs throughout the day. Please reach out to confirm before making a special trip outside regular Admin Office hours.

Upcoming events/activities/notices 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).

Christmas Worship Service dates and times :

White Gift Service – December 4th – 10am
3rd Sunday of Advent Service – December 11th - 10am
Musical Nativity Service – December 18th at 10am
Blue Christmas Service – December 21st at 7pm
Christmas Eve Service – December 24th at 4pm
Covenanter Christmas Eve Service – December 24th at 11pm
Christmas Day Service – December 25th at 10am
New Year's Day Service – January 1st at 10am

Parents/Caregivers - Bring your children to the church and leave them with us to have some crafting fun, lunch and a movie on **Saturday, December 17th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. We will keep the children entertained while you enjoy that longed-awaited bubble bath with a novel, go on a daytime date or run your errands and Christmas shop! This event is brought to you by the Congregational Life Committee with help from Christian Development Committee members.

Please register your children providing names & ages by emailing: cheryl.sellsted@gmail.com. Registration deadline is NOON on Thursday, Dec 15th.

Prayer Shawl - will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at 2pm. All are welcome!!

Congregational Life Committee - will be putting together the after-Church hospitality list mid-December for January – June. Hoping for a few more helpers, if possible. If you are interested, please send your phone number and email address to gailgord@hotmail.com or speak to any of our members.

Christmas Hamper Update - Only a couple weeks until the Christmas Hamper deliveries and we are well on our way to success. Thus far, **just over \$3600.00** has been donated toward the Hampers. **Our goal is \$5200.00**. If you would like to contribute, envelopes are at the back of the church. Be sure to make cheques out to Orchard Valley United Church with the memo to “Christmas Hampers”. Thanks for your generosity!

OVUC MEN’S GROUP FUNDScrip PROGRAM -

Thank you, valued supporters! **Reminder:** Gift cards make excellent Christmas gifts! **Our last order dates before Christmas are November 27th and December 11th** with the **orders delivered to all supporters on December 4th and December 18th**. So, plan to place your orders soon. *Also, plan your ordering so you will have grocery/gas shopping gift cards on hand during our shut down period over the Xmas season from December 12th to January 8th, (our first order date in 2023).* Please contact one of the following men for an order form - Cecil White, Bruce Smith or Ian Godfrey.

OVUC Men’s Group – Guy’s Cans Fundraiser

A reminder the deadline to return your Guy’s Can or make your annual donation is **November 30, 2022**. You can place an envelope in the Church offering plate. Your envelope and/or donation should be clearly designated to the **“OVUC Men’s Group Guys Can Project”**. Please ensure your name and envelope number is noted in the envelope or on the can label in order to receive a tax receipt.

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

Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation and for your continued support!

King’s Kikima Grannies Christmas Sale – Saturday, November 26th, 9-2pm at Wolfville Lions Hall, Elm Avenue.

Fundscrip Gift Cards:

Order Dates

Delivery Dates

November 27

December 04

December 11

December 18

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

Youth Programs

Voyagers (our Sunday morning program): Grades 6-9 are welcome to join our Voyagers Senior class and Grades 5 and under are part of our Junior Voyagers class. Older youth are encouraged to volunteer to lead the younger age group with a partner!

Youth and Family Book Writing: Inviting youth and adults to write a book about your family with your siblings, your children, your grandchildren, etc! In partnership with Valley Community Learning Association's family literacy program, we will have a special Youth Group meeting for this on **Friday, November 25, from 6:30-8pm**. Your book will make a wonderful family memento and can also be a very unique and beautiful Christmas present.

You will need to decide on a topic for your book. Themes can be as varied and as personal as you wish: a summer holiday, your favourite pet, family close to your heart, your favourite meals, etc. Once you have your topic, you will need to select 12-25 photos that relate to your theme.

Please let us know in advance how many copies of your book (up to 10) that you would like. We will be collecting donations to help cover the costs of printing the books. You can email your photos to Katie:

youth.ovuc@gmail.com

Celebration with Santa: Santa is on his way to Orchard Valley following our White Gift Worship Service on Dec 4th! Santa will be here to take photos and spread some Christmas cheer during hospitality/coffee time!

Looking for Actors!

We are looking for children and adults volunteers who are willing to act in a play Dec 4th and Dec 18th.

The play on the 4th will be based on the children's book, "Mouse's Christmas Gift", and the play on the 18th will be the nativity play based on the birth of Jesus with lots of music from the choir! If interested, please email Katie: youth.ovuc@gmail.com

Sherbrooke Lake Camp Fundraiser - With the cost of living going up, Sherbrooke Lake is seeing more kids asking for financial help. Buy a hat, toque, T-shirt or hoodie from Sherbrooke Lake Camp by November 30 and your money will go to sending kids to camp! The clothing could make for a special Christmas present. To order clothing, go to https://stores.inksoft.com/sherbrooke_lake_camp/shop/home. To simply make a donation to the camp, go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/sherbrookelakecamp/campaign/send-a-kid-to-camp/>. For more information, contact opsdirector@sherbrookelakecamp.org. (Please note: this is NOT Orchard Valley's own camp sponsorship campaign.)

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_znrA5gevOqCr9Q

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 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 or Al-Anon World Service Office at al-anon.org.

Sat. Nov. 26th, St. John's ACW Christmas Bazaar - 10am - 1pm. Admission is a free will offering, featuring our famous ACW Christmas puddings, home baking, White Elephant table, grab bags, Christmas Table center pieces, jams, jellies, preserves and fancy homemade crafts. Mask or face coverings are required while inside the building.

Valley Voices presents, "Holiday Harmonies" – December 3rd, 2-4pm at the Kentville United Baptist Church. Tickets are \$15 and are available from Norma Mailman.

This week's bulletin is sponsored by Pat Gunn

In loving memory of her parents,

~Lila and Malcolm Dennison~

Founding members of New Minas United Church