

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 11th, 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..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Reader..... Dale MacArthur
Live-stream Team..... Gary Dunfield/Sylvia Jacquard
Carol Dewar
Ushers/Greeters..... Peggy Smith, Vicky Austin
Hospitality..... Pat Foote, Ruth Anne Stirling
Advent Candle Lighting:
1st Sunday of Advent..... Anne Clattenburg, Brenda Parker,
Pam Petrie
2nd Sunday of Advent..... Dave and Donna Murphy, Teagan
and Adalynn
3rd Sunday of Advent..... Julien Davis, Sandra Bornemann
Micah Bornemann-Davis, Gabe Bornemann-Davis

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, December 4th, 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~

Rev Don is at the Church Mon-Thurs during 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 – a time of fellowship following our weekly Worship Service (tasty snacks included).

Christmas Worship Service dates and times:

3rd Sunday of Advent Service – December 11th at 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

Prayer Shawl – will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at 2pm.

Friday Morning Women's Breakfast – hosting a special Christmas Brunch at Greenwich Community Centre on December 16th at 10am. Please email or phone Cheryl Manzer to register, as there is a seating limit. Email: manzercheryl@gmail.com Phone: 902-847-1798

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE - You don't have plans?! Come to the church and join us for cards, board games, music and fellowship.

Congregational Life Committee is offering a New Year's Eve social gathering from 4:00-8:00 pm. Bring your favourite board game or playing cards. There will be music playing in the background as well as an hour of musical entertainment provided by The Steeple Strummers! Punch, tea and coffee will be supplied by our committee. Whiz-bangers and floo-trumpets (ok, actually crackers and noise makers of some sort) will be available to help ring in the New Year, albeit a bit early - but who is counting? Please bring a finger-food item or snack to share. This will be the food that sustains us during our time together. Any questions can be directed to the church office and you will be put in touch with a committee member or ask Cheryl Sellsted, Norma Mailman or Gail Gordon directly.

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.

2023 UNITED CHURCH CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED! Please let Jean Millet or the OVUC Admin office know if you would like one. They are moving very quickly, so please don't miss out! Suggested donation is \$10.

Fundscrip Gift Cards:

Order Dates

December 11

Delivery Date

December 18

Please note * December 11th is the last date to order gift cards until January 8th, 2023. To place an order, please contact Ian Godfrey, Cecil White or Bruce Smith. Thank you 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!

Looking for Actors!

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

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

Handel's Messiah at St. John's, Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. The parish of St. John's Anglican, Wolfville, is pleased to present a screening of Messiah/Complex, an Against the Grain Production. A rousing and decidedly Canadian version of HANDEL'S MESSIAH, this production features a diverse cast of soloists and choirs from every province and territory across Canada. It is accompanied by the exceptional sounds of the Toronto Symphony. This evening promises a new interpretation of the Messiah that honours an array of cultural traditions and heritages. A free will donation will be gratefully accepted.

In celebration of our 40th season, Kings Chorale presents, "Christmas Gifts", a concert of sacred Christmas music with special guests Kings Brass, John Scott, organ and Evelyn Keddy, piano. The Concert will be taking place at Wolfville Baptist Church on Saturday, December 17th at 7:30pm. Tickets (available from choir members or at the door): \$20 for Adults, \$5 for Students, and free for children under 5.

The Loyal Workers of Port Williams United Baptist Church invite you to a Carol Sing celebrating **Ken Bezanson's** many years of service to the Church and Community at PWUBC on Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 7pm. It will be followed by a reception in Lockwood Hall. Free

Will offering towards our Solar Panel Project – Masks are highly recommended.