

## Orchard Valley United Church

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### Announcements for Sunday, December 11<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..... 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..... Peggy Smith, Vicky Austin  
Hospitality..... Pat Foote, Ruth Anne Stirling  
Advent Candle Lighting:  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent..... Anne Clattenburg, Brenda Parker, Pam Petrie  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent..... Dave and Donna Murphy, Teagan and Adalynn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent..... Julien Davis, Sandra Bornemann-Davis,  
Micah Bornemann-Davis, Gabe Bornemann-Davis

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 :**

***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Service – December 11<sup>th</sup> - 10am***

***Musical Nativity Service – December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am***

***Blue Christmas Service – December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm***

***Christmas Eve Service – December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm***

***Covenanter Christmas Eve Service – December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11pm***

***Christmas Day Service – December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am***

***New Year's Day Service – January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am***

**Prayer Shawl** – will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. All are welcome!!

**Friday Morning Women's Breakfast** – hosting a special Christmas Brunch at Greenwich Community Centre on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please email or phone Cheryl Manzer to register, as there is a seating limit. Email: [manzercheryl@gmail.com](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cheryl.sellsted@gmail.com).  
Registration deadline is NOON on Thursday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto: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**

**Delivery Dates**

December 11

December 18

***Please note \* December 11<sup>th</sup> is the last date to order gift cards until January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***

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!

### **Looking for Actors!**

We are looking for children and adults volunteers who are willing to act in a play Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. The play on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

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**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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.