

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 8th, 2023

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
Music Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist.....Carmen Peng
Special Music.....TBA
Scripture Readings.....Annette Wray
Live-stream Team.....Carol Dewar/Gary Dunfield/Sylvia Jacquard/Andrea Purvis
Ushers.....Linda Draper/Marion Buchan

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, January 8th, 2023 – 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. At this time of year, it is always a good idea to call ahead in the event inclement weather delays early office hours. **Note: Pastor Katie will be away on vacation from January 9th – 22nd.***

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).

Adult Education Series: Song of Faith - Join us for a study on the song of faith with Pastor Katie. We will be doing different subjects weekly that appear in the song of faith. We will be reading it in context to how it applies to our lives in 2023 and reflect on what these words meant to the writers in 2006. All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl – will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, 2pm at the Church. Lots of yarn available. Bring your crochet hook or knitting needles for fellowship and fun!

Spirit Yoga with Joy – will start up again on January 9th at 10:30am.

Meet Your Feet - Volunteers are needed for the **Meet Your Feet** program. We need some folks able to give **2 - 3 hours every second month** at the Meet Your Feet (MYF) clinic at the mall, to greet clients, find their charts, register them if they are new, and rebook their appointments when they leave. Right now, we need a person for the afternoon of Thursday January 12 from 1 pm to 3 pm, and every second month after that. We also need some people willing to help when a regular volunteer is not able to attend. It's rewarding, not difficult, and volunteering is good for the soul! Please call Carol Dewar at 902-542-7597 or email at dewar.carol.anne@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about it or willing to help.

OVUC Men: will have an meeting after Church on ***Sunday, January the 15th*** at 11am, following Worship Service. **All Men from OVUC are invited and asked to attend.** This is an important meeting and we need everyone's input for decision making purposes. Please contact the Church office if you will be in attendance. If you have any questions contact either Ian Godfrey or Chris Seymour.

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.

Fundscrip Gift Cards:

<u>Order Dates</u>	<u>Delivery Dates</u>
January 8	January 15
January 22	January 29

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 Group will resume on January 27th, 6:30-8pm (grades 6-12).

Coldest Night of the Year - Walk for Open Arms - February 25th: Coldest night of the year is now open for registration! On February 25, we're walking. That's right... in the snow. We'll be putting on our boots, wrapping a scarf around our heads, and bundling into our warmest parka, because we'll be walking 5 km or 2km (whichever suits you best) in Kentville, huffing and puffing uphill and down, and taking on the elements. Why? We're fundraising through the Coldest Night of the Year in support of Open Arms, which supports the hungry, homeless and hurting in practical, meaningful ways. **Sign up and join our team. "The Seekers" or donate to our cause here - <http://walk.w-ith.us/orchardvalleyucc>**

Bake Sale - February 5th We will be hosting a bake sale on February 5th to support our walk for the Coldest night of the year! If you'd like to bake for the bake sale, please contact Pastor Katie at youth.ovuc@gmail.com. Please bring cash donations on February 5th to support us on our walk!

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 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.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - Take Out Luncheon –

Port Williams United Baptist Church from 11:30am to 12:15 pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, bread and butter and either Apple Crisp or Cheesecake all for \$10. Call by Monday, January 16th to Carol Ann Burden – 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn 902-542-7141 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on January 17th. (Snow Date: January 19, 2023)