

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 15th, 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..... Rev Don Sellsted
Music Director..... Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Hugh Laurence
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar/Gary Dunfield/Sylvia Jacquard/Andrea Purvis
Ushers..... Vicky Austin, Peggy Smith

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, January 15th, 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 until January 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).

Coffee Party – Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group will host their next coffee party on Friday, January 20th from 9:30am – 11am at Greenwich Community Hall.

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!

Spirit Yoga with Joy – join us each Monday at 10:30am.

Outreach Committee – looking for someone to head up *Canucopia*. If you have an interest, please call the Church or reach out to someone on the Outreach Committee.

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.

Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council invite you to participate in its events for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. During the week of January 16th to the 20, 2023 there will be bible reflections based on this year's theme, "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). These take place, nightly, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The reflections will be via Zoom and if seeking a link to viewing, please contact Rob Hankinson at robthechaplain@gmail.com.

An ecumenical service will also be held at St. John's Anglican church on January 22 at 4:00 pm.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fundscrip Gift Cards:

Order Dates

Delivery Dates

	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 Katie at

youth.ovuc@gmail.com (**NOTE:** Please portion and pack your baking for people to take home). 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_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.

Book Delivery Volunteer Needed: A volunteer is needed to take 5 boxes of books to the former Royal Bank space at the County Fair Mall sometime between January 11th – March 1st. Sylvia Jacquard cannot do this because she is working during the hours they are accepting books (9:30 – 11am). She would be happy to deliver the books to your home and put them in your vehicle.

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)