

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 22nd, 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
Pastor Katie Logan
Music Director..... Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Marion Buchan
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar/Gary Dunfield/Sylvia Jacquard/Andrea Purvis
Ushers..... Joy Waterbury, Gordon Whiteway

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, January 22nd, 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. Snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. (Free will offering).

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 – all are welcome to join Joy each Monday at 10:30am for a time of relaxation and rejuvenation.

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.

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 20th, 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

January 22

February 5

Delivery Dates

January 29

February 12

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/UCEW4V0pk_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.

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.

Valley Community Learning Association (VCLA) -- VCLA is a not-for-profit charitable group that works to raise the literacy levels of adults in Kings and Annapolis Counties. VCLA does this by offering a range of free classes and 1-1 tutoring in such areas as the GED, basic literacy, English as an additional language, numeracy, health literacy, family literacy, computer literacy, trades-related upgrading, and youth-employment-related programming. For more information about their programs, which are all free, please contact 902-679-5252 or vcla.learning@gmail.com. You can also visit their website at vcla.ca. To support them, please consider making a donation, taking part in their annual Literacy Walk in May, or buying one of their calendars (available in various local stores during the Christmas holiday season). Through their family literacy program, they help families write books and then publish those books. ***Orchard Valley recently took part in this program, and several of our children and youth wrote books to share with their families and friends.***