

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 29th, 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.....Sheila Francis
Live-stream Team.....Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield,
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Ushers/Greeters.....Ian Godfrey, Vicky Austin

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, January 29th, 2023 – 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:

Regular 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. At this time of

year, it is always a good idea to call ahead in the event that inclement weather delays office hours.

Upcoming events/activities/notices at OVUC:

Coffee/Tea Time – a time of fellowship following our weekly Worship Service (tasty snacks included).

2022 Tax Receipts – will be available before/following this Sunday's Worship Service. Any that are not picked up this Sunday will be sent out via Canada Post next week. If you would prefer to have them emailed, please let us know on Sunday or via our Church Office next week (please find phone number and Admin email at the top of the page). Thanks!

Teller Training has been postponed until Sunday, February 5th, after church. Please bring your calendar so we can build the schedule for the next 4 months. If you are unable to attend, please send Heather Bishop (hbishop57@gmail.com) the dates you are unavailable. Thank you!

Reminder: Food Bank Sunday is fast approaching on **February 5**. Times are very stressful for a lot of people these days but the Food Bank appreciates *even one food item* that you can give. Last year OVUC donated over 1000 kg of food which included the two Canucopias and Food Bank Sunday donations. Thanks for your generosity!

Men's Breakfast – The next Men's Breakfast will be held on February 5th at 8am. We will meet at the Irving Big Stop Restaurant. All OVUC men are welcome!

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! Please join us every Monday at 2pm in person, or at 4pm on Zoom for this study.

Spirit Yoga with Joy – All are welcome to join Joy each Monday at 10:30am for a time of relaxation and rejuvenation. At this time of year

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.

Fundscrip Gift Cards:

Order Dates

Delivery Date

January 29

February 5

February 12

To place an order, please contact Ian Godfrey, Cecil White or Bruce Smith. Thank you for your support!

Youth Programs

Voyagers and Seekers (our Sunday morning program): Grades 6-9 are welcome to join our Seekers class and Grades 5 and under are part of our 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, 11:30am – 12:30pm** 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!

Music Concert -- February 19th: We will also be hosting a music concert on Sunday, February 19, 3:00 to 4:00 pm with the support of Outreach and others. Music will be provided by the band Rewind, the Dukes of Kent and other musicians in honour of those lost to homelessness, hunger and hurt. *Free will donation: all proceeds to Open Arms.* Coffee and tea to follow. Invite your friends and family! Share the poster with others! Contact Andy Pitter if you'd like to help!

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.

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.

Wednesday, February 15, 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, roll and butter and either Apple Crisp or Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing - all for \$10. Call by Monday,

February 13th 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 February 14th. (Snow Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023)

This week's Worship Bulletin is sponsored by

Marion Buchan

in loving memory of her husband,

~Gerry Buchan~