

## Orchard Valley United Church

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### Announcements for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.....Ian Godfrey, Vicky Austin

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

#### **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).

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 Dates**

January 29

February 5

February 12

To place an order, please contact Ian Godfrey, Cecil White or Bruce Smith. Thanks 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm(grades 6-12).**

**Coldest Night of the Year - Walk for Open Arms - February 25<sup>th</sup>:** 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 5<sup>th</sup>:** We will be hosting a bake sale on **February 5<sup>th</sup> from 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](mailto:youth.ovuc@gmail.com) (**NOTE:** Please portion and pack your baking for people to take home). Please bring cash donations on February 5<sup>th</sup> to support us on our walk!

**Music Concert -- February 19<sup>th</sup>:** 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\\_znrA5qevOqCr9Q](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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

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**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](mailto:vcla.learning@gmail.com). You can also visit their website at [vcla.ca](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> (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 14<sup>th</sup>. (Snow Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023)

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*~Gerry Buchan~*