

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, February 19th, 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.....Johann Botha, Lisa St Claire
Scripture Readings.....Mary McFarlane
Live-stream Team.....Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield,
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Ushers/Greeters.....Ian Godfrey, Linda Draper
Coffee Time.....Judy Gilmour, Brenda Parker

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, February 19th, 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).

Ash Wednesday Service – We will be starting our Lenten Journey this year with an Ash Wednesday Service, the first day of Lent, here at Orchard Valley United on February 22, beginning at 7pm. All are welcome!

Volunteer needed – Outreach Committee is looking for someone to head up *Canucopia*. If you have an interest, please call the Church office or speak to someone on the committee. Sue Smith has kindly offered to train volunteers!

Friday Morning Women's Coffee Party – held at the Greenwich Community Hall, 9:30am, every 1st, 3rd, 4th Friday of the month. Please bring your favourite coffee mug (you will still get a cup of coffee if you forget!).

Directory Photos – Orchard Valley is hoping to have the new Church Directory completed in a few weeks. If you are unsure if you have submitted a photo, or wish to *update* your current one, we are happy to take your photo! Please contact OVUC's Admin office: 902-681-0366 or email: adminovu@bellaliant.com

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.***

The Scholarship Committee is looking for another member and anyone interested should contact Sylvia Jacquard by Mar. 1. The work of this committee involves reading 15+ application packages (application form, cover letter, 2 reference letters) then meeting with a partner to rank them using a rubric. The full committee meets once in late May/early June to choose the two successful applicants (one for the Sullivan Scholarship and one for the Allen Scholarship). Computer familiarity is required as the information packages are emailed to you and you will need to access the tools for the task on Google Drive.

Orchard Valley makes available two scholarships, The Rev. Dr. K.G. Sullivan Scholarship and The Arthur R. Allen Memorial Scholarship, each year to graduating students in our catchment area. So if you know of a student who is attending Central Kings Rural High School, Horton High School or Northeast Kings Education Centre, please encourage them to speak to their guidance counsellor for information on how to apply. The deadline for receipt of all pieces of the application package is midnight Sunday May 14, 2023.

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

Fundscrip Gift Cards:

Order Dates

February 19

March 5

Delivery Date

February 26

March 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!

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>**



Musical Concert -- February 19th:

(Poster is included as an attachment in emailed announcements – Please share!)

Check out Valley Events:

<https://valleyevents.ca/86024>

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 – 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.

February 24, 5:00 to 6:00 pm: Vigil for Ukraine - On the anniversary of Putin's Russian invasion of Ukraine, local Ukrainians and supporters will stand in solidarity in Clock Park, Wolfville, to pay respect to the heroes who died defending their country and ultimately our freedom and to raise awareness that this senseless act is still in progress. Please attend that Friday if you are able or pray wherever you are at that time.

February 26: Concert for L'Arche - Shoulder to Shoulder (<https://www.facebook.com/people/Shoulder-to-Shoulder/100063804812488/>) will play at Wolfville Baptist, 7:00 pm. Free will donation: All proceeds go to L'Arche Homefires.

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.***

Words and Music – Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia – Sunday, February 19 at 7pm. Come nurture your spirit during this special evening celebrating Black History Month. Special guests: Mark Riley, singer-songwriter; Fisher Akao, keyboards; Angel Percentie, Spoken Word Poet; Juanita Paris, Guest Preacher. In person and live-stream: **chapel.acadiau.ca**

Love is Love – A concert celebrating love that unites the world will be held at Kingston United Church (733 Main Street, Kingston) on Sunday, February 19th at 7pm. ***Kindness-Peace-Equality-Love-Inclusion-Diversity!***

Online Tatamagouche Centre Workshop on Black-led Community Land Trusts -- Wednesday, February 22, 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Community Land Trusts reclaim land and property from the market for affordable housing and community purpose. Learn about the first Black-led ones in the Maritimes from Elder Dr. Lynn Jones of Down the Marsh Community Land Trust and Curtis Wiley of Upper Hammonds Plains Community Land Trust. Tickets: free or \$20 or donation plus fee. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/online-black-led-community-land-trusts-dialogue-tickets-518056259217>. One of Tatamagouche's African Heritage Month programs.