

## Orchard Valley United Church

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### Announcements for Sunday, February 26<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.....	Sylvia Jacquard
Live-stream Team.....	Carol Dewar/Gary Dunfield/Sylvia Jacquard/Andrea Purvis
Ushers.....	Peggy Smith, Joy Waterbury
Coffee Time.....	Heather Bishop, Rebecca Godfrey

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, February 26<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).

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adminovu@bellaliant.com)**

***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.***

**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.

#### **Fundscrip Gift Cards:**

<b>Order Dates</b>	<b>Delivery Dates</b>
	February 26
March 5	March 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!

***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>***

#### ***Message of thanks from Andy Pitter:***

**A Big Thank You** to everyone who came and everyone who helped with the Coldest Night concert on February 19 especially Gary Dunfield, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk, Sylvia Jacquard, Sarah and Frank Hartman, Pastor Katie, Helen Seymour, Cheryl Sellsted, Donna Murphy, Rev. Don, Heather Hennigar, Gordon Wray, Brenda Parker and her decorating team, and of course the musicians: Betty Rockwell, Wayne MacDonald and his band Rewind, Doug MacKinnon, David Murphy, and the Dukes of Kent (including Chris Seymour and Frank Hartman). We had about 150 people attend in addition to the 30 musicians, and we raised \$1,727.95!!! The concert was partly in honour of Chris Redden, a 51-year-old homeless man who died in Halifax last December. I am grateful I received permission to tell his story from his mother, Pearl Drolet, and she came to the concert. You can read more about Chris in the fellowship area as well as information about homelessness and affordable housing. Thanks again! - Andy

**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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**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](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.***

**Al Whittle Theatre - "Mosquitoes"**, written by Lucy Kirkwood, is about 2 sisters colliding with their opposing life perspectives and ultimately finding a connection as they deal with tragedy. Directed by **Thea Burton** and performed by the Wolfville Theatre Collective. Shows are March 1-4 at 7pm with a matinee on March 4 at 2pm. Tickets available on line through Eventbrite, and at the door. (Poster is on our Church bulletin board).

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - Take Out Luncheon** at the 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 & butter, and either Apple Crisp or Cheesecake - all for \$10. Call by Monday, March 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 March 14<sup>th</sup>. (Snow Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023)