

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 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.....	Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings.....	Faye Calder
Live-stream Team.....	Carol Dewar/Gary Dunfield/Sylvia Jacquard/Andrea Purvis
Ushers.....	Vicky Austin, Joy Waterbury
Coffee Time.....	Gail Gordon, Betty Rockwell

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 19th, 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:

Offering Plate Format – We have returned to our pre-pandemic format for the Offering Time during our Worship Service, meaning *we are passing the offering plate once again*. We are very grateful for the continued generosity of our faith family as we live out our mission of being a community of love and action.

Coffee/Tea Time – Please remember all are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship following our weekly Worship Service (tasty snacks included).

OVUC is excited and honoured to host our Moderator, Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, on April 16th. As such, Congregational Life Committee is seeking 20 volunteers to sign-up for supplying the “pot-luck finger foods” for a luncheon after Worship. We are suggesting sandwiches, veggies, cheese, pickles,

fruit and dainties. Congregational Life will ensure there are compostable napkins and paper plates and will provide the beverages. Sign-up for this opportunity on the flip-chart near the entrance of the church. Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, April 9th.

Spring Canucopia Food Drive – Orchard Valley United is holding its spring Canucopia Food Bank Drive on Saturday, April 15, at Sobeys New Minas from 9 am to 5 pm. **Starting next Sunday** there will be a chart on which volunteers can sign up for 1 hour slots to give out flyers/collect food/wheel grocery carts of food over to our location. Please sign up by April 9. All food items and money raised will be divided between our three local food banks – Canning, Fundy (serving Kentville/New Minas) & Wolfville. Please give your time to support this worthy cause.

Bulletin Sponsorship – Would you like to sponsor a special weekly bulletin in memory or in celebration of a loved one? If so, please call or email our Admin office for details: adminovu@bellaliant.com or 902-681-0366.

Kings Kikima Grannies – Jewellery sale! Friday, March 17th, noon until 4pm at the Wong International Centre, Acadia University, Wolfville (Corner of Highland and Acadia St). Mask protocols are in place. All are welcome!

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.

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	Delivery Dates
March 19	March 26
April 02	April 09

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!

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 – 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Spectrum Therapeutic Solutions & Living Well Counselling Therapy

FREE ONLINE SUPPORT – from the comfort of your home/guided by professionals – Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8pm, starting March 8th 2023.

Group will include – Acceptance of loss and of the accompanying emotions/Comfort in the good memories of the individual/Grief in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

Counselling and Occupational Therapy Services – For more information please contact us at:

info@spectrumtherapeuticsolutions.ca / 902-932-2395 ext. 103

SpectrumTherapeuticSolutions.ca/online-grief-support

Music at Wolfville Baptist - Please mark these dates in your calendar for our annual Lenten Series of noon-hour concerts. For the first time in three years we are serving a light lunch of homemade soup and hearty bread for all to meet, greet and enjoy before the concerts.

- **March 22:** Deanne Van Rooyen - Harp from Medieval to Modern
- **March 29:** Ed Thomason - Spoken Monologue in Tribute to Bob Dylan; musical introduction by T. Thomason
- **April 5:** Peter Togni (organ) & Heather Price (piano) - “The Hero’s Journey”; a collaboration of Peter’s compositions, Beethoven and organ/piano improvisation

Free-will donations will go towards modest honorariums for our artists, and to the WBC Choral Scholarship fund. We look forward to seeing you!