

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 26th, 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.....TBA
Live-stream Team.....Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield,
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Ushers/Greeters.....Peggy Smith, Fran Turner
Coffee Time.....Linda Foote, Donna Murphy

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 26th, 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.

Upcoming events/activities/notices at OVUC:

Upcoming Worship Services:

Palm Sunday – April 2nd, 10am

Good Friday – April 7th, 7pm

Easter Sunday – April 9th, 10am

Annual General Meeting – following this Sunday's Worship Service.

Offering Plate Format – We have returned to our pre-pandemic format for 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 join us 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 15th, at Sobeys New Minas from 9 am to 5 pm. There is 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.

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!).

Church Directory – An email was sent out earlier this week to all OVUC members regarding the new Church Directory member website. Please follow the directions *in the email* to view online. For those who don't have email and are looking for a hard copy, it will be a little longer, as we want to make sure the information is as people expect and there are no last minute additions before having copies printed.

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 Monday at 2pm in person, or at 4pm on Zoom for this study.*

Spirit Yoga with Joy – If you are looking for an uplifting way to start your day, please join Joy Mondays at 10:30am for a time of relaxation and rejuvenation. All are welcome! *Suggested donation: \$5*

Fundscrip Gift Cards:

Order Dates

April 02

Delivery Dates

March 26

April 09

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!

Early Easter Egg Hunt – *All ages welcome!* March 25th at 4pm. Please join us for an hour of fun at OVUC at the mall! (Please let Pastor Katie know if you plan to attend to get an idea of numbers to prepare for).

Good Friday on Holy Saturday for Teens and Young Adults -

Saturday, April 8th at 4pm, All teens and young adults are welcome to join us for a hands on Good Friday Service to learn about the importance of the day and come together with other teens and young adults in study. The service will be solemn and a time for lament. This is a wonderful time for young people *to reflect and find comfort in the times that are tough and make friendships with others who can worship with them in a safe and welcoming environment. Please let Pastor Katie know if you know a teen or young adult who is interested!*

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – 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.* 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 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!