

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</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.....Lorna MacNeil  
Live-stream Team.....Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield,  
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis  
Ushers/Greeters.....Marion Buchan, Ian Godfrey  
Coffee Time.....Frank Hartman, Sarah Hartman, Annette Wray

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am*

*Good Friday – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm*

*Teen and Young Adult Service - Good Friday Worship on Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 4pm*

*Easter Sunday – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am*

**Coffee/Tea Time** – please join us for a time of fellowship following our weekly Worship Service (tasty snacks included).

**Lenten Reflections** – Rev Don wraps up his Lenten Reflections on Good Friday! You can watch them at any time on our YouTube channel @orchardvalleyunitedchurch

**Men's Breakfast** – All men in the OVUC congregation are invited to meet for breakfast and fellowship on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8am, at the Irving Big Stop Restaurant in New Minas. Hope to see you there!

**OVUC is excited and honoured to host our Moderator, Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, on April 16<sup>th</sup>.** 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<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:adminovu@bellaliant.com) or 902-681-0366.

**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!).

**Church Directory** – An email was sent out last 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: Final week of Song of Faith** – Join us for the last week of this study with Pastor Katie: Holy Monday, Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in person or at 4pm on Zoom. *You do not have to have attended any of the previous sessions to attend!*

**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

April 16

### ***Delivery Dates***

April 09

April 23

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!

**Easter Sunday** – Youth and kids are welcome to join Pastor Katie for some crafting and an episode of Veggie Tales! Mini Easter Egg Hunt – *Following Easter Sunday Worship Service*).

### **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](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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

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**Manning Memorial Chapel's Last Worship for 2022-23: Sunday, April 2, 7:00 pm** -- Please join Chaplain Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis, Choir Director and Organist John Scott, the incredible Chapel Choir, and guest preacher Rev. Calvin Burt (minister of Kent Presbyterian Church, New Minas) for this special Palm Sunday worship at Acadia University in Wolfville. Marjorie and all will be offering encouragement and prayers for the students as they prepare for their final exams. Also, if you missed recent worship services or would like to hear the wonderful choir music again, you can find some of their worship and music here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@manningmemorialchapel/streams>.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – Free online support** – from the comfort of your home/guided by professionals – Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8pm, starting March 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@spectrumtherapeuticsolutions.ca) / 902-932-2395 ext. 103

[SpectrumTherapeuticSolutions.ca/online-grief-support](http://SpectrumTherapeuticSolutions.ca/online-grief-support)

**Music at Wolfville Baptist** - 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 concert.

- **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.

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - our "See You In September" 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 Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing all for \$10. Call by Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to Carol Ann Burden – 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn 902-542- 7141 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on April 18<sup>th</sup>.