

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, April 16<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
Message.....	The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne
Music Director.....	Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist.....	Carmen Peng
Anthem.....	Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings.....	Scott Sweatman
Call to Action.....	Julien Davis
Live-stream Team.....	Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Ushers/Greeters.....	Fran Turner, Joy Waterbury
Coffee Time.....	Vera Burke, Helen Seymour

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</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:***

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

**Orchard Valley United Church Choir Director search -**

(OVUC) is seeking a Choir Director to oversee the ministry of music in our welcoming church, which is currently expanding its facilities.

Music is an integral part of OVUC – an inclusive, multigenerational church, where a variety of musical expressions weave into the traditional church service.

An energetic person with the training and vision to grow the music program in step with the expansion of the church, the Choir Director should have a high level of choral directing skills, ability to teach and lead a choir, knowledge of sacred music and good motivational skills. The Choir Director will work closely with the Pianist to ensure all music is prepared for accompanying the choir and other music groups as well as leading congregational worship music for all services.

Working with all age groups in a variety of musical styles, the Choir Director also has a good sense of humour.

Part-time, approximately 12 hours per week, salary to be negotiated.

For a full job description and application details, please visit our website at: [orchardvalleyunited.ca](http://orchardvalleyunited.ca)

Please send applications to: [orchardvalleysearch@gmail.com](mailto:orchardvalleysearch@gmail.com)

**Book Lovers** - Please attend a very brief meeting after church on *April 23<sup>rd</sup>* during coffee-time to organize the inaugural meeting for a book club. This club will be modelled on a very successful book club at the coordinator's previous congregation. The book club is expected to meet every 5 to 6 weeks or so for 90 minutes with potluck snacks. The organizational meeting will establish a convenient time and date for the book club and select the book to be discussed. A contact list for interested participants will also be generated. If you have questions or wish to express an opinion but are unable to attend the organization meeting, please contact Gordon Wray (519) 729-0823/[gordontwray@gmail.com](mailto:gordontwray@gmail.com) (Please see attached list of suggested books).

**Gift Basket for Libraries** - New Minas Elementary is holding an auction on the 29th of April to raise funds to build up their classroom libraries. As a member of the New Minas Community we thought we could contribute a gift basket or two depending on the response from the congregation to help support their efforts. If you would like to donate an item or monies that could be used to purchase items we would readily accept any offerings you wish to contribute. Please let Jane McDonald, Cheryl Sellsted or Rachel know. You can drop off contributions to the office if you wish.

**Spring Canucopia Food Bank Drive** –Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at Sobeys New Minas from 9am-5pm. All food items and money raised will be divided between our three local food banks – Canning, Fundy (serving Kentville/New Minas) & Wolfville. Please lend your support to this worthy cause.

**Yard sale** – OVUC is holding a Yard sale *open to the Congregation* at our Church in the mall on Friday, April 21, 6-8pm. The Yard sale *open to the general public* will take place on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-1pm.

Items will include: Furniture, toys, kitchenware, office items and more!

**King's Kikima Grannies** - Spring Jewellery Sale: Wolfville Lion's Hall April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-3pm. Sale also includes fabrics, yarn, puzzles & 'jewellery' – pictures. Mask protocol in place.

**Friday Morning Women's Coffee Party** – Reminder: There is no Coffee Party this week but **Friday Morning Women's Breakfast *will resume on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30am*** at the Greenwich Hall (until we can get back to our new kitchen in our newly renovated OVUC!).

**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 16

April 30

#### ***Delivery Dates***

April 23

May 07

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!

**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/UCW4VOpk\\_znrA5qevOqCr9Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW4VOpk_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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**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 Pick-up time call-back on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Orchard Valley Book Club**

### *Suggested Books*

#### **Cutting for Stone: Abraham Verghese**

Twin boys, orphaned from birth, are raised by two doctors at a mission hospital in Ethiopia. Though they share a preternatural connection, the boys have quite different temperaments. Immersed in medical drama from a young age, both boys grow up with a passion and talent for medicine. As they come of age, one of the boys is forced to flee his homeland, which is in the throes of revolution. He ends up training to be a surgeon in New York City — a situation very different from that of his childhood.

#### **The Farm: Joanne Ramos**

Nestled in New York's Hudson Valley is a luxury retreat boasting every amenity: organic meals, personal fitness trainers, daily massages — and all of it for free. In fact, you're paid big money to stay here — more than you've ever drained of. The catch? For nine months, you cannot leave the grounds, your movements are monitored, and you are cut off from your former life while you dedicate yourself to the task of producing the perfect baby for someone else.

This story follows Jane, an immigrant from the Philippines who commits to being a surrogate in order to provide a better life for her baby daughter. Jane struggles to cope with the situation while wracked with worry for the daughter she left in another's care.

#### **Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: Lori Gottlieb**

Lori Gottlieb is a therapist who helps patients in a Los Angeles practice. Among her patients are: a self absorbed Hollywood producer, a young newlywed diagnosed with a terminal illness, a senior citizen planning suicide if nothing gets better, and a twenty-something woman who can't

stop hooking up with the wrong guys. Then a personal crisis causes Lori to seek counselling for herself.

This book explores the brokenness of five very different people (including Lori herself) and the healing that they achieve from professional counselling.

### **Anxious People: Fredrik Bachmann**

Having failed in a bank robbery attempt, the panicking robber flees and takes several hostages at an apartment open house. Each of the strangers carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. And all of them — the bank robber included — desperately crave some sort of rescue. As the authorities surround the premises, these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next.

This is a humorous, compassionate, and wise story of friendship, forgiveness, and hope.