

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, September 17th, 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
Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng
Anthem.....The Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings.....Christina Macdonald
Live-stream Team.....Gary Dunfield, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray
Tellers..... Pat Foote, Beth Spindler
Ushers/Greeters..... Irvin Nicholson, Fran Turner,
Marilyn Verge, Cecil White
Hospitality..... Anne Clattenburg, Sheila Francis
Jan Porter, Peggy Smith

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Sept 17th, 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.

Admin Office hours:
Monday – Thursday / 8am – 12pm.
~ Church offices are closed on Fridays ~

Rev. Don is in the office, daily, Monday - Thursday
Rev. Linda's office hours – Tues & Thurs, 10am-1pm or by appointment on other days
Please reach out to confirm with Rev. Don/Rev. Linda/Admin Office before making a special trip outside Admin Office hours.

Upcoming notices/meetings/events at OVUC:

<i>Sept 15</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>8:30am</i> <i>12pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group – OVUC • Men's Luncheon - OVUC
<i>Sept 16</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>9:30am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Party - OVUC
<i>Sept 17</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>10am</i> <i>2pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service (Fundscrip orders taken) • Covenanting and Rededication Service at OVUC – details below
<i>Sept 18</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga - OVUC
<i>Sept 21</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>10am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Al Anon Family Group – OVUC

(Please visit our website at www.orchardvalleyunited.ca for online Worship and much more!)

Please join us after Worship Service for Coffee Time – a chance to say hello and connect with others!

Youth and Young Families Program:

Welcome Back! A new school year has started so we want to welcome you back to our Voyagers program at Orchard Valley. We have returned to our home at 130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas. We want to invite all young children and families to join us as we journey in faith together. Our Youth & Young Families Minister Rev. Linda has prepared a fun and interesting program for our children. Come join us!

Breakfast Program - The Outreach project that provides volunteers to assist at the Breakfast Program at Glooscap Elementary School in Canning is in need of a new volunteer. If you like to get up early (we have to be at the school by 7:15 a.m. and are done about 8:15 a.m.), make toast and give kids a cheery "Good morning", then this is the volunteer opportunity for you. There are a number of churches who provide volunteers, so we usually have 5 turns during the school year. We have enough volunteers so that everyone *only has to work 2 of the 5 mornings each of the weeks that we work*. Please contact Sylvia Jacquard at sylviajacquard@ns.sympatico.ca if you are interested or have any questions.

Kings REMO Affirming Ministry - As an Affirming congregation and as part of our 2SLGBTQ+ inclusive faith journey, we have a number of excellent educational materials for children, youth and adults listed under *Affirming Ministry* in the Committees section in OVUC's website. Many are available for borrowing (in the Youth/Family Room) — Others are listed as videos and articles you can watch or read online. Please do check them out.

Calling all knitters & those who crochet - the Prayer Shawl group is participating in the "Red Scarf" event sponsored by the AIDS Coalition. Red scarves are collected and hung on a fence in Halifax for anyone who needs something warm. If you would like to make a scarf *or more*,

that would be great! These must be completed by mid November to allow time for the launch December 1st.

Kings Kikima Grannies' Annual Giant Yard Sale – Saturday, September 9th: 8:00 am - 1:30 pm, 15 Chestnut Avenue, Wolfville. Drop off donated items on Friday, September 8th from 1-6 pm. All items accepted except clothing, books & shoes. Public health guidelines recommended. Freewill donations are welcome, but change will not be available.

Coffee Party – to raise funds for volunteers travelling to Guatemala on a Social Justice delegation to help support the local people e through the *Breaking the Silence* Network. **Just Us** fair trade products will be for sale. Hear a brief history of the project. Location: Orchard Valley United Church. Dates/Times: **Saturday, September 16th 9:30-11am and Saturday, September 23rd 9:30-11am.**

Special Event at OVUC! September 17 @ 2:00pm – Mark your calendar! We will begin at 2:00pm with the Covenanting of Rev Dr Linda Marcotte as our Youth and Family Minister. This will be followed by a Re-Dedication Service for our newly renovated Orchard Valley United Church building. This is a special service in the life of Orchard Valley United and hope you are able to attend. Details to come as planning is underway.

Men's Fellowship Luncheon – Friday, September 15, 2023 at 12:00 Noon - All men are invited to our first post-Covid Men's Fellowship Luncheon to be held at Orchard Valley United Church at noon on Friday, September 15th. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Lunch is served at noon, so come a little early for some fellowship with 'the boys'. Our guest speaker will be Tom Juby, a retired RCMP officer. Constable Juby was a lead investigator into the Swissair Crash into St. Margaret's Bay on September 2, 1998. Constable Juby believes there was a systematic cover-up in this investigation.

**Please advise the Church office by e-mail
adminovu@bellaliant.com or by telephone – (902) 681-0366,
Ext 1, by Wednesday, September 6th if you will be attending so we
can plan the luncheon.**

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.



Emergency Preparedness session offered by WAICC - Please plan to attend this event – it is for the benefit of the whole community, and all are welcome!

Port Williams Baptist Church - First of the Season Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder Luncheon on September 20th from 11:30-12:15. Dessert choices are Apple Crisp or Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing and a delicious roll from The Flower Cart. Cost is \$10. Please call Carol Ann at 902-542-3681 or Ruth at 902-542-7141 **by Monday, September 18th**. We will call you back with a pick up time on Tuesday. Looking forward to seeing familiar faces!

Thursday, September 21, Mi'kmaw-themed Community Potluck: Front Street Community Oven, Wolfville, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Bring a potluck supper dish and your own plates, mugs, cutlery, etc. Enjoy tea, berry crisp, and a reading by Mi'kmaw novelist Amanda Peters from her book *The Berry Pickers*. If you don't plan to eat any crisp, just show up. If you do plan to have some, please register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-berry-pickers-book-reading-berry-crisp-cookout-community-potluck-registration-714634219187> (note: minimum registration donation is \$1.03).

Connection Changes Everything - A free event to learn more about living with dementia and local resources available to help. Port Williams Baptist Church - September 21st from 1:30pm-4:00pm

Valley Ghost Walks – There will be a ghost walk meeting at the Covenanter Church on October 28th, at 7:45pm. To find out more information or to order tickets, call (902) 692-8546 or email Jerome@valleyghostwalks.com. There will be live performers during the ghost walk.