

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 10:00am. Please join us on-line if you are unable to attend in person.

Admin office hours:

Monday - Thursday/8am-12pm.

~All 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 regular Admin Office hours.

Upcoming notices/meetings/events at OVUC:

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

Sept 15	Fri	8:30am 12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group – OVUC • Men's Luncheon - OVUC
Sept 16	Sat	9:30am- 11am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Party – OVUC (please see details below)
Sept 17	Sun	10am 2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service (Fundscrip orders being taken) • Special Covenanting and Re-Dedication Service at OVUC – please see details below
Sept 18	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga with Joy - OVUC
Sept 21	Thurs	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope Al Anon Family Group meeting - OVUC

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

Please see the bulletin board at the back of the Church (Coffee Time space) for important posters and posted events going on in our community and Church!

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.

Coffee Party – to raise funds for volunteers travelling to Guatemala on a Social Justice delegation to help support the local people 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.

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 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.



The poster for the Kings REMO Emergency Preparedness session is framed in red. At the top left, it says "Kings REMO Emergency Preparedness Presentation & Discussion Monday, September 18, 2023 7:00pm – 8:00pm St John's Anglican Church 160 Main St., Wolfville". In the center is a blue circle with "72 HOURS" and below it "IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?". To the right, it says "The Kings County Regional Emergency Management Coordinator will provide a presentation on the Kings Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) & Emergency Preparedness What it means to You!". At the bottom are three icons: a triangle with "REMO", a red square with a lightning bolt and "Know the risks", and an orange square with a clipboard and "Have a plan". Below these is a blue square with a water bottle and "Get it right". The website "www.KingsREMO.ca" is at the bottom.

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 pickup 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.