

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, September 24th, 2023

Welcome all who worship with us! We're happy to be together. Thank you to the following people for their participation:

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| 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..... | Roger Bolt |
| Live-stream Team..... | Gary Dunfield, Andrea Purvis Gordon Wray |
| Tellers..... | Pat Foote, Jane McDonald |
| Ushers/Greeters..... | Vicky Austin, Linda Draper, Ian Godfrey, Joy Waterbury |
| Hospitality..... | Judy Gilmour, Brenda Parker Pam Petrie, Fran Turner |

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Sept 24th, 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:

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| <i>Sept 22</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>8:30am</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group - OVUC |
| <i>Sept 23</i> | <i>Sat</i> | <i>9:30am</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Party - OVUC |
| <i>Sept 24</i> | <i>Sun</i> | <i>10am</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship Service• Fundscrip order delivery |
| <i>Sept 25</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>10:30am</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit Yoga - OVUC |
| <i>Sept 28</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!

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!

Special Message: You may have noticed several members of the congregation wearing lanyards which beautifully reflect the colours of the United Church. OVUC's Dawn Boudreau initially made a lanyard for personal use and has been asked to make additional units for some members. The lanyards are made from Satin Nylon Cord. Dawn has, kindly, offered to make these unique lanyards for those wanting one. If you would like to purchase a lanyard for \$5.00, please contact Dawn Boudreau: cddicks51@gmail.com Please note: each lanyard is a unique project, and they are not mass-produced. Therefore, it may take a bit of time, but you will get yours as soon as possible. 😊

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

Sunday, Sept 24 – Order Delivery

Sunday, Oct 01 – Submit Orders

Sunday, Oct 08 – Order Delivery

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. **Saturday, September 23rd 9:30-11am.**

Orchard Valley Book Club:

Saturday October 28, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the church with potluck refreshments. We will be discussing ***Cutting for Stone*** by 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. If you have questions or to get a copy of the book, please contact Gordon Wray (519) 729-0823 gordontwray@gmail.com

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.

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.

Reading Volunteers Needed: Wolfville Baptist has a reading literacy support program with Wolfville School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-3:10pm. Each volunteer is assigned two students; teachers identify what to focus on and what materials to use. Volunteers must complete criminal records / vulnerable sector checks for the school. Contact Wendy Stubbart at 902-670-0929 or wounds.to.wings.counselling@gmail.com

Housing needed for a student: A young person from Halifax is attending NSCC Kingstec this year and is looking for a place to live while attending school. He is mature at 21 years old, loves animals, kids, and spending time with middle age and seniors. He has his own vehicle, is self sufficient and a non smoker. If anyone is willing to take in a boarder or knows of someone who is, please contact this student at the below info. Thanks!

Rileyspears18@gmail.com or (902) 293-7404 (Character reference is available upon request)