

Orchard Valley United Church

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

Contact: (902) 681-0366 / Ext. 1 - Admin Office

AdminOVU@bellaliant.com / revsellsted@gmail.com / revlinda114@gmail.com

Announcements for Sunday, October 8th, 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.....	Cheryl Sellsted
Live-stream Team.....	Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard
Tellers.....	Brenda Crozsmann, Helen Gill
Ushers/Greeters.....	TBA
Hospitality	Sandra Bornemann, Margaret Clarke, Pat Foote, Cheryl Sellsted

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Oct 8th, 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!)

Special mention..... our own Carmen Peng, accompanist at OVUC, is not only talented and kind, but an Arthur L. Irving Family Foundation Scholarship recipient. We are so proud of her for such a well-deserved honour!! Please see the full newspaper article posted on the bulletin board. Congratulations, Carmen!

Oct 06	Fri	8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group
Oct 08	Sun	10am 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip – Order delivery • Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
Oct 10	Tues	2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Please join us!
Oct 12	Thurs	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al Anon Family Group (details below)
Oct 13	Fri	8:30am 12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group • Men's Fellowship Luncheon
Oct 15	10am	10am 11:15am 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip – Submit Orders • Affirming Committee Meeting • Dinner Theatre Rehearsal

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!

New Utensils for OVU kitchen -

A Pampered Chef party has been organized for OVU to help outfit our new kitchen with quality tools and utensils. Mark **October 24, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.** on your calendars! Pampered Chef has quality products to help in the kitchen with preparing, cooking and serving. There are a few catalogues circulating. I will try to get more or if you prefer to look online, I will have a site address shortly. Please pass the word along - the more orders that are placed, the more items OVU can order. Plan to attend on the 24th to see, try and taste!

Transfer of Membership: Are you interested in transferring your church membership to Orchard Valley United Church? If so, please let Rev. Don know. We are planning for a Sunday in Advent to recognize this important part of church life.

Confirmation: We are planning for Youth and Adult (separately) confirmation classes for this fall. Have you considered joining the United Church of Canada? If so, these are for you as we explore together our faith and practices within the United Church.

OVUC Giving Statement Update – We hope folks have received their up to date statements of givings via mail or email. If anyone has changed their email (from what we would have on file) please inform the Admin Office. Thanks!

Special Message re.: Lanyards: 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 not mass-produced. Therefore, it may take a bit of time, but you will get yours as soon as possible.*

Moose Hide Campaign – an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of men and boys – and all Canadians – who are standing up against violence towards women and children. Please take one from the table at the back and wear this moosehide to signify your commitment to honour, respect, protect and work together to end violence against women and children and all those along the gender continuum. – moosehidecampaign.ca

Men's Fellowship Luncheon: All men are cordially invited to our next Men's Fellowship Luncheon – 12pm on Friday, October 13th at OVUC. Cost is \$7. Our speaker is **Jim Prime** who will speak about the Boston Red Sox. Please come a little early for some coffee and fellowship.

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders: *Sunday, Oct 08 – Order Delivery*
Sunday, Oct 15 – Submit Orders
Sunday, Oct 22 – Order Delivery

Food Handling Course offered at OVUC – to anyone who would like to participate. The cost is \$45 and you will receive your official Food Handling Certification. Please bring your lunch! Takes place October 18th from 10am – 2:30pm. Please register ahead of time with our Admin Office: adminovu@bellaliant.com or (902)681-0366 (open to all those in our local Communities).

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 needs 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.

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.

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 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.

Valley Ghost Walks – There will be a ghost walk meeting at the Covenant 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)

SENIORS' COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT - Identity Theft is the number one growing crime in North America. Documents containing your name, phone number, address, or financial, legal, and medical information should be shredded before recycling.

FREE but donations are welcome! Wednesday, October 18, 2023 from 11:00am - 2:00 pm Louis Millett Community Complex: 9489 Commercial Street, New Minas

For more information call Seniors' Safety Coordinator, Trishe Colman at (902)670-0725

Bring your documents; we'll shred them for you!

Takeout Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder Luncheon – Port Williams Baptist Church - October 18th from 11:30-12:15. Dessert choices are Apple Crisp or Cheesecake 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, October 16th**. We will call you back with a pick up time on Tuesday. Looking forward to seeing familiar faces!