

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, October 15th, 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.....	Annette Wray
Live-stream Team.....	Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard
Tellers.....	Andrea Purvis, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Ushers/Greeters.....	Vicky Austin, Marion Buchan, TBA
Hospitality	JoAnne Corkum, Helen Gill, Sylvia Jacquard, Doris Laurence

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Oct 15th, 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 13	Fri	8:30am 12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group • Men's Fellowship Luncheon
Oct 15	Sun	10am 11:15am 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip – Submit orders • Affirming Committee meeting • Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
Oct 16	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga with Joy – please join us!
Oct 17	Tues	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congregational Life Committee meeting
Oct 18	Wed	10am – 2:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Handling Course
Oct 19	Thurs	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope Al Anon Family Group
Oct 20	Fri	8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group

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!

Pumpkin People Social – Sunday, October 29th immediately following Worship Service. 11am - 12pm Light lunch provided, 12-1pm paint pumpkins and then meet in Kentville to see the Pumpkin People!! Contact Rev Linda for details – all are welcome to come and enjoy this fun OVUC family event!!

Canucopia Food Bank Drive!! Saturday, November 4th at the New Minas Superstore, 9am-5pm. Looking for volunteers for this very important fundraiser, so please consider signing up on the time chart provided.

Dinner Theatre at OVUC! “The Foot and Mouth Café” – a comedic look at what happens when a shoe store and café, both of which are facing hard times, join together. Nov 12 & 13 at 6:30pm. Menu: Hush Puppies and Dip, Green Salad, Lasagna, Dessert, Tea/Coffee. Tickets: \$70/couple & \$35/single ticket.

There will be a ***SILENT AUCTION*** – **Looking for donations of items for the silent auction.** Proceeds from the Dinner Theatre and Auction will go toward the work of *Meet Your Feet*. *Meet Your Feet* is an Outreach program through OVUC, providing free, professional foot care and health teaching by Licensed foot care RN's and LPN's.

New Utensils for OVUC 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. Brenda will try to get more or if you prefer to look online, she 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! Please see Brenda Parker for more information.

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.: Name Tag Lanyards - The lovely handcrafted OVUC name tag lanyards that reflect the colours of the United Church are still available to be ordered. OVUC's Dawn Boudreau initially made a lanyard for personal use and has been asked to make additional units for some members. The name tag 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.

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 15 – Submit Orders*
Sunday, Oct 22 – Order Delivery
Sunday, Oct 29 – Submit Orders

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).

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_znrA5gevOqCr9Q

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.

Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council Education Series, October 28 and 29 -- The Canadian Council of Churches' General Secretary Peter Noteboom will lead a workshop on Saturday, October 28, 2pm-4pm, at L'Arche Homefires and preach at Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia University, on Sunday, October 29, 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

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

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!