

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, October 29th, 2023

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

Leader of Worship..... Rev. Don Sellsted, Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
AccompanistCarmen Peng
Anthem..... The Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Marion Buchan
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard
Tellers..... Gail Gordon, Jane McDonald
Ushers/Greeters..... Ian Godfrey, Cecil & Marilyn Verge
Hospitality Linda Draper, Linda Foote, Dale MacArthur, Donna Murphy

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Oct 29th, 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!)

Oct 27	Fri	8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group
Oct 28	Sat	9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchard Valley Book Club
Oct 29	Sun	10am 11am 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip – Submit Orders • Pumpkin People Social – following Worship Service (light lunch provided) • Dinner Theatre Rehearsal
Oct 30	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga
Nov 1	Wed	11am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steeple Strummers
Nov 2	Thurs	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family 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!

Men's Fellowship Luncheon - All gentlemen are most cordially invited to our next Men's Fellowship Luncheon at OVUC at noon on Friday, November 10th. Cost is \$7.00 per man.

Our speaker will be Chief Petty Officer Douglas Moore, RCN (ret'd) who will give us a presentation on the HMCS Kootenay Disaster which occurred on October 23, 1969. At the time of this disaster, Doug was serving in Squadron Staff Communications. In the meantime, questions or comments should be directed to Ian Godfrey, Dave Murphy, Chris Seymour or Scott Sweatman. Thank you!

Christmas Hamper Program - Each year, the Salvation Army Church, along with the New Minas & Kentville Area Council of Churches, provide support to families in need at Christmas. From the Orchard Valley Outreach Committee, our goal this Christmas is to support 50 families by gifting each family with a grocery gift card.

The anticipated cost for this commitment is \$5200.00. Envelopes are at the back for donations. Cheques are to be made out to Orchard Valley United Church with a notation to the Christmas Hamper Program. We would like to have funds collected by Dec. 1st, 2023, if possible. In addition to funds, Orchard Valley supplies personnel to assist with the program. Members from our congregation help with registration of clients and with gift card pick up and delivery. Orchard Valley United Church set Outreach as a priority. So...when you are planning your Christmas gift list, why not put the words 'Hamper Families' on your list. It will feel good. Thank you so much for your generous support!!

Red Scarves- Calling in all Red Scarves by November 10th. We will be blessing the scarves on November 12th prior to sending them to AIDS Nova Scotia. These scarves will be hung on the Public Gardens fence for anyone needing some warmth and comfort.

OVUC Pastoral Care cards – *If you know of someone who you would like to receive a "Sympathy", "Thinking of You", or "Get Well" card, please reach out to Linda Draper and she will be happy to send it out on behalf of everyone at OVUC. Please leave a message for Linda at 902-542-2744*

OVUC Men's Group Fundscrip Program - A big thank you to our valued supporters over the past number of years. This program has successfully raised an average of some \$2,800 per annum which is donated back to the Church to assist with its operating expenses and to support other outreach projects such as Meet Your Feet, the Xmas Hamper program and other outreach projects.

The Men's Group also recently fulfilled its \$12,500.00 commitment to the capital fund to assist with the renovation/construction of our new Church.

We wish to remind everyone that gift cards make *excellent Christmas gifts*. Our *last order dates before Xmas are November 26th and December 10th* with the orders delivered to all supporters on December 3rd and December 17th.

So, plan to place your orders soon, as well, so you will have grocery/gas shopping gift cards on hand during our shut down period over the Xmas season from December 11th to January 7th, our first order date in 2024. Please contact one of the following men for an order form - Cecil White or Ian Godfrey Again, thank you for your support.

OVUC Men's Group Guy's Cans Fundraiser - A reminder the deadline to return your Guy's Can or make your annual donation is **November 26, 2023**. You can place an envelope in the Church offering plate. Your envelope and/or donation is to be noted for the OVUC Men's Group Guys Can project. Please ensure your *name and envelope number* is noted in the envelope or on the can label in order to receive a tax receipt. You can also mail your donation to:

Orchard Valley United Church Men's Group, Attention – Bill Simpson, Treasurer
130 Cornwallis Avenue New Minas, NS, B4N 3M7

Thank you to everyone who has already donated and for your continued and valued support!

The Kings Kikima Grannies are busy getting ready for their **Jewelry Plus Sale on October 28th, 9-2pm at the Wolfville Lions Hall**. We are looking for donations of yarn, fabric, puzzles and of course jewelry! If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please contact Shelley Moore-Dunfield (902-670-2129) for pick up or drop off at Betsy Baille's 15 Chestnut Ave. Wolfville. We thank you for your continued support of our important work.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, November 5th following our service. As we focus on finding a replacement for Reverend Linda who is only with us for a year, the work of a Profile & Search team needs to seek guidance on what the position of the Youth and Young family ministry position looks like. Are we happy with the scope of the position? Are we happy with the time allotment (20 hours/week). The other piece of work we need to cover is, again, requesting members of our congregation to step forward and agree to be part of the team/ committee to define the profile and search for Linda's replacement.

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: \$35

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.

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders: *Sunday, Oct 29 – Submit Orders*
Sunday, Nov 05 – Order Delivery
Sunday, Nov 12 – Submit Orders

Youth and Young Families Program:

Welcome 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!

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/UCEW4V0pk_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.

A Night of Remembering All Souls: Many cultures and traditions mark special times of year for honouring those who have died, particularly around the end of October and beginning of November. On November 2nd at 7pm at Avon United Church (17 Prince St, Hantsport), join Rev. Penny Nelson and local musicians Juanita Swinamer, Rebekah Maxner, Heidi Jury and Kate Sircom for a night of music, poetry,

candlelight and prayer as we honour our grief of the last few years and remember loved ones who have passed on. You are invited to bring a photo of your loved one(s) to this event. Photos will be placed around the sanctuary as memorials.

Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council Education Series – Oct 28, 29 – “Hope for the Future – Communities of Faith Working Together”, a facilitated discussion with Pastor Peter Noteboom, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC). Saturday, October 28, 2-4pm at L’Arche Homefires (341 Main St., Wolfville). With 26 member churches, the CCC nurtures unity, justice, dialogue, and witness to the gospel through ecumenical partnerships. Come be inspired by the stories unfolding today! Pastor Noteboom will also be the preacher at the Manning Memorial Chapel worship on Sunday, October 29, 7pm. Both events are free. All are welcome!