

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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..... Sarah Hartman  
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar  
Gary Dunfield Sylvia Jacquard  
Tellers..... Pat Foote, Andrea Purvis  
Ushers/Greeters..... Vicky Austin, Marion Buchan  
Linda Draper  
Hospitality..... Dawn Boudreau, Vera Burke  
Sylvia Delisle, Jean Millett, Mary Jane Penny

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 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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| <b>Nov 10</b> | <b>Fri</b>   | <b>8:30am</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday Morning Women's Breakfast</li> <li>• Men's Fellowship Luncheon (see below)</li> </ul>                                                                        |
| <b>Nov 12</b> | <b>Sun</b>   | <b>10am</b><br><br><b>6:30pm</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service</li> <li>• Fundscrip – Submit Orders</li> <li>• Outreach Committee Meeting after Worship</li> <li>• <b>MYF Dinner Theatre (SOLD OUT)</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>Nov 13</b> | <b>Mon</b>   | <b>6:30pm</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Yoga today</li> <li>• <b>MYF Dinner Theatre (TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR)</b></li> </ul>                                                                       |
| <b>Nov 14</b> | <b>Tues</b>  | <b>10am</b><br><b>2pm</b><br><b>6pm</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covenanter Meeting</li> <li>• Prayer Shawl</li> <li>• Christian Development Committee Meeting</li> </ul>                                                            |
| <b>Nov 16</b> | <b>Thurs</b> | <b>10am</b>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hope New Minas Al Anon Family Group</li> </ul>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Nov 17</b> | <b>Fri</b>   | <b>8:30am</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group</li> </ul>                                                                                                                   |

*(Please visit our website at [www.orchardvalleyunited.ca](http://www.orchardvalleyunited.ca) for online Worship and much more!)*

**Please donate your empty pill containers** (with the label removed) to the Youth/Children's ministry. Leave with Rev Linda or Rachel in the church office. Thank you.

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

**Upcoming White Gift Pageant! Needs:** Costume crew, set designer and stage manager (Rev Linda is the Director). We will also need a few adults to play the townspeople (no speaking parts but will wear provided costumes). We have lots of costumes and props! Please help the youth to have good memories of their presentation.

**Contact:** [revlinda114@gmail.com](mailto:revlinda114@gmail.com) - 450 522 3005 Linda will be back November 19th for the first production meeting after service.

**Men's Fellowship Luncheon** - All gentlemen are most cordially invited to our next Men's Fellowship Luncheon at OVUC at noon on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**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.

**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, Nov 12 – Submit Orders*

*Sunday, Nov 19 – Order Delivery*

*Sunday, Nov 26 – 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. 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/UCEW4VOpk\\_znrA5gevOqCr9Q](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(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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

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**The WAICC Foodbank is asking for help** in collecting 1 litre containers for liquid soap (preferably plastic for safer transportation but they know that they may need to accept glass jars as well). They are looking for one litre jars with a screw lid (not a squeeze top as that often spills open in orders) pickle jars are great and/or 1 kg plastic peanut butter jars. They ask that these items are clean and that labels are removed. You can leave the containers in the Food Bank box.

**November 15<sup>th</sup> –Take-Out Luncheon** at Port Williams United Baptist Church from 11:30am to 12:15pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, roll and butter and either Apple Crisp or Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing all for \$10. **Call by November 13<sup>th</sup>** to Carol Ann Burden at 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn at 902=542-7141

**ST. JOHN'S A.C.W. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am to noon. Admission: free will offering. Location: St. John's Anglican Church 164 Main St., Wolfville. Featuring: A.C.W. Christmas Puddings, Home Baking, Fancy Work Table Center Piece Decorations, White Elephant Table with Grab Bags, Jams, Jellies and Preserves and more!