

## Orchard Valley United Church

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### Announcements for Sunday, November 19<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:

Leader 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..... Shelley Moore-Dunfield  
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard  
Tellers..... Pat Foote, Beth Spindler  
Ushers/Greeters..... Dawn Boudreau, Ian Godfrey, Irvin Nicholson, Joy Waterbury  
Hospitality ..... Carter Creaser, Carol Dewar, Patricia Gowland, Pam Langille, Andrea Purvis

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

***Regular Admin office hours (please see calendar for vacation dates):***

**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](http://www.orchardvalleyunited.ca) for online Worship and much more!)***

<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>
<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service</li> <li>• Fundscrip – Order Delivery</li> </ul>
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>9am</b> <b>10:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admin Office closed (vacation)</li> <li>• Pastoral Care Meeting</li> <li>• Spirit Yoga with Joy!</li> </ul>
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>7pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admin Office closed (vacation)</li> <li>• Congregational Life Meeting</li> <li>• Christian Development Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Nov 23</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 24</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group</li> </ul>
<b>Nov 26</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>11:15am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service</li> <li>• Trustees Meeting</li> </ul>

**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!***

**Huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in the success of the MYF Dinner Theatre!!**

*It takes a village... or, in this case, a church!* Volunteers & participants, folks who generously donated to the silent auctions, and to all those who came out to the two performances, Cheryl Manzer and the Meet Your Feet Program send their heartfelt appreciation to you all for your support.

**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.**

**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!!

**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*

**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.

**OVUC Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:** Gift cards make *excellent Christmas gifts* while supporting important fundraising efforts! Order forms are on the table at the back.

**Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:** *Sunday, Nov 19 – Order Delivery*

*Sunday, Nov 26 – Submit Orders*

*Sunday, Dec 03 – Order Delivery*

*Sunday, Dec 10 – Submit Orders (last order date before Christmas)*

*Sunday, Dec 17 – Order Delivery (last delivery date before Christmas)*

Please 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!

**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.

**Orchard Valley Book Club** – Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30am at the church with potluck refreshments. We will be discussing "Fall on your Knees" by Ann-Marie MacDonald. Chronicling five generations of the eccentric Piper clan, this book follows four remarkable sisters whose lives are filled with driving ambition, inescapable family bonds, and forbidden love.

Their experiences take them from storm-swept Cape Breton, across the battlefields of World War I, to the freedom and independence of Jazz-era New York City. If you have questions or to get a copy of the book, please contact Gordon Wray (519) 729-0823

### **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/UCEW4VOpk\\_znrA5qevOqCr9Q](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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

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**Survey on Seniors' Housing** -- Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council (WAICC) is conducting a survey regarding seniors' housing in our area. WAICC rep Andy Pitter will hand these out Sunday, November 19, and will leave some in the fellowship area for Sunday, November 26. Please consider filling one in and returning it to Andy or the green box in the fellowship area by Thursday, November 30. Thank you!

**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.

**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!