

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, November 26<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  
Special Music..... The Steeple Strummers  
Scripture Readings..... Mary McFarlane  
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar  
Gary Dunfield Sylvia Jacquard  
Tellers..... Dawn Boudreau, Beth Spindler  
Ushers/Greeters..... Fran Turner, Gordon Wray, TBA  
Hospitality..... Larry Bogan, Norma Mailman  
Shelley Moore-Dunfield, Joy Waterbury

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Nov 26<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.

***Regular Admin Office hours – Mon-Thurs 8am – 12pm***  
***This week's Office hours - Wed & Thurs 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:***

<b>Nov 24</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday Morning Women's Breakfast</li></ul>
<b>Nov 26</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent</li><li>• Fundscrip – Submit Orders</li></ul>
<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Admin Office closed - vacation</li><li>• Spirit Yoga with Joy!</li></ul>
<b>Nov 28</b>	<b>Tues</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Admin Office closed - vacation</li></ul>
<b>Nov 29</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council Meeting</li></ul>
<b>Nov 30</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hope New Minas Al Anon Family Group</li></ul>
<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group</li></ul>
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>11:15am</b> <b>2:30pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent &amp; Membership Transfer</li><li>• Outreach Meeting</li><li>• Profile Committee Meeting</li></ul>

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

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

**Men's Fellowship Luncheon:** All men and women are cordially invited to attend our Men's Fellowship Luncheon at OVUC on Friday, December 8 at noon. Please come a little early for a fellowship chat, coffee & tea. Cost is \$7 per person. Because this is our Christmas Luncheon, we are inviting the women to join us. Our speakers are Mercedes Herron and Debbie Roza-Mercier from Annapolis Valley Waste Management. In a totally engaging and fun way, Debbie and Mercedes will help us understand the finer points of sorting our waste

correctly. There will be garbage games, and everyone is encouraged to bring their own samples of their garbage where classification is in doubt. Mercedes and Debbie will help us properly figure out these puzzles. ***Please sign up to attend this fun luncheon ASAP.***

**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!!

The **Kings Kikima Grannies** will be having a **Jewelry Plus Christmas Treasure Sale and Silent Auction** on Saturday, December 2nd, 9am - 2pm at the Wolfville Lions Hall. Hope to see you there!

**Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:** They make excellent Christmas gifts ***and*** you are supporting fundraising efforts! *Order forms are on the table at the back.*

*Sunday, Nov 26 – Submit Orders*

*Sunday, Dec 03 – Order Delivery*

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

*Sunday, Dec 17 – Order Deliver (Last delivery date before Christmas)*

Please 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.

**Donna Lemmon Able Society** -- A friend of Donna Lemmon, who had been a member of Orchard Valley, has formed a new organization in her memory to improve accessibility in local buildings and spaces. To raise awareness, the society is starting a speaker series on Friday, November 24 with Katie McArthur, chair of the Joint Accessibility Committee for the Municipality of Kings (2-4pm, 118 Oakdene Ave, Kentville). Stay tuned for future events!

**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(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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