

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 26th, 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
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 26th, 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 Monday- Thursday 8am – 12pm

This week: Wednesday & 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!)

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

Please join us after Worship Service for Coffee Time – 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. 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!!*

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

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 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 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.

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_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.
