

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 3rd, 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..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Sylvia Jacquard
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard
Tellers..... Heather Bishop, Jane McDonald
Ushers/Greeters..... TBA
Hospitality Anne Clattenburg, Sheila Francis, Jan Porter, Peggy Smith

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Dec 3rd, 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: Closed - Monday and Tuesday Open -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!)

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| 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 |
| Dec 4 | Mon | 10:30am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin Office closed – vacation • Spirit Yoga with Joy |
| Dec 5 | Tues | 7pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin Office closed – vacation • Worship Committee Meeting |
| Dec 6 | Wed | 7pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steeple Strummers |
| Dec 7 | Thurs | 10am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al Anon Family Group |
| Dec 8 | Fri | 8:30am 11:45am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Breakfast • Men's Fellowship Luncheon(women invited) |
| Dec 9 | Sat | 12pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School Pizza Luncheon and Rehearsal |
| Dec 10 | Sun | 10am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service (Pageant/ White Gift Sunday) |

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

NAME TAGS - In a spirit of radical welcome, we encourage everybody to wear a name tag this Sunday. Name tags help us recognize and remember each other. They are a small gesture appreciated by: those learning many names at once; those who are deaf or hard of hearing; or those who struggle to match names with faces. If you are comfortable doing so, consider adding your pronouns. Sharing pronouns is a signal that we welcome those of all genders and appreciate knowing how to speak of each other respectfully. (If you cannot find your name tag, temporary name tags and a sharpie marker will be available on the table in the Fellowship Hall – we can make a new name tag for you, if requested on the sign-up sheet, for next Sunday!).

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.

A sign up sheet is on the long table in the Fellowship room in front of the kitchen.

Please sign up by Sunday, December 3rd in order to allow us time to plan the luncheon.

Feel free to bring along a friend or friends, just let us know how many and their name(s) for meal planning and preparing of name tags. Looking forward to seeing you all on December 8th.

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, 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_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.

The last **Service at the Manning Memorial Chapel** for the Fall Semester will be held on Sunday December 3, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

All are invited to attend the Service of Lessons and Carols in which Ministers of WAICC will

participate. Interested persons can join in-person or join the livestream via the link that will be on the Chapel website - <https://chapel.acadias.ca/Home.html> - shortly before the Service.