

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 10th, 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.....Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Pageant Participants ... Guests from the Town of Bethlehem &
the Voyager Players
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar
Gary Dunfield Sylvia Jacquard
Tellers..... Pat Foote, Jane McDonald
Ushers/Greeters.....Vicky Austin, Marion Buchan
Peggy Smith
Hospitality..... Judy Gilmour, Brenda Parker
Pam Petrie, Fran Turner

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Dec 10th, 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 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.

Christmas Services:

December 21st – “Christmas In a Lower Key” Service – 7pm

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – 4pm

Covenanter Service – 11pm

Upcoming notices/meetings/events at OVUC:

<i>Dec 8</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>8:30am 11:45am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Breakfast Group • Men's Fellowship Luncheon
<i>Dec 9</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>12pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School Pizza Luncheon and Rehearsal for Pageant
<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>10am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service (Pageant/ White Gift Sunday)
<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>9am 10:30am 7pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Care Meeting • Spirit Yoga with Joy • Vision Committee Meeting
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>10am 2pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenanter Meeting • Prayer Shawl group – All are welcome!
<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>10am 6pm 7pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Christian Development Meeting • OVUC Choir Rehearsal

Dec 15	Fri	9am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Christmas Breakfast – Congregation and friends are welcome!!
Dec 17	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service

(Please visit our website at www.orchardvalleyunited.ca for online Worship Services and much more!)

Please join us for Coffee Time following Worship Service – 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 Group Fundscrip Orders: They make excellent Christmas gifts ***and*** you are supporting fundraising efforts! *Order forms are on the table at the back.*

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 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(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 or Al-Anon World Service Office at al-anon.org.

Step Up for the Environment Candlelight Vigil, Friday, December 8, 7:00 to 8:00 pm -- Wolfville Baptist will host this vigil at their front steps, 487 Main St, Wolfville. This is conjunction with other Christian groups across Canada while global leaders meet in Dubai for the

United Nations' climate change conference, COP28. If you are not able to attend, please consider lighting a candle yourself this weekend in solidarity.