

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 17th, 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
Cantata..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar
Gary Dunfield Sylvia Jacquard
Tellers..... Pat Foote, Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Ushers/Greeters..... Dawn Boudreau, Irvin Nicholson
Fran Turner, Joy Waterbury
Hospitality..... Heather Bishop, Rebecca Godfrey, Pat Godfrey
Margaret Kalkman, Polly Leonard, Mildred Watts

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Dec 17th, 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.

Livestream Link -

<https://youtube.com/live/Xvgz6v7PZlg?feature=share>

Regular Admin office hours 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.

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 14</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>6pm 7pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Development Meeting • OVUC Choir Rehearsal
<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>9am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Morning Christmas Breakfast – Congregation and friends are welcome!!
<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>10am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service
<i>Dec 18</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga with Joy
<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>10am 10:30am 6:30pm 7pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenanter Meeting • Congregational Life Meeting • Profile Meeting • Steeple Strummers Group
<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>10am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group
<i>Dec 24</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>4pm 11pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Eve Service • Covenanter Service
<i>Dec 25 – Dec 29</i>	<i>Mon - Fri</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Admin Office closed
<i>Dec 31</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>10am</i>	<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!).

United Church Calendars – Please see the OVUC Admin office or Jean Millett for your 2024 United Church Calendars. We have a limited supply and would love to see all 20 remaining calendars sold by Christmas (\$15). They make excellent gifts!

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

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

Our shut down period over the Xmas season is from December 11th to January 7th.

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.
