

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, December 24<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  
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir  
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield  
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis  
Tellers..... TBA  
Ushers/Greeters..... TBA

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Dec 24<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.

Livestream Link -

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

***Regular Admin office hours Monday- Thursday 8am – 12pm***

***Christmas Admin Office Hours – Closed December 25<sup>th</sup> up to and including January 1<sup>st</sup>.***

### **Christmas Services:**

**December 21<sup>st</sup> – “Christmas In a Lower Key” Service – 7pm**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service – 4pm**

**Covenanter Service – 11pm**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – Worship Service – 10am**

### ***Upcoming notices/meetings/events at OVUC:***

<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>4pm 11pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Eve Service</li><li>• Covenanter Service</li></ul>
<b>Dec 25 – Dec 29</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Church Admin Office closed</li></ul>
<b>Dec 27, 28, 30, 31</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steeple Strummers Rehearsals and performance</li></ul>
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am 4pm-8pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service</li><li>• OVUC New Year’s Eve Potluck and Games Night (see below)</li></ul>

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

### **NEW YEAR’S EVE AT ORCHARD VALLEY –**

**Come one, come *all* to our New Year’s Eve Potluck and Games Night!**

**Time: 4pm – 8pm at OVUC**

- Attire is casual to “glam”
- Please bring your favourite finger foods/snacks to share
- Please bring your favourite game if you have one and come ready to have fun! PS.: Friendly competition is encouraged and entertaining for everyone!
- Entertainment (music)
- “Mocktails” will be provided

**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!

**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](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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

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**Musique Royale: Handel's Messiah - Ensemble Ménéstrel** -For music lovers around the world, Handel's Messiah brings families together to begin their Christmas celebrations. Annually, it's the single most performed piece of classical music worldwide (The Guardian). Artistic director and soprano Janelle Lucyk congregates emerging historical performance specialists from Canada and beyond to create this pocket-sized "Messiah-on-the-go", which also features soprano Ariadne Lih, mezzo-soprano Sarah Myatt, tenor Kerry Bursey and bass Matthew Li as soloists. The tour will feature the masterwork at historic venues in Baddeck, Wolfville, and Lunenburg.

Thursday December 21 at 7 pm - Knox Presbyterian  
Church, **Baddeck**

Friday December 22 at 7 pm - Wolfville Baptist Church, **Wolfville**

Saturday December 23 at 7 pm - St John's Anglican  
Church, **Lunenburg**

**Tickets at [musiqueroyale.com](http://musiqueroyale.com)**