

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, December 24th, 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
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Tellers..... TBA
Ushers/Greeters..... TBA

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Dec 24th, 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. Live-stream Link:
<https://youtube.com/live/Xvgz6v7PZlg?feature=share>

Regular Admin office hours Monday- Thursday 8am – 12pm
Christmas Admin Office Hours – Closed December 25th up to and including January 1st

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – 4pm

Covenanter Service – 11pm

December 31st - Worship Service – 10am

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

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/UCEW4V0pk_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.

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