

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 7th, 2024

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
Accompanist Carmen Peng
Scripture Readings..... Thelma MacDonald
Anthem Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Tellers..... Brenda Crozsmán, Helen Gill
Greeters..... Peggy Smith, Fran Turner
Hospitality..... Brenda Crozsmán, Gail Gordon, Heather Hennigar
Lisa Nicole Priemski, Betty Rockwell

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Jan 7th, 2024 – 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/Zz4UH13tR00?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.

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

Jan 4	Thurs	10am 7pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Profile Team Meeting • OVUC Choir Rehearsal
Jan 7	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip Orders restart for New Year • Outreach Committee Meeting following Worship
Jan 8	Mon	9am 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Care Committee Meeting • Spirit Yoga with Joy
Jan 9	Tues	2pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Shawl Group • Christian Development Committee Meeting
Jan 10	Wed	2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Committee Meeting
Jan 11	Thurs	10am 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • OVUC Choir Rehearsal

FOODBANK SUNDAY – Please consider donating items for the Foodbank, if you are able to do so, as this is an especially challenging time of year for many, and the need is great within our communities. Please drop your donated items off in the shopping cart in the foyer of OVUC – please leave monetary donations with the Admin Office or in the Collection plate during Worship. Thank you for your continued generosity!

OVUC Committee Chairs – It is that time again – friendly reminder to please email your annual reports to the Admin Office as soon as possible. Deadline: January 31st, 2024. Thanks so much!

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“Walking Thru the Bible” weekly study/discussion series will begin on January 24 @ 1:30 here at Orchard Valley United Church beginning with the Gospel of Mark. We will read through a chapter (or so) at a time and have a time of discussion. After Mark, we will choose the next book we would like to dive into. All are welcome to attend.

Men’s Group Luncheon -Men’s Fellowship Luncheon: All gentlemen are most cordially invited to our next Men’s Fellowship Luncheon on Friday, January 12th at 12 noon at OVUC. Cost is \$7 per person.

Our speaker is Heidi Foshay Kimball. Heidi will speak to us about wills, powers of attorney, income tax issues all related to end of life. Heidi will be introduced by her law partner, our very own Christina Macdonald. Come a bit early to enjoy a coffee or tea and some conversation. Please direct comments and questions to Dave Murphy, Ian Godfrey, Chris Seymour or Scott Sweatman.

There is a sign-up sheet for this event beside the name tags on the long table in the coffee/tea room. Please sign up by this Sunday, January 7th, 2024, so we can plan the quantities needed for the event.

Men’s Group Fundscrip Program – starts January 7th, 2024! Don’t forget to purchase your gift cards for all your favourite locations. For order forms or to learn more about this great fundraising program, please see Ian Godfrey/Cecil White.

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 remaining calendars sold (\$15)!

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.

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - Take Out Luncheon – Port Williams United Baptist Church from 11:30am to 12:15 pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, roll and butter and either Apple Crisp or Chocolate Cake all for \$10. Call by Monday, January 15th to Carol Ann Burden 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn 902-542- 7141 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on January 16th. (Snow Date: January 18, 2024)