

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 28th, 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
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Gordon Wray
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Tellers..... Jane McDonald
Greeters.....Linda Draper, Sarah & Frank Hartman, Gordon Wray
Hospitality..... Dawn Boudreau, Vera Burke, Sylvia Delisle, Jean Millett, Mary Jane Penny

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Jan 28th, 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/XAnnN6ceZj8?feature=share>

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

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

Rev. Don's office hours – Mon – Thurs, throughout the day

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 25	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social (see below) • OVUC Choir Rehearsal
Jan 28	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip Order delivery
Jan 29	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga with Joy
Jan 31	Wed	1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking thru the Bible (see below)

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 meet each Wednesday at 1:30pm (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 Fellowship Luncheon: All gentlemen are most cordially invited to our next Men’s Fellowship Luncheon at noon at OVUC on **Friday, February 9th**. **Cost is \$7 per man**. Our speaker will be Paul Murphy, 1st VP, chief fundraiser and project manager for the totally renovated “soon-to-reopen” Wolfville Legion. Our “new” Legion is going to be a terrific space for community activities of all kinds. Come and hear this fascinating story of the rebirth of this important Wolfville landmark.
To indicate your attendance, please sign the sign-up sheet at the back of the reception area at church. Please address any comments to Ian Godfrey, Chris Seymour, Dave Murphy or Scott Sweatman. Thank you.

Men’s Group Fundscrip Program – is in full swing for 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. Schedule:

January 28 – Order delivery
February 04 – Place order
February 11 – Order delivery

Coldest Night of the Year - Walk for Open Arms - Saturday, February 24th: Orchard Valley youth will be walking 2 or 5 km in Kentville to raise funds for Open Arms, which provides food, shelter, housing and much more for local men, women, youth, and families in crisis. ***Please support the upcoming fundraisers or donate to "The Seekers" here:*** <http://walk.w-ith.us/orchardvalleyucc>

Sundae Sunday – February 4th, following Worship: We will offer ice cream and toppings for a donation. Please bring cash that Sunday and enjoy a sundae to support the youth and Open Arms!

Bake Sale – March 17th, following Worship: If you’d like to bake for the bake sale, please contact Christian Development chair Jane McDonald at jemcdonald56@gmail.com (**NOTE:** please portion and pack your baking for people to take home). ***Stay tuned for more!***

United Church Calendars - Please see the OVUC Admin office or Jean Millett for your 2024 United Church Calendars. We 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.

Invitation from WAICC - Neighbor's Meal – February 1st, 5:30pm at L'Arche (341 Main St., Wolfville). We'll share soup, bread & salad, and members of WAICC will offer short reflections on how the simple actions of a meal mirror the Christian life as they experience it in community. When we gather, share food, and go out nourished to meet a world in need, we taste what it means to live the whole life of faith. **No cost. All welcome!**

Valley Women's Connection: Special Feature - Auction, Music – Jodie Elliot, *Faith Speaker* - Henny Feddema. Location: New Hope Wesleyan Church - 7054 Hwy 12, Kentville – Wednesday, February 14th, 9:30am – 11am Cost: \$10 RSVP by Monday, February 12th – jeandallen@eastlink.ca (902)678-3015

Take-Out Luncheon – On Wednesday, February 21st, 11:30am – 12:15pm, The loyal Workers of Port Williams Baptist Church are providing a take-out luncheon with your choice of Hamburger Soup or Corn Chowder, Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing or Apple Crisp, Flower Cart roll and butter. The cost is \$10 per order. Please call 902-542-3681 or 902-542-7141 by Monday, February 19th to order.

Reimagining Church-Reclaiming your Call (for Lay People only) Live Sessions

February 10, 24, March 9, 23, April 6, 20, 2024 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET

Register at United in Learning <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=132>

Imagine your community of faith as a fellowship of disciples (instead of a floundering institution); Imagine following in the footsteps of our radical Teacher (instead of being ground down by budget shortfalls and petty conflicts); Imagine being part of a Christian community that understands the essence of our identity and call as people of God. Fall in love with your faith all over again!

Join us for this six-week series to renew and rekindle your call to ministry and discipleship in their fullest sense. "To embody God's love in the world," says the Song of Faith, "the work of the church requires the ministry and discipleship of all believers."

On-your-own hours between the sessions will include reading, journal-writing, and online conversations among the other participants.

This program is co-facilitated by a diverse team who bring a breadth of experience as educators, theologians, ministry personnel, lay leaders, and regional and national United Church of Canada staff. It is a pilot project made possible by a grant from the United Church of Canada Foundation (Embracing the Spirit fund). **Cost: \$99.99 Come as a team and save!**

When you sign up, we'll send you a promo code that you can share with other members of your team. They can each enter the promo code when they register and get \$25 off the price.

Leaders; Andrew Richardson, Marvin Anderson, Josephine Braun; Jane Dawson, Connie DenBok, David-Roger Gagnon, Michelle Hogman, Chris Pullenayegem