

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, February 4th, 2024

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
Scripture Readings..... Chris Seymour
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Live Stream Team.....Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Tellers..... Pat Foote
Greeters..... Marion Buchan, Peggy Smith
Fran Turner, Joy Waterbury
Hospitality..... Larry Bogan, Norma Mailman
Shelley Moore-Dunfield, Joy Waterbury

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Feb 11th, 2024 – 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/1aUCez4z6U0?feature=share>

JANUARY 2024 Givings

Local Offering:	\$13,244.19	M & S:	\$2,075.20
Building:	\$1,923.67	For others:	\$1,204.00

January Total: \$18,447.06

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT – Fishing for people and caring for our catch should be our greatest work. Honouring the time and energy invested by church members is an essential part of stewardship.

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.

<i>Feb 9</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>12noon</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men's Fellowship Luncheon
<i>Feb 11</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>10am</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship Service• Fundscrip Orders delivered
<i>Feb 12</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>9am 10:30am 1pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pastoral Care Meeting• Spirit Yoga with Joy• Funeral Planning Party (see below)
<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>10am 2pm 6pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covenant Meeting• Prayer Shawl• Christian Development Meeting

Feb 14	Wed	1:30pm 2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking thru the Bible (see below) • Property Meeting
Feb 15	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social (see below) • OVUC Choir practise
Feb 16	Fri	9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Coffee Time
Feb 18	Sun	10am 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Restoring Hope to Those In Need" concert/fundraiser

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

Special Note regarding e-transfer donations to OVUC: this email address has changed, and it will now have auto deposit (no password necessary)! New address: treasurer.ovpc@gmail.com

Funeral Planning Party! Monday, Feb 12, 1-4pm (Freewill offering) - Join others in a relaxed atmosphere to share thoughts, wishes and ideas, hear from professionals to gain inspiration and to answer questions as together we plan for our funerals. Coffee and tea will be provided. Registration is helpful, but not required. 902-681-0366 or orchardvalleyunited@gmail.com

Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday – OVUC is having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Tuesday, February 13th at 5pm. Pancakes, syrup, baked beans, apple slices, coffee, tea, and juice are being served (Gluten-free pancakes will also be offered!).
Rev Don will be providing an individual blessing of the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

OVUC Games Social – Eat Talk Play Thursdays at 1pm:

Come and play, chat a little, break for light refreshments, chat a little more and play again! We have Cribbage, Canasta, 45's, Skip-Bo, etc...or just come for a while to knit/crochet among friends!

“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 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:

February 11 – Order delivery

February 18 - Place order

February 25 - 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>

Musical Concert -- February 18th: Musical concert on Sunday, February 18, 3pm: "Restoring Hope to Those in Need." Music by the band, Country Heat, Ari Snyder, Carmen Peng and Colette Peng. **Free will donation:** all proceeds to Open Arms via the Coldest Night teams The Seekers and Horton Griffins. Coffee and tea to follow. Invite your friends and family! Share the poster and the Valley Events listing

(<https://valleyevents.ca/92930>) with others! Contact Andy Pitter if you'd like to help!

Bake Sale – March 17th, following Worship (This is also PIE Sunday!): 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!***

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_znrA5qev0qCr9Q

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.

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