

## Orchard Valley United Church

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### Announcements for Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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..... Chris Seymour  
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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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/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.***

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

<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Men's Fellowship Luncheon</li></ul>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service</li><li>• Fundscrip Orders delivered (see below)</li></ul>
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>9am 10:30am 1pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pastoral Care Meeting</li><li>• Spirit Yoga with Joy</li><li>• Funeral Planning Party (see below)</li></ul>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>10am 2pm 5pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covenanter Meeting</li><li>• Prayer Shawl</li><li>• Shrove Tuesday Supper/Ash Wed imposition of ashes</li></ul>
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>1:30pm 2pm 6pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking thru the Bible (see below)</li><li>• Property Meeting</li><li>• Christian Development Meeting</li></ul>
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10am 1pm 7pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group</li><li>• Games Social (see below)</li><li>• OVUC Choir practise</li></ul>
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Women's Coffee Time</li></ul>
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am 3pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service</li><li>• "Restoring Hope to Those in Need" concert/fundraiser</li></ul>

***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](mailto: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](mailto:orchardvalleyunited@gmail.com)

**Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday** – OVUC is having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 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** – Don't forget to purchase your gift cards for all your favourite locations (grocery, restaurants, hardware, clothing, etc). A percentage of each gift card sold comes back to the OVUC Men's Group from the various gift card companies. 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 JaneMcDonald at [jemcdonald56@gmail.com](mailto: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\\_znrA5qevOqCr9Q](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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://al-anon.org).

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**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – 11am Cost: \$10 RSVP by Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – [jeandallen@eastlink.ca](mailto:jeandallen@eastlink.ca) (902)678-3015

**Take-Out Luncheon** – On Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 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

**To give away to a loving home:** Apartment size “Young Chang” piano – in very good condition – honey oak – includes matching bench seat (with storage). Please contact Rachel in the Admin Office if interested in details. 902-681-0366 or orchardvalleyunited@gmail.com

**Workshop on Saturday, February 24, 2:00 - 4:00** - Aylesford United Church invites you to a workshop led by the Rev. Shepherd Munikwa, Minister for Justice, Mission & Outreach for the United Church of Canada East. The afternoon’s theme is “**Diversity**” – How can we be an inclusive and welcoming church in a *global village*? How can we live the Intercultural Vision of the United Church of Canada? There will be time to ask and answer questions about how to do church or live in a community with the “other” people from various cultures, races and denominations. All are welcome to attend and light refreshments will be provided. Storm date will be Saturday, March 2, and if it becomes necessary to postpone, there will be a message on the AUC Facebook page and website: [aylesfordunited.com](http://aylesfordunited.com). Aylesford United Church, 2414 Hwy 1, Aylesford. For more information call Sarah Keddy, 902-680-5379