

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, February 18th, 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..... Roger Bolt
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Tellers.....Pat Foote, Beth Spindler
Greeters..... Vicky Austin, Irvin Nicholson, Gordon Wray
Hospitality..... Anne Clattenburg, Sheila Francis, Jan Porter, Peggy Smith

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Feb 18th, 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/6l8kSwNq0nQ?feature=share>

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

Rev. Don's office hours – Mon – Thurs

Rev. Linda's office hours – Tues & Thurs

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

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!)

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 • Fundscrip Orders taken • Fundraising Concert – "Restoring Hope to Those in Need"!
Feb 19	Mon	All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Day – Admin Office closed
Feb 20	Tues	10am 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenanter Meeting • Congregational Life Meeting
Feb 21	Wed	1:30pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking thru the Bible • Vision Committee Meeting
Feb 22	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • OVUC Choir practise
Feb 23	Fri	9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Coffee Time
Feb 24	Sat	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coldest Night of the Year – Walk for Open Arms
Feb 25	Sun	10am 11:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip Order delivery • Affirming Meeting following Worship

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

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 18 - Place order

February 25 – Order delivery

March 3 – Place Order

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

(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

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.

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

February 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

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. Aylesford United Church, 2414 Hwy 1, Aylesford. For more information call Sarah Keddy, 902-680-5379