

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 3rd, 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..... Peter Oleskevich
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Tellers..... Gail Gordon
Greeters..... Peggy Smith, Fran Turner, Gordon Wray
Hospitality..... Heather Bishop, Ian Ford, Rebecca Godfrey, Margaret Kalkman
Polly Leonard, Mildred Watts

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 3rd, 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/ng2mzzOYuiq?feature=share>

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

Rev. Don's office days – Monday to Thursday

Rev. Linda's office days – Monday & Thursday

~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 29	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • OVUC Choir practise
March 1	Fri	9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Coffee Time
March 3	Sun	10am 11:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip Orders placed • Outreach meeting following Worship
March 4	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga with Joy
March 5	Tues	6:30pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin Office closed • Profile Committee Meeting • Worship meeting
March 6	Wed	7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steeple Strummers
March 7	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • OVUC Choir practise
March 8	Fri	12noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship Luncheon
March 10	Sun	10am 11:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Fundscrip Orders placed • Affirming meeting following Worship

Men's Fellowship Luncheon: All gentlemen are most cordially invited to our Men's Fellowship Luncheon at noon, at OVUC, on **Friday, March 8**. Cost is \$7 per man.

Our speaker is Nicole Philpitt, a Clinical Exercise Physiologist, who will speak to us about seniors' physical fitness. Wear loose clothing, as a small amount of exercise may be involved.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the hospitality room, to indicate your intention to attend. Please address questions or comments to Dave Murphy, Ian Godfrey, Chris Seymour or Scott Sweatman.

Sunday, March 17th will be a busy (and fun) day at OVUC! Please see schedule below:

~ **PIE DAY SERVICE:** Worship Service at 10am. Please wear vibrant colours that day to support diversity (also St. Patrick's Day).

~ **Bake Sale - 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!**

~ **OVUC Annual Meeting following Bake Sale!**

~ **St. Patrick's Irish Stew Supper: 5pm** - Irish Cider Stew, dinner roll, dessert, tea/coffee offered by OVUC's Congregational Life Committee - Tickets are limited (only 60 available) \$15/tkt - we are pre-selling tickets, available through Norma Mailman (902)681-1734 / norma.mailman@gmail.com

Food for Youth Fundraiser: There will be a fundraiser concert featuring the **Dukes of Kent** on Saturday, April 6th, at 2PM, at Orchard Valley United Church. All money raised will be used to support a Wolfville and District Lions Club program called "Lions After The Bell." This program provides a weekend food supplement to children and youth who live with food insecurity. *The Lions Club is currently supplying 115 bags per week to students at 8 local schools.* Cost of admission is a free will offering and all money raised will go directly to the purchase of food.

Men's Group Fundscrip Program – For order forms or to learn more about this great fundraising program, please see Ian Godfrey/Cecil White.

Schedule:

March 3 – Place Order

March 10 – Order delivery

March 17 – Place Order

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_znrA5gevOqCr9Q

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

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.

Wolfville Baptist Church Noon-hour Concerts in Lent: Thursdays in March, 12:10-1:00pm, preceded by conversation and coffee/tea, 11:30am to 12:00pm:

March 7: Walter Delahunt (piano: Schumann, Albeniz)

March 14: Rosemary MacPhee (mezzo-soprano) and Heather Price (piano) – Sea Pictures, Elgar

March 21: Peter Togni, Nocturnes by Peter-Anthony Togni

March 28: Jason Hall (Clarinet), Deanne van Rooyen (Harp) and Shimon Walt (Cello)

Admission is free. Wolfville Baptist Church, 487 Main St., Wolfville.