

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 17th, 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
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist Carmen Peng
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Cheryl Sellsted
Live-stream Team..... Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
Tellers..... TBA
Greeters.....Ian Godfrey, Frank & Sarah Hartman, Joy Waterbury
Hospitality..... JoAnne Corkum, Helen Gill, Sylvia Jacquard

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 17th, 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/tiAeSTDH1E8?feature=share>

Upcoming OVUC Services:

March 24 at 10am - ***Palm Sunday*** Service & Holy Communion.

March 28 at 6pm – ***Maundy Thursday*** potluck, Passover reenactment, foot washing (wear easy on/off shoes), Communion.

March 29 at 7pm – ***Good Friday*** Service: Faure's "Requiem", featuring OVUC Choir, special vocalists, instrumentalists, piano and organ.

March 31 at 7am – ***Easter*** Sunrise Service followed by breakfast.

10am – Worship Service including Confirmation and Sacrament of Baptism.

***Admin office will be closed this week from Monday – Friday
(If urgent, please reach out to Rev. Don)***

Rev. Don's office days – Monday to Thursday

Rev. Linda will be away March – April

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

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

March 14	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • OVUC Choir practise
March 15	Fri	9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Coffee Time
March 17	Sun	10am 5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIE DAY Worship Service • Fundscrip Orders placed • Bake Sale following Worship • Annual Meeting following Bake Sale • St. Patrick's Irish Stew Supper: 5pm (tickets are available \$15)
March 18	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga with Joy
March 19	Tues	10am 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenanter meeting • Congregational Life meeting
March 20	Wed	1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Through the Bible
March 21	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • OVUC Choir practise
March 22	Fri	9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Coffee Time
March 24	Sun	10am 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palm Sunday Worship Service (Holy Communion) • Fundscrip Orders delivered • OVUC Men's group meeting following service

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**

~ **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 still available through Norma Mailman (902)681-1734 / norma.mailman@gmail.com

Scholarships from OVUC - Orchard Valley makes available *two scholarships*, The Rev. Dr. K.G. Sullivan Scholarship and The Arthur R. Allen Memorial Scholarship, each year to graduating students in our catchment area. If you know of a student who is attending Central Kings Rural High School, Horton High School or Northeast Kings Education Centre, please encourage them to speak to their guidance counsellor

for information on how to apply. The deadline for receipt of all pieces of the application package is **midnight Sunday May 12, 2024.**

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.

OVUC Men's Group – A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th after the service, at approximately 11:30am. This will be a short meeting dealing mainly with the finalization of the budget for 2024. Your attendance would be appreciated.

OVUC Men's Group Fundscrip Program – Fundscrip cards make excellent gifts and are a very convenient and easy way to shop for groceries, gas, coffee, and many more items.

Did you know the retailers pay us a percentage of your order? For example, if you purchase a grocery shopping card such as Sobeys or Superstore, we receive 3% of the gift card ordered. Some retailers pay as high as 10%. The income your purchases generate are donated to the Men's Group and you will receive an annual income tax receipt from the Church for the total income generated by your purchases. *For more information on the program please speak to Cecil White, Bruce Tymchuk or Ian Godfrey.*

Following are upcoming FundScrip order and delivery dates: Delivery Dates are March 10th and every second week thereafter. Order dates are March 17th and every second week thereafter.

Schedule:

March 17 – Place Order

March 24 – Order delivery

March 31 – Place Order

Kings Kikima Grannies are having a **Jewellery Only Sale** on Friday March 15th, 10am-4pm at the Wong Center on Highland Avenue, Acadia University.

Jewellery Plus Spring Sale on April 13th at the Wolfville Lions Hall from 9:00 am to 2:00pm. We are asking once again for your generous support. We are requesting donations of yarn, fabric, puzzles, jewelry, plants, purses and prewashed scarves. We hope you may be in a decluttering or spring cleaning mode, and you can put aside some items for us !

If you have items to donate please call numbers listed for specific donations of items.

Donations of yarn and fabric: call 902-692-9011 or 902-222-9713 prior to sale

Jewellery: 902-719-5979 or drop off at 15 Chestnut Avenue, Wolfville, after March 15th

Purses and prewashed scarves: 902-542-7591 or drop off at 15 Chestnut Avenue, Wolfville, after March 15th

Puzzles: call 902-670-1219 or drop off at sale on April 13th between 7:30 am and 9:00am

Plants: please drop off at Lions Hall on April 13th between 7:30 am and 9:00 am

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/UCEW4V0pk_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.

Trinity (Waterville) UCW will be hosting a *St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party* on Saturday, March 16th, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Waterville Fire Hall, 1415 County Home Road (off Highway 1). Free will offering and funds raised will support local food banks. All are welcome.

March 16th: Community Screening of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture

On March 16th from 2-4:00pm, join Rev. Penny at Avon United Church (17 Prince Street, hantsport) for a screening of the film *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture* with a respectful discussion to follow. Entrance is by freewill donation to help cover the screening costs of the film.

1946 is a feature documentary following the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, *1946* is at once challenging, enlightening, and inspiring.

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

March 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 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.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, the Acadia University Singers with the Blue Engine String Quartet present “A Mother’s Courage” – a concert program featuring Marie-Claire Saindon’s *Méditations de la Vierge Marie* (2016) and Pergolesi’s *Stabat Mater* (1736). Together, these two works present the life and death of Jesus through Mary’s perspective and are a powerful exploration of the courage it takes to love unconditionally. This concert begins at 7:30pm in Denton Hall Auditorium; admission is by freewill donation at the door.

Bingo for Bunks -- Sherbrooke Lake Camp and Camp Kidston are holding a joint fundraiser, a merchandise bingo, in Halifax on Saturday, March 23, 2:00 to 4:00 pm (doors open at 1:00 pm) at Estabrooks Community Hall, 4408 St. Margarets Bay Road. Bingo books: \$5 each. Door prizes, canteen and more!

