

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, March 24<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:

Leaders of Worship..... Rev. Don Sellsted  
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton  
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng  
Scripture Readings..... Hugh Laurence  
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir  
Live Stream Team.....Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield  
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis  
Tellers..... Heather Bishop  
Greeters..... Vicky Austin, Peggy Smith, Fran Turner  
Hospitality..... Carter Creaser, Carol Dewar, Patricia Gowland  
Pam Langille, Andrea Purvis

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – There will be a live-streamed service this Sunday at 10:00 am. Please join us online if you are unable to attend in person. Livestream Link:  
[https://youtube.com/live/\\_sfdPcoMR2k?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/_sfdPcoMR2k?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 – ***Easter*** Worship Service including Confirmation and Sacrament of Baptism.

*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](http://www.orchardvalleyunited.ca) for online Worship Services and much more!***

<b><i>March 21</i></b>	<b><i>Thurs</i></b>	<b><i>10am 1pm 7pm</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group</li><li>• Games Social</li><li>• OVUC Choir practise</li></ul>
<b><i>March 24</i></b>	<b><i>Sun</i></b>	<b><i>10am  11:30am</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Palm Sunday Worship Service (Holy Communion)</li><li>• Fundscrip Orders delivered</li><li>• OVUC Men’s Group meeting following service</li></ul>
<b><i>March 25</i></b>	<b><i>Mon</i></b>	<b><i>10:30am</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spirit Yoga with Joy</li></ul>
<b><i>March 27</i></b>	<b><i>Wed</i></b>	<b><i>1:30pm</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking Through the Bible</li></ul>
<b><i>March 28</i></b>	<b><i>Thurs</i></b>	<b><i>10am 1pm</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group</li><li>• Games Social</li></ul>

		<b>6pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maundy Thursday potluck, Passover enactment, foot washing</li> </ul>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Friday Worship Service</li> </ul>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>7am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>11:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Sunrise Service</li> <li>• Easter Sunday Worship Service</li> <li>• Fundscrip Orders delivered</li> <li>• OVUC Men's group meeting following service</li> </ul>

**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 fundraising 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 the 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Fellowship Luncheon:** All gentlemen are most cordially invited to our next Men's Fellowship Luncheon, noon-time, on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$7/man. Please sign up at the table in the Hospitality Space.

Please come to the Church a little early, 11:45am, for coffee, tea, and fellowship. Our April Speaker is our very own Frank Hartman. Frank will talk to us about Lion's Club International and more importantly about the great work that Lions do in the Eastern Valley, supporting school kids who do not have enough to eat on the weekends.

Questions and comments should be directed to Chris Seymour, Dave Murphy, Ian Godfrey or Scott Sweatman.

**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.*

*Schedule:*

March 24 – Order Taken

March 31 – Place Order

## **Kings Kikima Grannies:**

**Jewellery Plus Spring Sale** on April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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

**Plants:** please drop off at Lions Hall on April 13<sup>th</sup> 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/UCFW4V0pk\\_znrA5qevOqCr9Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFW4V0pk_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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**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!