

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, September 29th, 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, Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte
 Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
 Accompanist Carmen Peng
 Scripture Reader..... Gordon Wray
 Anthem Orchard Valley United Church Choir
 Live-stream Team Carol Dewar, Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis
 Tellers..... Betty Curry, Jean Rees
 Greeters..... Anne Clattenburg, Faye Calder
 Hospitality..... Rebecca/Pat Godfrey, Mildred Watts
 Ian Ford/ Polly Leonard, Sarah MacKinnon

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, September 29th, 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/4LSyV17PICK?feature=share>

Regular OVUC Admin Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 8am – 12pm

Rev. Don's office days: Monday - Thursday

Rev. Linda's office days: Out of the office from Oct 01 – Oct 21

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

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

Weekly Calendar at a glance:

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| Sept 27 | Fri | All day 8:30am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OVUC Offices closed Women's Friday Breakfast Group |
| Sept 28 | Sat | 8:30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous) – <i>Details under Community Events</i> |
| Sept 29 | Sun | 10am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service |
| Sept 30 | Mon | All day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truth and Reconciliation Day – Office Closed No Spirit Yoga today! |

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| Oct 01 | Tues | 7pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Linda will be away until Oct 21st • Worship Committee Meeting |
| Oct 02 | Wed | 1:30pm 2pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Through the Bible • Kitchen Committee Meeting |
| Oct 03 | Thurs | 10am 1pm 7pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal |
| Oct 04 | Fri | All day 8:30am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Women's Friday Morning Breakfast |
| Oct 05 | Sat | 8:30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous) – <i>Details under Community Events</i> |

Please don't forget that it's Orange-Shirt Sunday!

Autumn Canucopia Food Drive – Orchard Valley is holding its autumn Canucopia Food Bank Drive on **Saturday, October 19**, at Atlantic Superstore in New Minas from 9 am to 5 pm. Starting next Sunday there will be a chart on which *volunteers can sign up for 1 hour slots* to give out flyers/collect food/wheel grocery carts of food over to our location. Please sign up by Sunday, October 6. All food items and money raised will be divided between our three local food banks – Canning, Fundy (serving Kentville/New Minas) & Wolfville. Please give your time to support this worthy cause.

Walking Thru the Bible: We will begin our bible study series again starting on October 2 @ 1:30pm (same day and time as last year). We will begin by journeying together with the Book of Revelation – an interesting and complicated story written from a prison cell. Looking forward to another interesting year of learning and reflection.

Bulletin Sponsorship – If you would like to place an acknowledgement in our weekly Worship Bulletin, in memory of or in celebration of a loved one, please contact the Admin Office. (Freewill donation – Suggested: \$20).

Weekly Announcements – Please send bulletin announcements to the OVUC Admin Office no later than **noon on Tuesdays**. Any received beyond that time will be included in the following week's announcements. Thanks!

Men's Fellowship Luncheon - All *ladies and gentlemen* are most cordially invited to attend our next Men's Fellowship Luncheon at noon at OVUC on Friday, October 11th. Cost is \$7 per person.

Our speaker is our own Gerald Giddens who will present "A Journey Across The Night Sky" - a retrospective on the planets, constellations and stars in our universe.

Please indicate your intention to attend by signing the appropriate sheet on the table beside the name tags in our Hospitality Room.

Please address your questions and comments to Ian Godfrey, Dave Murphy, Chris Seymour or Scott Sweatman.

Orchard Valley Book Club - Our next meeting is October 19. We have selected the Canada Reads winner "Ducks"—an autobiographical account by a Cape Breton girl of her two-year stint working in the Alberta oil sands. It is a graphic novel and a very easy read. There is ample room for more participants so come join us!

Scarf Challenge! The Prayer Shawl Ministry group challenges all crafters to make winter scarves for donation to AIDs Coalition Red Scarf Project, Halifax – or other colours for local shelters. Scarves should be approximately 8” x 60”. Yarn is available at OVUC. Finished product must be delivered to the church by November 20th.

Orchard Valley United Church Choir – Weekly Choir rehearsal has started up again. If you are interested in joining the Choir, we invite you to come out and see how much fun we have singing together under the direction of Thea Burton (Accompanist: Carmen Peng)!

Steeple Strummers – Welcomes all who would like to come along and play/learn some familiar songs with leader, Dave Murphy. All you need is a guitar or stringed instrument! This group meets once per month (7pm - Oct 29; Nov 26; Dec 31).

Thursday afternoon Games Social at OVUC! Please come and join us for a few fun-filled hours playing Canasta, Cribbage (several Cribbage boards are available), Skip Bo, and Uno or you can bring your own. Individuals, who wish to, are welcome to bring light finger foods and tea will be prepared. It is a wonderful social time in a very relaxed atmosphere! Time: 1pm in the Family Room.

Women’s Retreat – an autumn women’s retreat will be held October 17 - 19, Weymouth, on the shores of St. Mary’s Bay. This is a retreat for UCC women and their friends, for women who are interested in deepening their spirituality and who find strength within the circle of other women. Facilitator - Robyn Brown-Hewitt. For more information, please call **Cheryl Manzer at 902-847-1798**.

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:

Sept 29 – Place Orders

Oct 06 – Orders Arrive

Oct 13 – Place Orders

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

Community Events

NA Meetings – Narcotics Anonymous will be holding meetings each week at OVUC: Saturdays at 8:30pm. *“An addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live. Our message is hope and the promise of freedom.”* There are other meetings in various communities throughout the Valley and beyond. For more info, please visit: <https://carna.ca> or 1-902-789-8323

Sun. Sept. 29th, Ste Anne's Camp Annual Fund-Raising Turkey Supper: Ste. Anne's Anglican Youth Camp, 3232 West Dalhousie Road Annapolis County. Ste Anne's Camp is a not-for-profit camp providing a camping experience for families and youth of the valley region. The Turkey Supper is the main fund-raising activity for the camp. More details to follow. Contact Jim Nelson: tickets horatio@ns.sympatico.ca

Syrian Supper - Kentville Baptist Church fundraiser: Saturday November 2nd 5:00pm. Menu includes: Seasoned Chicken, Rice, Salad, Pita Bread with dessert of Knafeh (a Syrian Cheesecake) in support of raising money for the Khatib Family reunification sponsorship. *Limited number of tickets \$25 adult (under 12 \$15) must be purchased in advance, sorry, no tickets available at the door.* To purchase tickets call 902 678 3791 or e-mail theillsleys@icloud.com Thank You!

Mittens, hats and scarves time: Do you enjoy knitting or know someone that does?! With your support, we hope to provide mittens, hats and scarves for children of families we serve each month.

The knitted items can be dropped off on Wednesday, Nov 20th from 8:00am to 10:30am or Thursday, Nov 21st from 9:00am to 2:00pm at our Food Bank, 50 Belcher St. Kentville.

We are so thankful for your ongoing donations and volunteer support.

Manning Memorial Chapel invites you:

- Drop in to one or more sessions in the Bible Study Series on Evangelism on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m., in-person at the Chapel or via zoom, connecting through the link at Bible Study icon on the Chapel website <https://chapel.acadiac.ca/Home.html>
- Worship Service on Sunday, September 29th 7.00 p.m. focusing on Truth and Reconciliation with special Guest, Lerato Chondoma, Acadia's Associate Vice-President Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA).
- Interfaith Service for Peace in the world on Sunday October 6, 2024, 7.00 p.m.