

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, October 27th, 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..... Chris Seymour
 Anthem Orchard Valley United Church Choir
 Live-stream Team Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich
 Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
 Tellers.....Helen Gill, Andrea Purvis
 Greeters..... Marion Buchan, Gordon Whiteway
 Hospitality.....Vera Burke, Taunya Kinnie-Sheffield, Cheryl Sellsted, Linda Draper

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, October 27th, 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/7rZOQua77PM?feature=share>

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

Rev. Don's office days: Monday - Thursday

Rev. Linda's office days: Mondays 9am-12pm and by appointment only

~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:

Oct 24	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal • Centre 130 Meeting
Oct 25	Fri	All day 8:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Women's Friday Morning Breakfast

Oct 26	Sat	8:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous) – Details under Community Events
Oct 27	Sun	10am 10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Youth Families special Covenanter Service (Peace Sunday)
Oct 28	Mon	10:30am 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga • CD Committee Meeting
Oct 29	Tues	10am 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenanter Committee Meeting • Steeple Strummers
Oct 30	Wed	1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Through the Bible
Oct 31	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Nov 01	Fri	All day 5:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • 8:30am Women’s Breakfast • Young Families and Youth/Children will share a meal and family fun at OVUC!

Gentle reminder: When using the meeting rooms, Admin Office and other rooms at the Church during the week/weekend, please be kind and leave them as clean and tidy as you found them. Thanks!

The Communications Committee is seeking a Christmas related story for the Advent newsletter. The story should be no longer than 300 words and needs to have a photo to go with it. The deadline is: Sunday, November 17 (but earlier would be appreciated).

Attention Young Families and Youth/Children. On Sunday, October 27th (Peace Sunday) you are invited to come to the Worship Service at the Covenanter Church in Grande Pre. 10 a.m. It is a special time for you and your young ones to experience worship in the 220 year old church while sitting in the family boxes.

Looking ahead to next month: Friday, November 1st, 5:30pm at OVUC (the church), there will be an evening for Young Families and Youth/Children to come and share a meal and family fun.

Walking Thru the Bible: Please join us each Wednesday @ 1:30pm . 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.

Orchard Valley Book Club - Our next meeting is November 30. We have selected the Giller prize finalist “All the Colour in the World” by C.S.Richardson.

Left in the care of a nurturing, Shakespeare-quoting grandmother, eight-year-old Henry receives as a gift his first set of colouring pencils He develops a passion for art, colour, and the stories of the great artists. This passion haunts and sustains him on his journey through life from boyhood dreams, a love cut short by tragedy, the psychological wounds of war, and the redemption of unexpected love. 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.

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

Our speaker is *Jennine Wilson, who is Valley Support Coordinator for Caregivers NS*. Caregivers Nova Scotia provides free programs, services, information, and advocacy for family and friend caregivers.

Please come a little early for a time of fellowship and coffee. To indicate your intention to come to this luncheon, please sign up on the sheet in the hospitality room. Comments and questions should be addressed to Ian Godfrey, Dave Murphy, Chris Seymour 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:

Oct 27 – Place Orders

Nov 03 – Orders Arrive

Nov 10 – 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_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

Community Events

Hantsport:

A Night of Remembering All Souls: Many cultures and traditions mark special times of year for honouring those who have died, particularly around the end of October and beginning of November. On November 2nd at 7pm at Avon United Church (17 Prince St, Hantsport), join local musicians Juanita Swinamer, Heidi Jury, Kate Sircom, and Anne Fearon, dancers from GMB Dance and Terri Milton, librarian at the Valley Hospice Grief Library, for a night of music, poetry, candlelight and prayer as we honour our grief and remember loved ones who have passed on. You are invited to bring a photo of your loved one(s) to this event. Photos can be placed around the sanctuary as memorials.

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

Community Choir! This newly formed choir will meet each Monday evening at 6:30pm at Orchard Valley United Church.

Wolfville:



Community Morning Activity Program - For 55+/seniors, preschoolers (with adult care-provider) and people with development disabilities at Valley Community Learning Association, 118 Oakdene Ave, Kentville (782-583-1230). Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10am-12pm, Oct to Dec. Limited space. Participant fee for 11 weeks: \$255. Includes snacks and lunch. Bursaries available. Care-providers free. For more information and to register, contact Sheena Graves (sheenz@live.ca) or Andy Pitter (902-542-1545; andriel_p@yahoo.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.