

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 24th, 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. Dr. Linda Marcotte
Rev. Don Sellsted
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist Carmen Peng
Scripture Reader..... Peter Oleskevich
Special Music..... Ari Snyder
Prayer..... Rev. Thelma MacDonald
Chair of Council..... Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk
Live-stream Team Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich
Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
Tellers..... Brenda Crozsmán, Helen Gill
Greeters..... Marion Buchan, Linda Draper
Hospitality..... Carol Dewar, Diane Olsen, Jan Porter, Peggy Smith

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, November 24th, 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.
https://youtube.com/live/5R4ia_Ubn5A?feature=share

Regular OVUC Admin Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 8am – 12pm
Rev. Don's office days: Monday - Thursday

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

Weekly Calendar at a glance:

Nov 22	Fri	All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OVUC Offices closed• No Friday Morning Women's Breakfast
Nov 23	Sat	8:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous) – Details under Community Events
Nov 24	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship Service
Nov 25	Mon	10:30am 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit Yoga• Vision Team Meeting

Nov 26	Tues		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin Office closed for the day
Nov 27	Wed	1:30pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Through the Bible • Council Meeting
Nov 28	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Nov 29	Fri	All day 8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices Closed • Friday Morning Women's Breakfast
Nov 30	Sat	9:30am 1pm 8:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchard Valley Book Club Meeting • Steeple Strummers Dress Rehearsal • Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

2025 United Church Calendars are here! Please visit the Admin Office to purchase your copy or call to let us know you'd like one and it can be set aside for you. Calendars - \$10/each.

Christian Development committee is looking for volunteers to help with our children and youth on Sunday mornings. Programs will be prepared for you, but we need at least 2 adults to lead the children. We are hoping to have enough so we can have a monthly rotation. Please contact Cheryl Hill if you have any questions or you are interested in volunteering.

Christmas Hamper Program - OVUC (as part of our Outreach mission) will be providing "Christmas Hampers" to 50 families in the Kentville/New Minas/Port Williams area. OVUC also contributes to the Wolfville and Canning campaigns. ***Please support this important program with monetary donations. Our goal is to raise \$5000 by December 1st. We can do it with your help!*** Donations can be put in the specially marked envelopes at the back of the Church or by using your offering envelope where you indicate the donation to the Hamper program, or mail or drop off a donation. Cheques should be made payable to OVUC and must note Christmas Hamper Program. If you have questions, please speak to Dale MacArthur or Sheila Fisher. **Thank you for your kind generosity!**



Men's and Women's Fellowship Luncheon: All are most cordially invited to our next ***Fellowship Luncheon on Friday, December 13th at noon. This will be our Christmas Luncheon.*** Come a little earlier for a time of coffee, tea and fellowship. Cost is \$7 per person.

Our speaker will be Amy Savoury, who is a Business Prof. at NSCC Kingstec Campus. Amy will give us a presentation on Nova Scotia's wine industry - an important and fairly young industry in our Valley. To indicate your intention to attend this Luncheon, please sign the list on the table in our hospitality room. Thank you!

OVUC's Men's Group Guy's Cans Fundraiser - A reminder the deadline to return your Guy's Can or make a donation is December 1, 2024.

Please ensure your name and envelope number is on the can label in order to receive a tax receipt. You may also place an envelope in the Church offering plate or mail it to Orchard Valley United Church to the attention of Bill Simpson, Men's Group Treasurer, 130 Cornwallis Avenue, New Minas, NS, B4N 3M7. Your envelope or donation is to be highlighted to the OVUC Men's Group Guys Can project. Thank You for your support!

OVUC Men's Group Fundscrip Program –

REMINDER: Gift cards make excellent Christmas gifts! *The last date to order before Christmas will be December 8th, with orders delivered to all by December 15th.*

For those who place their own orders online, you can order digital Fundscrip cards up to and including December 23/24 and receive your digital Fundscrip cards *immediately!*

Please plan to place your orders soon so you will have grocery/gas/shopping gift cards on hand during our “shut down” period over the Christmas Season (from December 8th until January 5th – our first order date in 2025). *For more information on the program please speak to Cecil White, Bruce Tymchuk, or Ian Godfrey.*

Schedule:

Nov 24 – Place Orders

Dec 01 – Orders Arrive

Dec 08 – Place Orders (last order date until Jan 05, 2025)

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

Valley Voices presents, “Harmony In Bloom”, the 45th Anniversary show! Featuring their chapter quartets plus special guests, *The Dukes of Kent Chorus*, and Area 1 quartet champions, *Wired for Sound*. **Saturday, December 7th at 7pm** – Acadia Festival Theatre (504 Main St., Wolfville)
Tickets: \$25 (and under 12 yrs of age is free) and are available at the Acadia Box Office. Visit eventsacadia.ca or call 902-542-5500

The Kings Kikima Grannies will be holding their annual Jewelry Plus Christmas sale on Saturday, November 30th at the Wolfville Lions Hall from 9-2pm. There will be puzzles, jewelry art, a silent auction, stuffies for kids, a Christmas mish- mash table and of course lots of jewelry and more! Thank you for your support.