

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 16, 2025

Welcome all who worship with us! We're happy to be together. Thank you to the following people for their participation:

Leaders of Worship..... Affirming
Rev. Don Sellsted
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng
Harmonica..... Chris Seymour
Scripture Readings..... Affirming
Anthem Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Live Stream Team..... Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard
Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
Tellers..... Gail Gordon
Greeters..... Affirming
Hospitality..... Linda Draper, Taunya Kennie-Sheffield
Dale MacArthur, Donna Murphy

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 16, 2025 – There will be a live-streamed service this Sunday at 10:00 am. Please join us on-line if you are unable to attend in person.

<https://youtube.com/live/PsRV9X3jfrE?feature=share>

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

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

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

Weekly Calendar at a glance:

Mar 14	Fri	All day 11:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices Closed • Men's Fellowship Luncheon
Mar 15	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous)
Mar 16	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIE Day Worship Service & Sunday School
Mar 17	Mon	10:30am 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga • Christian Development
Mar 18	Tues	11am 2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congregational Life • Something Sacred Book Study(Group 1)
Mar 19	Wed	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Tea Collective
Mar 20	Thurs	10am 1pm 5:30pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Something Sacred Book Study(Group 2) • Choir Rehearsal
Mar 21	Fri	All day 9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices Closed • Ladies Coffee Time
Mar 22	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting
Mar 23	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service & Sunday School

Message from the Admin Office:

We have a new email address! admin@orchardvalleyunited.ca

Morning Tea Collective – Wednesday, March 19th – **Amy Florian, Naturopathic Doctor**, gives us a free information session on “Happy Hormones”. 10:30am – 12pm at OVUC – all are welcome!

Meet Your Feet, our Outreach Foot Care Program which operates for one week each month, is looking for some more volunteers to help at our clinic in the County Fair Mall. This involves working one morning or afternoon every second month, greeting clients, pulling charts and refiling them, and booking follow-up appointments. We are particularly looking for a volunteer for the Tuesday morning clinic. Training is provided, the pay is nonexistent, but it is rewarding to be helping! Contact Carol Dewar at: dewar.carol.anne@gmail.com or 902-542-7597, or in person.

Needed: old nail polish

Do you have old nail polish you are not using? Do you have nail polish colours you no longer like? Sunday School is looking for nail polish for Sunday, March 23. Please bring in your old polishes for the kids to use. There is a box in the Sunday School room to drop them off in. Thanks!

Families with Children are invited to a Fun Family breakfast

Saturday April 5, 2025, 8:30-10:30am. Children and their families are invited to join in a morning of pancakes, prayer, learning and growing together.

This is an event for OVUC families and their friends to come together. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles, please invite your friends to join in this relaxed community-building morning. Please sign up at the back of the church, email Bev: bevcyf@gmail.com or call the church to let us know how many adults and children will be attending.

Scholarships available!! 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. So, 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 11, 2025.

Kids to camp at Sherbrooke Lake!

It's time to start preparing to send our kids to Sherbrooke Lake Camp this summer. Kids from age 5 - 15 are encouraged to experience an amazing week in the woods, making memories and creating friendships. Registration is open and some camps fill up fast.

A week at *camp costs \$450* per camper, which for some families is not possible. **To help make sure every kid who wants to can go to camp we are asking for your help with donations. Any amount will be appreciated.**

If you would like financial help with camp fees, please get a Camp Sponsorship Form from the office.

Orchard Valley Book Club

Our next meeting is April 5 at 9:30 a.m. We have selected "The Storied life of A.J.Fikry" by Gabriel Zevin.

A.J. Fikry is the irascible owner of a bookshop on Alice Island. Recently widowed and plagued by numerous misfortunes, he is withdrawing from society and even losing interest in his beloved books. An unexpected arrival of a mysterious gift at his bookshop gives him the opportunity to make his life over and see things a new. This book is about transformation, second chances, why we read, and why we love. Copies of the book are available from

Gordon Wray gordontwray@gmail.com. There is ample room for more participants so come join us!

OVUC Men’s Group Fundscrip Program –

For more information on the program please speak to Cecil White, Bruce Tymchuk, or Ian Godfrey.

Schedule:

Mar 16 – Place Orders

March 23 – Orders Arrive

March 30 – 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 8pm. For more info, please visit: <https://carna.ca> or 1-902-789-8323

Housing Needed for a female, senior, Quaker local resident looking for a suitable place to stay until her name comes up at Tideways in Wolfville. She is happy to help with housework and the like. If you have any leads, please contact: Andy Pitter (902-542-1545; andriel_p@yahoo.ca). Thank you.

The Trinity UCW of Berwick Trinity United Church is hosting a Saint Patrick's Day coffee/tea party on Monday, March 17, 10am to noon, at the Waterville Fire Hall, 1415 County Home Rd. The free will offering will support local food banks in Berwick and Canning. Put on the green and enjoy a convivial time with friends!

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - Take Out Luncheon – Port Williams United Baptist Church from 11:30am to 12:15 pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, roll and butter and either Apple Crisp/ Lemon Square or Brownie all for \$10. Call by Monday, March 17th to Carol Ann Burden 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn 902-542-7141 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on March 18th. (Snow Date: March 20th, 2025)

Wolfville Area Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities -- Wolfville's Food Bank Management Committee is looking for a few volunteers,

particularly those who are interested in taking on management or administrative roles. Good communication skills are essential. If you or someone you know has a passion for helping others and would be interested in serving in this way, please contact the nominating committee chair, Gordon Joice (gordjoyce@gmail.com).

Kings Kikima Grannies have a *Jewelry Only Sale*

Friday, March 14th, 10am-4pm

Wong Center, Acadia University