

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, April 06, 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
Scripture Readings..... Sheila Francis
Anthem Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Live Stream Team..... Gary Dunfield, Sylvia Jacquard
Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
Tellers..... Marion Buchan, Andrea Purvis
Greeters..... Tim Warmington, Joy Waterbury
Hospitality..... Sheila Francis, Norma Mailman
..... Diane Olsen, Joy Waterbury

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, April 06, 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/BKPYh9xBSSo?feature=share>

OVUC Admin Office hours – Monday – Thursday, 8am-12pm
Rev. Don's office days: Monday - Thursday
~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

Weekly Calendar at a glance:

Apr 04	Fri	All day 8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • Women's Breakfast
Apr 05	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous)
Apr 06	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service & Sunday School
Apr 07	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga
Apr 08	Tues	2pm 2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something Sacred Book Study(Group 1) • Prayer Shawl
Apr 09	Wed	2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Committee
Apr 10	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
Apr 11	Fri	8:30am 12noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • Women's Breakfast • Men's Fellowship Luncheon (Come a little early!)
Apr 12	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting
Apr 13	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Palm Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School</i> • Annual Meeting immediately following Worship Service

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

Message from the Admin Office:

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

* **Meetings/events/Groups** – Please be sure to contact the Church Admin Office to book any space/time you need for your meetings or events. Our Church is very active with many internal groups & committees, as well as community groups who utilize the various spaces. We want to ensure that scheduling goes smoothly for everyone week to week (we often have “tentative” bookings in place). Call, email or visit our office during office hours to check availability. (902)681-0366

* **Road trip to the 2:00 p.m. Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Show in Halifax and return on June 28, 2025:**

This adventure is a definite go!! The quick response is appreciated. There are *four vacant seats available and will go on a first come first serve basis*. Payment may be left at the OVUC office Monday to Thursday mornings and should be marked “Tattoo Trip” and include your name, email address and phone number. For more information, please contact Donna Murphy at 902.542.5411. So, mark your calendars and a reminder will go to those participating closer to the trip, in June.

* **Easter Newsletter** - The Communications Committee is seeking an Easter-related story for the Easter newsletter. The story should be no longer than 300 words and needs to have a photo to go with it. The deadline is Sunday, April 6 (but earlier would be appreciated).

* **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 and

a Monday afternoon. 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.

*** 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.

*** Men's Fellowship Luncheon at OVUC on Friday April 11th at 12 noon** - All men are most cordially invited to our next Fellowship Luncheon on Friday, April 11th at 12:00 noon. Plan to come a little earlier for a time of coffee, tea and fellowship. Cost is \$7 per person.

Our speaker will be our own Heather Hennigar who will give us a presentation on her 4 week trip to South Africa. Heather was part of

the New Minas Rotary club on an exchange tour with the South African Rotary clubs. Please plan to attend to learn about South Africa's history and Heather also has photo's & video's of a safari and a couple of wildlife parks with exotic wildlife such as elephants, giraffes, zebras, rhino's, etc.

To indicate your intention to attend this Luncheon, please sign the list on the table in our hospitality room by Sunday, April 6th. Thank you.

*** OVUC Men's Group Fundscrip Program -**

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

Schedule:

April 06 – Orders Arrive

April 13 – Place Orders

April 20 – Orders Arrive

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_znrA5qev0qCr9Q

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

Disney's Beauty and the Beast Junior – Location: Evangeline Middle School (9387 Commercial St., New Minas). Dates: April 10th and 11th at 7pm. Cost – Free will offering (suggested donation: \$10/person).

*Please note*** OVUC's very own 13 yr old, Perry Warmington, is playing the part of "Beast" in this EMS production!*

Kings Kikima Grannies are having a Jewellery Plus Sale on Saturday, April 5th 9am-2pm at the Wolfville Lions Hall. Puzzles, Plants, Jewellery Art, Odds and Sods table and, of course, jewellery!

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!

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)

Writing Wellness Workshop for Older Adults -- at Valley Community Learning Association (VCLA), 118 Oakdene Ave, Kentville (782-583-1230). Tuesdays, 3:00-5:30pm, April 8 to June 12. Activities will include creative writing, book-making, and /or simple scrapbook-making followed by VCLA's weekly Community Supper at 5:00 pm. The creative writing activities will be led by 2 Acadia students in the Masters of Education Counselling program. Pay What You Can. For more information and to register, contact Sheena Graves (sheena.vcla@gmail.com).