

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, August 24th, 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..... Rev. Max Martin
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist..... Marilyn Whiteway
Special Music.....Thea Koenig-Burton, Marilyn Whiteway
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray
Scripture Readings..... Dale MacArthur

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, August 24th, 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/R402Wrzg-Cs?feature=share>

Regular Admin Office hours are Mon-Thurs, 8am-12noon.

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

Rev. Max - office days: Monday – Thursday

Rev. Don is currently on Sabbatical Aug 4th – Nov 3rd

***For all pastoral care concerns, please contact Rev. Max Martin via the
Admin office: 902-681-0366, ext. 1***

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| Aug 22 | Fri | All day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> |
| Aug 23 | Sat | 8pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous) |
| Aug 24 | Sun | 10am 11am 11am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship • Covenanter Worship Service – Rev. John Wray |
| Aug 27 | Wed | 1-3pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre 130 Laundry/Shower |
| Aug 28 | Thurs | 10am 1pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social |
| Aug 29 | Fri | All day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> |
| Aug 30 | Sat | 8pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA Meeting |
| Aug 31 | Sun | 10am 11am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Covenanter Worship Service - Rev. Dr. Rob Hankinson |

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

Direct Deposit ETRANSFER EMAIL change:

Please use: treasurer@orchardvalleyunited.ca

If you would like to Volunteer with Centre 130 during the extreme weather time with Open Arms either making meals or as a general volunteer, please leave your name and contact with the office. Working with the vulnerable population *does require police and child abuse registry checks.* These can be arranged if you are interested. Thank you for helping to house the unhoused.

Seeking a Church Pianist for Choir Practice and Sunday Service -

Our wonderful pianist, Carmen Peng, has an opportunity to study abroad for the fall semester, so we are seeking a replacement for September to December 2025. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested or know someone who could be!

Orchard Valley United Church in New Minas requires an experienced pianist to accompany the choir and lead service music on Sundays, September through December 2025. Working with the Choir Director, the pianist will choose only prelude, centering, offertory and postlude music. Hymns and choir music are chosen by the minister and choir director. Practice is weekly on Thursdays (7-8:30pm) and Sunday service requires the pianist from 9:15-11am. Please contact the church office at admin@orchardvalleyunitedchurch.ca or 902-681-0366 with expressions of interest.

***Covenanter Summer Series** - Summer services at the Covenanter Church, Grand Pre will begin July 6 at 11am. Services will continue weekly until August 31st. Everyone is welcome! Covenanter Schedule:

Aug 24 – *Rev. John Wray*

Aug 31 – *Rev. Dr. Rob Hankinson*

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

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

Schedule:

Aug 24 – Orders Arrive

Sept 07 – Place Orders

Sept 14 – 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/UCFW4VOpk_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

Community Vigil for Ukraine, August 24, Sunday, 5:00 to 6:00 pm, Clock Park, Wolfville: The local Ukrainian community will be having its annual vigil on Ukraine's Day of Independence at their usual spot in Clock Park (484 Main St, north of Wolfville Baptist). The purpose of the vigil is to remind everyone that Ukraine has been struggling for 3.5 years to defend their independence. Please join come to the vigil if you can or at least hold the local community and Ukraine in prayer and pass the word on!

Sunday Session Concert, Avon United: On Sunday, August 24th at 7:00pm Avon United (17 Prince St., Hantsport) is hosting “A Summer Soundtrack” as part of their Sunday Sessions concert series, featuring the music of Heidi Jury (Piano),

Keigan Richard (Violin), Elizabeth Sircom (Cello) and Marilyn Manzer (Recorder). Free will offering at the door.

The Kings Kikima Grannies will be holding their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, September 13th, 8-1:30 at the Wolfville Lions Club. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you have things you would like to donate, they can be dropped off Friday, September 12th between 12 noon and 6pm. Thank you for your continued support.

Stay Connected with Kings Seniors' Safety! 🧓 🧓

Looking out for our elders means looking out for each other. That's what we do at **Seniors' Safety**—a community-driven program that supports older adults with practical resources, education, and outreach.

♥ Whether it's scam prevention tips, safety sessions, or helping navigate housing or health systems—we're here to make life safer, more informed, and connected for seniors across our county.

📅 **Check out our latest newsletter** for upcoming events. There's something for everyone.

📱 **Follow us on Facebook and Instagram** to stay in the loop and spread the word!

📧 Feel free to **share this with friends, neighbors, community groups—or post it on your local mailboxes** to help us reach those who may need us most.

Together, we build a safer, stronger community for all generations. 🌀

Trishe Colman, Program Director and Trisha Urquhart, Coordinator

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