

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

Worship Leader..... Rev. Gloria Churchill  
Minister of Youth & Young Families..... Rev. Max Martin  
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton  
Accompanist..... Liam Edelstein  
Cello..... Elizabeth Sircom  
Anthem..... United Church Church Choir  
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield  
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis  
Gordon Wray  
Scripture Readings..... Ian Godfrey  
Tellers..... Brenda Crozsmann, Helen Gill  
Hospitality..... Norma Mailman, Shelley Moore-Dunfield,  
Diane Olsen, Joy Waterbury

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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/rSzltEAgDMI?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. Gloria – office day: Wednesday***

<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>All day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i></li> <li>• Women's Friday Morning Breakfast is not starting this week as planned – please be watching for details next week!</li> </ul>
<b>Sept 13</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous)</li> </ul>
<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service</li> <li>• <b>Sunday School Ages 4 – 15!</b></li> </ul>
<b>Sept 15</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Yoga (using back entrance into Sanctuary)</li> </ul>
<b>Sept 16</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>11am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congregational Life(Family Room)</li> </ul>
<b>Sept 17</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TEA COLLECTIVE – special guest! All are invited! Details below</li> </ul>
<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10am 1pm 7pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group will meet in Choir Room using back Church entrance</li> <li>• Games Social meets in Family Room</li> <li>• Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>
<b>Sept 19</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>All day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i></li> </ul>
<b>Sept 20</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Sept 21</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</li> </ul>

*Please visit our website at [www.orchardvalleyunited.ca](http://www.orchardvalleyunited.ca) for online Worship Services and much more!*

**Direct Deposit ETRANSFER EMAIL change:**

**Please use: [treasurer@orchardvalleyunited.ca](mailto:treasurer@orchardvalleyunited.ca)**

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**Note: Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group** – is not happening tomorrow, however, details will be announced as to when it will start up again for the Fall season.

### **Tea Collective – Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

Please join us for “Grounding with Nature Art” presented by Heather Gray, *M. Ed, RCT, CCC* – Registered Counseling Therapist

Please bring along: a pen or pencil and 10-15 nature items: leaves, twigs, moss, flowers, rocks, shells, herbs, seaweed, acorns, pine cones... anything that you are drawn to as you wander around your garden or local park or beach. Everyone is invited to this creative event.

Road Trip to Neptune Theatre in Halifax for the 2:00 p.m. performance of Come From Away and return on **May 16, 2026.** SLIGHT INCREASE FROM PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

If you are interested in such an adventure, the cost will be \$110.00 per person for transportation and the show. This is a slight increase from our original announcement, because of final quote increase.

Registration/Payment is necessary now to secure the theatre tickets and the charter bus with down payments. On May 16, 2026, we will **gather at 10:00 a.m.** at Orchard Valley United Church to depart

on a full size coach at 10:30 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. The trip includes a stop for lunch at May Garden Restaurant on the Bedford Highway; but, this meal is NOT included in the trip fee. We are limited to 56 people and payment is needed to reserve your spot (first come first serve). For OV congregants, **registration/payment may be made in the Sanctuary following church services on September 14th, 21st and 28th** or left at the church office marked “Neptune Trip 2026”. **Registration will be offered to OVUC for three weeks before opening it to others outside the congregation.** Once all seats are taken, a ‘Wait List’ will be started. For more information please contact Gail Gordon, Joy Waterbury or Donna Murphy.

**\* OVUC Men’s Group Fundscrip Program –**

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

**Schedule:**

Sept 14 – Place Orders

Sept 21 – Orders Arrive

Sept 28 – 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](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](http://www.al-anonmaritimes.ca) or Al-Anon World Service Office at [al-anon.org](http://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

**St. Croix United Church - All are invited to attend the Covenanting Service for Bev Thompson on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm!**

**The Outreach project that provides volunteers to assist at the Breakfast Program at Glooscap Elementary School in Canning is in need of a new volunteer.**

If you like to get up early (we have to be at the school by 7:15 a.m. and are done about 8:15 a.m.), make toast and give kids a cheery "Good morning", then this is the volunteer opportunity for you!

There are a number of churches who provide volunteers, so we usually have 5 turns during the school year. If we get another volunteer everyone will only have to work 2 of the 5 mornings each our 4 assigned weeks during the school year.

Please contact Sylvia Jacquard at [sylviajacquard@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:sylviajacquard@ns.sympatico.ca) if

you are interested or have any questions.

## **Invitation: Seniors for Climate Action – DRAW THE LINE**

### **Rev Dr Shepherd Munikwa – Minister for Justice Mission & Outreach – UCC East**

Beloved friends,

In every generation, God calls forth witnesses to justice, compassion, and care for creation. Today, that calling rests upon us. The earth, our common home, groans under the weight of exploitation and neglect (Romans 8:22). Yet we are not without hope. For the Spirit still breathes renewal, and the wisdom of elders, seasoned by life, faith, and perseverance can shine as a prophetic light in this urgent hour. Earlier this year, on Earth Day, we gathered in hope. Now, through our documentary *Later is Too Late*, we have sounded the alarm. And in September, we will stand together, elders drawing the line for life, dignity, and the flourishing of creation.

We invite you to join [Seniors for Climate Action](#), for the historic DRAW THE LINE mobilization on September 20, 2025. This is the largest gathering of seniors in Canadian history for the sake of climate justice. This movement is not only about policy or politics; it is a sacred act of stewardship, rooted in the biblical call to “seek the welfare of the land” (Jeremiah 29:7) and to love our neighbors, including the generations yet unborn. Check out the Seniors for Climate Tantramar Facebook page.

Come, add your voice, your presence, your prayer, and your wisdom. Let us rise with courage, knowing that in Christ all things can be made new (Revelation 21:5). Together, we can bear witness that faith does not end with words but takes form in action, for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and the future of all God’s creatures. You can view the poster for more information.

Later is too late. The time is now. Join us.

**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.

**Fundy Food Bank** - 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.

Please contact us at [fundyfoodbank2020@gmail.com](mailto:fundyfoodbank2020@gmail.com) or (902) 679-3664 if you can help us.

The knitted items can be dropped off on Wednesday, Nov 12th from 8:00am to 10:30am or Thursday, Nov 13th 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.