

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, October 5th, 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..... Colette Peng
Anthem..... United Church Church Choir
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray
Tellers..... Heather Bishop, Gail Gordon
Greeters..... Diane Olsen, Peggy Smith
Hospitality..... Mary Cormier, Rose Doucet
Ian Ford, Pat & Rebecca Godfrey

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, October 5th, 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/hhTl3IRlWA8?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: Tuesday

Oct 03	Fri	All day 8:30am	• <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • <i>Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group meets at Port Williams Baptist Church every week until end of Dec</i>
Oct 04	Sat	8pm	• NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous)
Oct 05	Sun	10am 11am	• Worship Service • Sunday School Ages 4 – 15! • Outreach Committee meeting following Worship Service
Oct 06	Mon	10:30am	• Spirit Yoga
Oct 07	Tues	4pm	• Worship Committee Meeting
Oct 08	Wed	1pm-3pm	• Centre 130 OPEN for showers/laundry
Oct 09	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group will meet in Choir Room using back Church entrance • Games Social meets in Family Room • Choir Rehearsal
Oct 10	Fri	All day 8:30am	• <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • <i>Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group meets at Port Williams Baptist Church every week until end of Dec</i>
Oct 11	Sat	8pm	• NA Meeting

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

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SCENT-FREE BUILDING - We welcome everyone into Orchard Valley United Church and are so happy to worship together on Sunday mornings and throughout the week at the many meetings, rehearsals, groups and events! **We are “scent-free” throughout the entire Church** but, especially, Sunday Worship Service where you are seated relatively close together. There are many folks who have mild to severe perfume, cologne, hair product and even chemical sensitivities, so, please, let’s support everyone by choosing to be *scent free* so everyone *feels free* to attend, work at, or just visit our beautiful Church!!

Christmas Hamper Program

Supporting Others in our Community at Christmas

Orchard Valley United Church, 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 \$5,000.00 by December 1. 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 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!



or

Red Scarf Project- Each year AIDS N.S. hang red scarves on the fence of the Halifax Public Gardens on December 1st. These are for individuals to take for comfort or warmth. If you would like to create a red scarf 8" x 60" for the Red Scarf Project, please leave it at the church by November 23rd.

Orchard Valley Book Club: meeting Oct 19 at 9:30am. We have selected "North of Nowhere" by Marie Wilson.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission recorded the history of more than a century of forced residential schooling for Indigenous children. Marie Wilson helped lead that work as one of three commissioners. With the skills of a journalist, the heart of a mother, and the insights of a spouse of a residential school survivor, Commissioner Wilson provides a unique perspective on the personal toll and enduring public value of the commission. Part vital public documentary, part probing memoir, North of Nowhere breathes fresh air into the possibilities of reconciliation and calls us to view the work of reconciliation not as an obligation but as a gift.

Copies of the book are available from the library. If you have questions, contact 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:

Oct 05 - Orders Arrive

Oct 12 – Place Orders

Oct 19 – 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".

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

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.

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 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.

Prayers for Peace: As we mark the 2nd anniversary of the war in Gaza, 2 years since the beginning of the Sudanese civil war, 3.5 years since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, and a rise in political violence and hate crimes in North America, we are called to act and pray for peace around the world.

On Tuesday evenings from Tuesday, October 7th to Tuesday, November 11th, Avon United's sanctuary (17 Prince Street, Hantsport) will be open to pray for peace.

When:

7-7:30pm: Join Rev. Penny from Avon United for instruction in group meditation. No experience in meditation is required.

7:30-8pm: drop in candle lighting and open space for prayer.

Community members of all religious and spiritual affiliations are welcome.

Pause. Listen. Breathe.

You are warmly invited to *Breathe*, a 45-minute contemplative chapel gathering with live piano, gentle readings, and spacious reflection. Music by Ola Gjeilo and Hans Zimmer, featuring pianist **Mary Castello**.

Tuesday, October 7 at 8:00pm

Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia University

All are welcome to linger before or after with coffee and tea in community



PAUSE. LISTEN. BREATHE.

A CHAPEL EVENING OF LIVE PIANO, GENTLE READINGS, AND SPACE FOR REFLECTION

MUSIC BY OLA GJEILO AND HANS ZIMMER

TUESDAY OCTOBER 7
8:00PM
MARY CASTELLO, PIANO

BREATHE IS A 45MIN CONTEMPLATIVE CHAPEL GATHERING CENTRED ON MUSIC AND SPACIOUS REFLECTION. ANCHORED BY LIVE PIANO, WITH TOUCHES OF VOICE AND BRIEF READINGS, THE EVENING CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE OF GENTLE ATTENTIVENESS. GUESTS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO LINGER BEFORE OR AFTER WITH COFFEE AND TEA IN COMMUNITY.

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The weekly Martial Arts-based exercise was held on the lawn this morning, October 1st because the Manning Memorial Chapel Building is closed for urgent maintenance work until further notice. Most activities scheduled for the Chapel will be held at alternate venues.

The interfaith Service for Peace in the World will be held at University Hall on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 7.00 p.m. All are invited. See poster below:





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with the Acadia campus and community

Do you have room at your Thanksgiving table? Consider welcoming an Acadia international student to join your holiday celebration! Hosting is a wonderful way to share Canadian traditions, meet students from around the world, and show students what community and hospitality look like here in Nova Scotia.



[Sign up here](#) to be matched with a student. If you live outside Wolfville, please indicate whether you're able to provide transportation for your guest.

Questions? elc@acadiau.ca



Please visit the website above for inquiries and sign up

