

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, October 26th, 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
Anthem..... United Church Church Choir
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray
Scripture Readings..... Faye Calder
Tellers..... Brenda Crozsmann, Helen Gill
Greeters..... Linda Draper
Hospitality..... Heather Bishop, Brenda Crozsmann
Heather Hennigar, Betty Rockwell

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, October 26th, 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/vRmppHEE7_A?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

Oct 24	Fri	All day 8:30am	• <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • <i>Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group at Port Williams Baptist Church</i>
Oct 25	Sat	8pm	• NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous)
Oct 26	Sun	10am	• Worship Service • Sunday School Ages 4 – 15!
Oct 27	Mon	10:30am	• Spirit Yoga today!
Oct 28	Tues	10am	• Covenanter Committee Meeting
Oct 29	Wed	1pm-3pm 7pm	• Centre 130 OPEN for showers/laundry • Council Meeting
Oct 30	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Oct 31	Fri	All day 8:30am	• <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • <i>NO Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group meeting at Port Williams Baptist Church</i>
Nov 01	Sat	8pm	• NA Meeting
Nov 02	Sun	10am	• Worship Service • Sunday School Ages 4 – 15!

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, which can cause headaches, and an overall feeling of being unwell...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!!

OVUC Youth Group – Starts Friday, November 14th at 6pm!

Meeting in the Family Room. Join us for games, learning and making new friends! (Ages 13+)

OV Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group will meet on October 24th at Port Williams Baptist Church. There will be no breakfast on October 31st.

Trunk or Treat donations - if you would like to contribute to the treats for these two events, please drop off treats this Sunday by the

tech booth at the back of the church sanctuary. Treats will be distributed by OVUC folks from Rev. Max's trunk.

These events are on October 24th, 5–7pm at the Louis Millett Centre, New Minas and October 30th 1:30 – 3:30pm at the Kings County Resource Centre in Kentville. Thank you from Outreach!

Message from Decorating Team: Anne, Pam and Brenda would like to express our sincere appreciation to Heather Hennigar and Hennigar's Farm Market for donating the sunflowers, apples and pumpkins for our Thanksgiving decorations. It made our job so much easier! Please support them whenever you can!

New Photo Directory! - A new photo directory will be produced in January, and the Communications Committee wants to make sure that everyone who would like to have their photo in the directory will have the opportunity to do so. Some photos were taken in June, but directory photos will also be taken after church on **October 26, November 2, 9 and 16th**.

One of our Outreach projects is assisting the Glooscap Elementary school Breakfast Program by providing a team to make toast multiple times during the school year. This month the school is holding a Cereal Drive which the Outreach Committee would like to support by asking interested members of the congregation to donate cereal that is NUT FREE and fits the school's healthy food policy of low sugar/sodium. The cereals that fit this policy include: Shreddies, Cheerios (plain OR multigrain), Life, Quaker Oatmeal or Corn Squares. There is a large box in the flex space where the cereal can be placed. Thanks for your help - Outreach Committee.

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 or 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!

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

Our next meeting is Nov 29 at 9:30 a.m. We have selected “The Immortalists” by Chloe Benjamin.

Four adolescent siblings sneak out to hear their fortunes from a traveling psychic who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. Their prophecies inform their next five decades. Golden-boy Simon searches for love; dreamy Klara becomes a Las Vegas magician; eldest son Daniel seeks security as an army doctor post-9/11; and bookish Varya throws herself into longevity research.

The Immortalists probes the line between destiny and choice, reality and illusion, this world and the next. It is a deeply moving testament to the power of story, the nature of belief, and the unrelenting pull of familial bonds.

If you have questions or wish a copy of the book, 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 26 – Place Orders

Nov 02 – Orders Arrive

Nov 09 – 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”.

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.

The Kings Kikima Grannies are having a Jewelry Only Sale, Friday, October 24th, 10-4pm at the Wong Center, Highland Ave., Acadia University.

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.

Bricksplosion 2025 - October 25 and 26, in Halifax: Come see the biggest exhibition of LEGO creations east of Quebec AND Andy Pitter's first time displaying her LEGO there! Her display will include a small diorama of Maud Lewis's *Cape Islander* that she started when our student minister Katie Logan read a book about Maud Lewis's paintings in worship in honour of Natal Day 2021. Tickets for 2-hour windows and weekend passes are available online via Eventbrite.com. The cheapest 2-hour window is Sunday, October 26, 12:30 to 2:30 pm: \$10.61 per person. Kids 5 years and under are free but still require a ticket. More info: <https://www.bricksplosion.ca/home>.

Manning Memorial Chapel -

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 28 at 8:00pm (new date!)

Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia University

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

The 15th Celebration of Christmas With Friends Concert –

University Hall, Wolfville, at 7pm on Sunday, December 7th.

Featuring **Rachel MacLean** with special guests, **Heather Rankin** and **Dale Miller**. Always a warm and uplifting way to start your Christmas season!

Tickets: 35\$ (taxes included) at the Acadia Box Office: 902-542-5500 / 800-542-8425 or online at acadiau.universitytickets.com

Please see Rachel in the Admin Office if you would like to order tickets at the special “Friends” rate 😊.

Avonport United -

Festival of All Souls 2025: Many cultures and traditions mark special times of year for honouring those who have died, particularly around the end of October and beginning of November. One November 1st and 2nd, Avon United is hosting a number of events to honour our loved ones and our grief.

November 1st, 10am: The River Remembers: A Meditation for Eco-Grief: Walk a labyrinth on the banks of the Avon River, moving with the rhythms of nature as we honour our grief and hope for the Earth. For location, RSVP to Avon United (902 684-0211) or email hantsportpc@ns.aliantzinc.ca

November 1st, 7pm: A Night for All Souls: Join local musicians and writers at Avon United for a night of music, poetry, candlelight and prayer as we honour our grief and remember loved ones. No RSVP required. (17 Prince St, Hantsport)

November 2nd, 1:30pm: A Grief Support Group facilitated by the Hospice Society of West Hants. RSVP is required. Call Avon United (902 684-0211) or email hantsportpc@ns.aliantzinc.ca to attend.



November 1st

10:30 a.m. to approx. 12:30 p.m.

Aylesford United Church

It's a look at the new supplemental hymnbook/ song book for the United Church,

Then Let Us Sing!

Leader - Chris Bowman

Music Ministry - First United Church, Truro, NS
 Artistic Director - Cantabile Choral Society Choirs
 Chorister/Board Member - Canadian Chamber Choir
 Conductor | Singer | Music Educator | Composer

- Introduction
- Exploring the new book, trying out new songs
- Bring your copy if you have one, a few spare copies will be available.

Registration: \$10
 (or pay as you can)
 Advance registration requested.

Soup & roll provided (free will)

