

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, November 16th, 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. Don Sellsted
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
Scripture Readings..... Thelma MacDonald
Tellers..... Gail Gordon
Greeters..... Valerie Mosher
Hospitality..... Heather Bishop, Carol Dewar
Sarah MacKinnon, Andrea Purvis

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, November 16th, 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/c7ZtiQORwgk?feature=share>

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

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

Rev. Don – office days: Monday - Thursday

Rev. Max - office days: On vacation Nov 04 - 11

Nov 14	Fri	All day 8:30am 6pm	• <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • <i>Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group at Port Williams Baptist Church</i> • OVUC Youth Group – Ages 13+
Nov 15	Sat	8pm	• NA Meeting (Narcotics Anonymous)
Nov 16	Sun	10am	• Worship Service • Sunday School Ages 4 – 15!
Nov 17	Mon	10:30am 6:30pm	• Spirit Yoga today! • Christian Development Meeting
Nov 18	Tues		
Nov 19	Wed	10am 1pm-3pm 2pm	• November Tea Collective – All are welcome! (details below) • Centre 130 OPEN for showers/laundry • Property Committee Meeting
Nov 20	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Nov 21	Fri	All day 8:30am	• <i>OVUC Offices Closed</i> • <i>Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group meeting at Port Williams Baptist Church</i>
Nov 22	Sat	8pm	• NA Meeting

Nov 23	Sun	10am	• Worship Service • Sunday School Ages 4 – 15!
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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+)

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST- Friday, December 19th - 9:00 a.m. - The Women's Friday Morning Breakfast Group is pleased to invite you to their annual Congregational Christmas

Breakfast at Orchard Valley United Church on Friday, December 19th to sit down at 9:00 a.m. A suggested fee is \$10.00. Proceeds, after costs, will be divided between the *Meet Your Feet* and the schools' *After the Bell* programs. Come early and enjoy a coffee/tea while listening to seasonal music by our Steeple Strummers. Sign up for this event is requested and an appropriate sheet to do so is in the Common Room.

OVUC MEN'S GROUP: GUY'S CANS FUNDRAISER

A reminder the deadline to return your Guy's Can is November 30, 2025. Please ensure your name and envelope number is on the can label in order to receive a tax receipt.

You may also place an envelope in the Church offering plate or mail it to Orchard Valley United Church to the attention of:

Bill Simpson, Treasurer of the Men's Group, 130 Cornwallis Avenue, New Minas, NS, B4N 3M7.

Your envelope or donation is to be highlighted to the **OVUC Men's Group Guys Can project**. Thank You for your support.

OVUC MEN'S GROUP FUNDScrip PROGRAM

A sincere thank you to our valued supporters over the past number of years. This program raised \$3,192 in 2024 which along with income of \$2,473 from our Guy's Cans program and other income received in 2024, *enabled the Men's Group to donate \$3,000 back to the Church to assist with its operating expenses, \$3,000 towards the paving of the parking lot, \$1,500 to the Benevolent Fund and \$1,500 to Outreach.*

We wish to remind everyone that gift cards make excellent **Christmas gifts!** Our last order date before Christmas will be December 7th with the orders delivered to all by December 14th.

So, please plan to place your orders soon. Also, plan your ordering so you will have grocery/gas/shopping gift cards on hand during our shut down period over the Christmas season from December 7th to January 4th, our first order date in 2026.

Exception: supporters who places their own orders online, can order digital gift cards up to and including December 21/25 and receive their digital cards immediately.

Please contact one of the following men for an order form - Cecil White, Tim Warmington & Ian Godfrey

Again, thank you very much for your strong support!

November Tea Collective at OVUC – This is a free community event for all to enjoy! November 19th at 10am – we welcome **guest speaker, Heather Austin!** Heather is on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Company of Pilgrims (CCoP) and an active member of local NS Chapter. Heather will be sharing memorable experiences during the ***900km pilgrimage on the Camino Frances Walk.***

The Communications Committee is seeking a Christmas related story for the Advent newsletter. The story should be no longer than 300 words and needs to have a photo to go with it. The deadline is: *Sunday, November 16.*

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 **November 9th and 16th.**

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.

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

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

Schedule:

Nov 16 – Orders Arrive

Nov 23 – Place Orders

Nov 30 – 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_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 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

Thanks for the excellent response to our “Friends” offer!! For those who have bought and ordered tickets, they are ready for you. For those who are interested, please contact Rachel in the Admin Office if you would like to order tickets at the special “Friends” rate ☺.

Sunday, November 16th, 7pm at St. John’s Anglican Church (164 Main St, Wolfville) - Songs for All Souls: a gathering to remember our dead, honour their lives and celebrate with songs and reflection. Songs for All Souls creates space to hold all our griefs, however recent or ancient, because we all carry experiences of love & loss. All persons are welcome to attend, no matter your faith background.

"Pack & Play" crib mattress to give away! Owner is wondering if anyone in the congregation would like it. The mattress is 39 inches tall, 24 inches wide and 2 and 1/2 inches thick. She also has sheets for it. Please see Andrea Purvis, if interested or call 902-681-4536.

Sunday Session hosted by Avon United Church – Shayla Morag –
“Opal Sky” on November 23rd, 7pm (17 Prince Street). Freewill
offering at the door.