

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**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  
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton  
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir  
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng  
Scripture Readings..... Lorna MacNeil  
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield  
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis  
Gordon Wray  
Tellers..... Brenda Crozsmann, Helen Gill  
Greeters..... Anne & Dick Clattenburg  
Hospitality.....Roslyn Carver, Carol Dewar, Helen Seymour

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026** – 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/1sCzCeVvQYU?feature=share>

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

**Direct Deposit ETRANSFER EMAIL change:**

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

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

**~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~**

**Rev. Don's regular office days: Monday - Thursday**

<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>All day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVUC Offices closed</li> </ul>
<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>10am 8pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stories/Songs Rehearsal</li> <li>• Narcotics Anonymous</li> </ul>
<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Service</li> <li>• Sunday School Ages 4 – 15!</li> </ul>
<b>Jan 19</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>10:30am 6:30pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit Yoga</li> <li>• Christian Development Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>10am 11am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covenanter Meeting</li> <li>• Congregational Life Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>10am 1pm-3pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Tea Collective – <i>All welcome!</i></li> <li>• Centre 130 <b>OPEN</b> for showers/laundry</li> </ul>
<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10am 1pm 7pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group</li> <li>• Games Social</li> <li>• Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>
<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>All day 9:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVUC Offices closed</li> <li>• Women's Coffee Time at OVUC</li> </ul>

Let's help others by being **scent-free** so everyone *feels free* to attend, work at, or just visit our beautiful Church!!

**Please note: Personnel update**

Rev. Max is currently on medical leave. We will update the congregation when we know more about the Restorative Care process with the United Church and options to cover some of the position's work. Thank you to Rev. Don, Pastoral Care, Worship and Christian Development Committees, particularly, for assisting in coverage. If you have questions, please contact Ministry and Personnel Chair, Nancy Handrigan at 902-698-9205 or by email.

**A Fundraiser for Meet Your Feet! “Songs and Stories: A United Church Retrospective” – January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (OVUC). Pay What You Can / \$20 suggested. Space is limited, reservations required! (sign up sheet is on the back table with name tags).**

**(Please see the attached poster for concert details)**

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE:** All committee Chairs, please note that the deadline for submitting your annual reports is **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. Please email your report to the Admin Office: [admin@orchardvalleyunited.ca](mailto:admin@orchardvalleyunited.ca) (Word Documents are preferred, if possible).

**United Church Calendars are here! Limited quantity - \$10/each**

**Please get your copy ASAP before they are gone 😊**

### **Giving Statements:**

Giving statements have been sent out via email to those that have an email in our database last week. If you have not received it please check your Spam/Junk folder for an email from (jemcdonald56@orchardvalleyunited.ca). If you can please indicate this as a safe sender so you do not miss out on future statements or your receipts for income tax purposes. Thank you

### **New Tellers:**

For those who have indicated your willingness to help count collection after services a new sign-up sheet has been sent out via email. Please check your Spam/Junk folder for an email from (jemcdonald56@orchardvalleyunited.ca). Please mark this as not SPAM so you can receive these emails in a timely fashion. Many thanks for your continued support for our church and the work we do.

### **Friday Morning Women's Coffee Time** – It is that time again!

January-February-March 2026 Coffee Time will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month (next one is January 23<sup>rd</sup>). Please join us for some social time at 9:30am!

### **Morning Tea Collective** – Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am.

Guest Speaker – Sherry Swanburg – Clinical Exercise Physiologist and Kinesiologist. Sherry will share proactive strategies using physical activity to support independence, resilience, and vitality later in life. All are welcome to this free community event! (Please see the attached poster for more information)

### **Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:**

Sunday, January 18 – Orders submitted

Sunday, January 25 – Orders delivered

Sunday, February 01 – Orders submitted

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

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