

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, January 25th, 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..... Sylvia Jacquard
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray
Tellers..... Jean Rees
Greeters..... Diane Olsen, Peggy Smith
Hospitality..... Heather Bishop, Vera Burke
Sarah MacKinnon, Andrea Purvis

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, January 25th, 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/C2qxVIYeSGM?feature=share>

Please check out our website for online Worship Services and much more! www.orchardvalleyunited.ca

Direct Deposit ETRANSFER EMAIL change:

Please use: 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

Jan 23	Fri	All day 9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Women's Coffee Time at OVUC
Jan 24	Sat	10am 8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stories/Songs Rehearsal • Narcotics Anonymous
Jan 25	Sun	10am 2pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Sunday School Ages 4 – 15! • MYF Fundraiser – Songs and Stories (Registration is required as space is limited)
Jan 26	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga
Jan 28	Wed	1pm-3pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre 130 OPEN for showers/laundry • Council Meeting
Jan 29	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Jan 30	Fri	All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed

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.

Dear Orchard Valley United Church,

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of my education. I am honoured to be the recipient of the Hilda and Lewis Chipman Memorial Fund Bursary.

Many blessings to each of you this winter. Stay warm, stay safe and know that you are loved by God.

Bev Thompson

Seasons of Life – 6 weeks of discussing “Seasons of Life” – A prescription for successful aging in our 70's, 80's and 90's! Each Wednesday morning at 10am starting in February. We will be sending details and reminders out about this discussion time. This is provided by our OVUC Pastoral Care Team.

OVUC Lenten Study – Please join us for this six-week Lenten study using the United Church’s new devotional: **“Bless, Break, Share”**.

Explore themes of food, hunger, and justice through reflective discussions. We are offering 2 time opportunities:

Tuesdays Feb 24th – Mar 31st from 6:30 – 7:30pm

OR

Thursdays Feb 26th – April 2nd from 10 – 11am.

Please call or email the admin office if you would like us to order your copy of the book, “Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living” (\$20)

Reusable Grocery Bags Needed: Orchard Valley participates in the **WAICC School Break Food program** which provides kid-friendly food to Wolfville-area food-bank families for the winter, March, and summer breaks. At this time we are in need of sturdy/clean reusable grocery bags in which to pack the food for the upcoming March Break. Please put bag donations in the food bank cart up until Sunday, March 1st. Thank you!

Coldest Night of the Year - On Feb 28 we will again be joining in the Coldest Night of the Year walk in Kentville in support of Open Arms. This is a winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness . . . because It's cold out there!

Want to join the team and walk? Go to the website - CNOY.org. Our team is Orchard Valley United Church.

Want to support the team fundraising? There are lots of ways to do it. Go to the website - CNOY.org and search our team or a specific walker and enter your pledge. Or you can fill in the information on the sheet

at the back table, and we will take it from there...or you can support our group fundraising efforts.

Fundraising events we have planned -

Feb 1 - Sunday Sundaes. After church we will be serving sundaes for a free will offering

Feb 15 - Bake and Craft sale. You can help by baking, providing craft items, or buying the items.

All proceeds from both fundraisers will be going to our team.

We are also collecting refundables. If you have cans, bottles, etc we will take them off your hands. You can bring them to the church, or we can arrange to pick them up.

Orchard Valley has had an ongoing relationship with Open Arms and has participated in the Coldest Night of the Year walk since it's 1st year. It is always a fun time and a great way to show our support.

If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Hill.

Sherbrooke Lake camp - With the snow and cold weather, it's nice to think about summer and Sherbrooke Lake Camp. Registration opens on Feb 16. Sherbrooke Lake offers weeklong camping opportunities for children and youth ages 6 - 15, and has 2 family camps. Last year, they started a 'Golden Getaway' weekend for campers 50+.

Orchard Valley wants all children and families to be able to go to camp. If you are interested in camping please let us know so we can discuss how to support you.

Gluten Free Cookbook Project! – The Congregational Life Committee is hoping to compile a Gluten Free Cookbook and are

looking for your favourite recipes. If you have one (or more!) please send it to Brenda (bparker@techshop.ns.ca) or drop off at the Admin Office before April 30th. Please be sure to include your name so we know who the recipe(s) came from.

A Fundraiser for Meet Your Feet! “Songs and Stories: A United Church Retrospective” – January 25th 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 poster at the end of announcements!

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

United Church Calendars are here! Limited quantity - \$10/each
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 **2nd and 4th Fridays of each month**. Please join us for some social time at 9:30am!

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

Sunday, January 25 – Orders delivered

Sunday, February 01 – Orders submitted

Sunday, February 08 – Orders delivered

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/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.



FREE

Martial Arts-Based Exercise Sessions

chapel@acadiau.ca

Lower Hall, Manning Memorial Chapel
Tuesdays 12:15 - 1:15 PM
Starting January 13



Led by Allison Whritenour

Acadia 2010 (BKin Athletic Therapy)
first-degree black belt in Taekwondo,
experienced athletics & sailing coach
and personal trainer.

Sponsored by the Manning Memorial Chapel and Acadia Student Services