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

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

March Vacation Days (Admin Office closed): March 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Feb 27	Fri	All day 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Youth and Young Families
Feb 28	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narcotics Anonymous
Mar 01	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service (Profession of Faith and Membership Transfers!) • Sunday School Ages 4 - 15!
Mar 02	Mon	10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga
Mar 03	Tues	10am 6:30pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenanter Committee meeting • Bless, Break, Share Lenten Study • Steeple Strummers
Mar 04	Wed	10am 1pm-3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seasons of Life session 5 (details below)</i> • Centre 130/Open Arms Resource - OPEN for showers/laundry
Mar 05	Thurs	10am 10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Bless, Break, Share Lenten Study • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal

Mar 06	Fri	All day 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Youth and Young Families Night
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Let's help others by being **scent-free** so everyone *feels free* to attend, work at, or just visit our beautiful Church!!

Orchard Valley United Church Visioning meeting will be held at 6:30 Monday March 9th. Come and share your visioning for Orchard Valley.

Youth and Young Families Night: Fridays from 4pm – 6pm. Ages 5+
Activities include:

- June musical prep for youth
- Social time for guardians
- Eat & Greet supper time!

Orchard Valley Book Club:

Our next meeting is Apr 4 at 9:30 a.m. We have selected “A Memory of Violets” by Hazel Gaynor.

Twenty-year-old Tilly Harper leaves a peaceful countryside for London, to become assistant housemother at a home for orphaned and crippled children selling posies of violets to survive. She discovers a diary written by a young Irish flower girl who died of a broken heart after she and her sister, Rosie, were separated. Tilly sets out to discover what happened to Rosie. But the search is not easy and leads

her into unexpected places and personal discoveries. 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!

Scholarships available: Orchard Valley makes available two scholarships, The Rev. Dr. K.G. Sullivan Scholarship and The Arthur R. Allen Memorial Scholarship, each year to graduating students in our catchment area. If you know of a student who is attending Central Kings Rural High School, Horton High School or Northeast Kings Education Centre, please encourage them to ***speak to their guidance counsellor for information on how to apply***. The deadline for receipt of all pieces of the application package is midnight Sunday May 10, 2026.

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. We will be sending reminders!

Please note our questions to reflect on before Wednesday :

Week 5: The Gifts of Generativity and Wisdom

- 1.** What is “unfinished” that you still want to do?
- 2.** What legacy do you hope to leave?
- 3.** How do you share your wisdom with others today?

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.

April Tea Collective: We will be having a special Tea Collective on Wednesday, April 29th from 10am – noon. **Driving Decisions Panel Presentation** – presented by RCMP, Alzheimer Society, Young Drivers, Registry of Motor Vehicles (**Please see the attached poster for registration details. Spots are booking up very quickly!**)

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

Sunday, March 01 – Orders submitted

Sunday, March 08 – Orders delivered

Sunday, March 15 – 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/UCW4V0pk_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.

World Day of Prayer –

Berwick Trinity Church on March the 6th at 2pm. Presented by the Country of Nigeria.

Winter Warm Ups Community Meal – Wednesday, March 4th at 11:00am: Participants of the Winter Warm Ups Program invite you to join them for a community meal at Avon United! Entrance is by free will donation. All proceeds will go towards future cooking programs at *Avon United Church.*



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Tuesday Afternoon Lifelong Learning Cafe -- Valley Community Learning Association's afternoon adult day program geared more for older adults: Tuesdays, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, at VCLA's Community Hub (118 Oakdene Ave, Kentville). Contact Andy and/or see poster for more details.

Perry W is in Horton High School's INTO THE WOODS!

This bewitching tale weaves the Brothers Grimm versions of familiar characters like Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, and Jack (of beanstalk fame) as they venture into the mysterious woods to fulfill their deepest wishes. As their desires intertwine, unexpected consequences unfold, and the characters discover what happens when wishes come true...

Show Dates

Friday, February 27 - 7:00PM

Saturday, February 28 - 2:00PM

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Tickets are available

now: <https://qaawtheatresociety.ticketspice.com/horton-into-the-woods>

Into the Woods has a runtime of 2 hours and 55 minutes with one intermission and has been assigned a rating of PG-13 by MTI (Musical Theatre International).

