

# Orchard Valley United Church

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## Announcements for Sunday, March 08, 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..... Julien Davis  
Mission and Service Story..... Cheryl Sellsted  
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield  
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis  
Gordon Wray  
Tellers.....Irvin Nicholson, Andrea Purvis  
Greeters..... Anne and Dick Clattenburg  
Hospitality..... Sandra/Micah Bornemann-Davis  
JoAnne Corkum, Sylvia Jacquard

**Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 08, 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/7-wy8DXybeE?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:**

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~

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

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

<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>All day</b> <b>4pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVUC Offices closed</li> <li>• Youth and Young Families</li> </ul>
<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Narcotics Anonymous</li> </ul>
<b>Mar 08</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>Mar 09</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>All day</b> <b>9am</b> <b>10:30am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Admin Office closed</b></li> <li>• Pastoral Care meeting</li> <li>• Spirit Yoga</li> </ul>
<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>11am</b> <b>2pm</b> <b>6:30pm</b> <b>7pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congregational Life meeting</li> <li>• Prayer Shawl</li> <li>• Bless, Break, Share Lenten Study</li> <li>• Steeple Strummers (please confirm with Dave Murphy before Tuesday)</li> </ul>
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>1pm-3pm</b>  <b>2pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Seasons of Life session 6 (details below)</i></li> <li>• Centre 130/Open Arms Resource – <b>OPEN</b> for showers/laundry</li> <li>• Property meeting</li> </ul>

		<i>3pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications meeting</li> </ul>
<i>Mar 12</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>10am</i> <i>10am</i> <i>1pm</i> <i>7pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group</li> <li>• Bless, Break, Share Lenten Study</li> <li>• Games Social</li> <li>• Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>
<i>Mar 13</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>All day</i> <i>4pm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVUC Offices closed</li> <li>• Youth and Young Families Night</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: Announcements that you wish to go in the bulletin are needed no later than Tuesday at 12-noon every week. If you miss the deadline, they will be included in the next week's announcements. Thanks!**

**The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> following Worship Service.**

**Easter Newsletter 2026** - The Easter newsletter will be published on Palm Sunday (March 29) and the Communications Committee is looking for an Easter-related story to include in it. The story needs to include a photo and be no longer than 550 words. Please contact Sylvia Jacquard [sylvia.jacquard@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.jacquard@gmail.com) if you have any questions and to let her know that you will be writing a

story. *Absolute deadline is March 22* but earlier than that would be much appreciated.

**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!

**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.

**April Tea Collective:** We will be having a special Tea Collective on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 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!)**

**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 6: Living Well to the End – Integrity, Faith, and Finishing Strong***

1. What does a faithful finish look like to you?
2. How has your spiritual life deepened over the years?
3. What wisdom are you still discovering?

**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](mailto:bparker@techshop.ns.ca)) or drop off at the Admin Office before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to include your name so we know who the recipe(s) came from.

**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!

**Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:**

Sunday, March 08 – Orders delivered

Sunday, March 15 – Orders submitted

Sunday, March 22 – 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](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".

✦ Candlelight Concert ✦

# *The Antanement*

## by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Enjoy the live recording of a flawless and moving performance of the Passion of Christ, conducted by Thomas Burton and performed by The Orpheus Choir of Toronto, the Nathaniel Dett Chorale, and professional chamber orchestra. In this concert, the 120 voice choir resurrects a forgotten masterpiece.

**MARCH 27 7:00 PM**

Orchard Valley United Church  
130 Cornwallis St. New Minas, NS  
tickets-\$25.00 at the door

Fundraiser for Refugee  
Resettlement

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## **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).

**World Day of Prayer -**

Berwick Trinity Church on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Presented by the Country of Nigeria.

**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).

**Mar 10: Seven Sacred Teachings with Carolyn Landry**

**Mar 17: Special All Ages LEGO Event – stay tuned!**

**Mar 24: Computers with TBA**

**Mar 31: Birding with Howard Williams of Blomidon Naturalists**

Contact Andy and/or see poster for more details.

**Trinity UCW (Woodville/Waterville)** will be hosting a Saint Patrick Day coffee party on Tuesday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Waterville Fire Hall, 1415 County Home Road, Cambridge. The free will donation will support the work of Chrysalis House. Invite your friends and neighbours to join us in a celebration of all things green.