

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 15, 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..... Cheryl Sellsted
Mission and Service Story..... Cheryl Sellsted
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray
Tellers..... Sylvia Jacquard, Irvin Nicholson
Greeters..... Valerie Mosher, Peggy Smith
Hospitality..... Gail Gordon, Heather Hennigar
Penny Johnson, Betty Rockwell

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 15, 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/eiSnLcqJKg?feature=share>

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

Direct Deposit ETRANSFER EMAIL:

Please use: 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 16, 23, 30

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

Mar 13	Fri	All day 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Youth and Young Families
Mar 14	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narcotics Anonymous
Mar 15	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Sunday School Ages 4 - 15!
Mar 16	Mon	All day 10:30am 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin Office closed • No Spirit Yoga • Christian Development meeting
Mar 17	Tues	6:30pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bless, Break, Share Lenten Study • Steeple Strummers (please confirm with Dave Murphy before Tuesday)
Mar 18	Wed	1pm-3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre 130/Open Arms Resource - OPEN for showers/laundry
Mar 19	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 20	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!!

Please note: Announcements that you wish to go in the bulletin are needed no later than Tuesday at 12noon every week. If you miss the deadline, they will be included in the next week's announcements. Thanks!

Notice: Congregational Life -- If you borrowed a *deep-dish electric frying pan*, please return it to the kitchen pantry. Also, for anyone who has brought food/helped prepare food in the kitchen at any point, please collect your serving plates & containers that were left here.

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, March 29th 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 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 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!)**

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.

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 15 – Orders submitted

Sunday, March 22 – Orders delivered

Sunday, March 29 – 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/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”.

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✦ Candlelight Concert ✦

The Antonement

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 or Al-Anon World Service Office at al-anon.org.

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 17: LEGO Fun & Learning at VCLA: Tuesday, March 17, 1:30-4:30 pm, 118 Oakdene Ave, Kentville (VCLA's Community Hub; former Christian Reformed Church). Free will donation. All ages LEGO building and LEGO board games. Children under 12 must be with an adult. A March Break event for kids in conjunction with VCLA's adult day program. For more info, contact Andy (andriel_p@yahoo.ca; 902-300-3190).

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.

Help for Bereaved Family: A family of six children, three of whom are still living at home, has lost their single parent mother. Their mother, Tara Jackson, was an employee of Valley Community Learning Association (VCLA) and loved by many. VCLA has set up a GoFundMe page in Tara's memory. If you are interested in donating, please visit

www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com where you will find Tara's Obituary to access the link.