

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, March 22, 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
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng
Special Music.....The OVUC Steeple Strummers
Scripture Readings..... Faye Calder
Mission and Service Story..... Cheryl Sellsted
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray
Tellers..... TBA
Greeters..... Rose Doucet, Gail Gordon
Hospitality..... Sylvia Delisle, Gail Gordon, Cheryl Sellsted

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, March 22, 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/Q74aNo0cPWc?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 23, 30

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

Mar 20	Fri	All day 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Youth and Young Families
Mar 21	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narcotics Anonymous
Mar 22	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service • Sunday School Ages 4 – 15!
Mar 23	Mon	All day 10:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin Office closed • Spirit Yoga
Mar 24	Tues	10am 2:30pm 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenanter Committee meeting • Memory Cafe • Bless, Break, Share Lenten Study
Mar 25	Wed	1pm-3pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre 130/Open Arms Resource – OPEN for showers/laundry • Council meeting
Mar 26	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 27	Fri	All day 4pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Youth and Young Families Night • The Attonement (live recording) Candlelight Concert in support of Refugee Resettlement
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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!

Women's Friday Morning Breakfast: will be returning to OVUC on on Friday, April 10th at 8:30am.

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.

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.

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. **The program is FREE, but registration is required:**

trishecolman@kingsseniorsafety.org

or (902)670-0725 - **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.

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

Sunday, March 22 – Orders delivered

Sunday, March 29 – Orders submitted

Sunday, April 05 – 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_znrA5gevOqCr9Q

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 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

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 24: Computers with TBA

Mar 31: Birding with Howard Williams of Blomidon Naturalists
Contact Andy and/or see poster for more details.

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.