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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~

(Admin Office closed) Monday, April 6th

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

Rev. Don will be on vacation the week of April 6th and back in the office on April 13th

Apr 02	Thurs	10am 10am 1pm 5:30pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Bless, Break, Share Lenten Study • NO Games Social today! • MAUNDY THURSDAY & Soup, Rolls • Choir Rehearsal
Apr 03	Fri	All day 4pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • NO Youth and Young Families Group • GOOD FRIDAY Service with Stations of the Cross
Apr 04	Sat	9:30am 8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Book Club • Narcotics Anonymous
Apr 05	Sun	7am 10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EASTER SUNRISE Service followed by breakfast • EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service & Communion/ Sunday School
Apr 06	Mon	All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EASTER MONDAY – Offices Closed

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Spirit Yoga
Apr 07	Tues	4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Committee
Apr 08	Wed	1pm 2pm 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre 130 • Property Committee meeting • Communications Committee meeting
Apr 09	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Apr 10	Fri	8:30am 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Friday Morning Breakfast returns to OVUC today!! • Youth and Young Families Group

Let's help others by being **scant-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!

Outreach Meeting: For this month, only, Outreach Committee will meet on the **second** Sunday of the month (April 12).

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

For those of you who wish to have a photo in the directory (and anyone else who would like to update theirs), photos will be taken

before and after church on April 5 and 12 in the Birch room (across from the offices). We hope to have the directory published by the end of April.

If you would like to be in the Directory and we haven't reached out to you please contact Jane McDonald at 902-670-5514 or jemcdonald56@orchardvalleyunited.ca, Sylvia Jacquard 902-698-9218 at sylvia.jacquard@gmail.com or Rachel in the office at 902-681-0366 or admin@orchardvalleyunited.ca.

Trivia Night: Do you like trivia? Have fun *and* support the Refugee Resettlement project. Form a team or come and join a team on Friday April 17th at 7pm. Trivia will be hosted by Tyson at the Port William's Community Centre. Free will donations including e transfers to: treasurer@orchardvalleyunited.ca (please include RRP in memo line)

Are you having difficulty receiving emails from Orchard Valley? Do you use a phone, tablet, or a portable computer to read your emails? If so, please set the date for *1pm on Thursday, April 9th*. Jane McDonald will be holding a session at the church to help members figure out what is happening and hopefully fix the issue. Please bring the device you use for accessing your emails. See you then!

April Tea Collective is on Wednesday, April 15th at 10am: "Understanding Rural and Small Town Homelessness" presented by Guest Speaker, Mary Sweatman – Associate Professor in Community Development at Acadia University. As a community-

engagement scholar practitioner, she will share insight into important issues surrounding homelessness.

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.

Driving Decisions Panel Presentation: We will be having a special presentation 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, April 05 – Orders delivered

Sunday, April 12 – Orders submitted

Sunday, April 19 – 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/UCEW4V0pk_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.

An Evening of Music with Cindy Fahie and special guest, Sarah Durno. *This will take place at Emmanuel United Church, Kingsport, on Sunday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.* Come and hear Cindy sing the hits of Patsy Cline, Anne Murray and Joni Mitchell. Free will offering will be received in support of Cindy's Aeolian Choir trip to the Tapestry International Choir Festival in Vancouver, BC. All are welcome.

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).