

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, May 17, 2026

Welcome all who worship with us! We're happy to be together. Thank you to the following people for their participation in Worship and in the ongoing work of OVUC:

Today's Worship Leader & Minister of Pastoral Care.....
Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte

Youth and Young Families Group Leader..... Debbie Mailman

Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton

Accompanist..... Carmen Peng

Special Music..... Addie and Dave Murphy

Scripture Readings..... Jane McDonald

Mission and Service..... Cheryl Sellsted

Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Grace Oleskevich, Andrea Purvis
Gordon Wray

Tellers..... Gail Gordon, Sylvia Jacquard

Greeters..... Anne and Dick Clattenburg

Hospitality.....Jennie Bustin, Jane McDonald
Jean Millett, Linda Swindells

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, May 17, 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/Hjsb2pHlfqw?feature=share>

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

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

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

Rev. Don's regular office days: Monday – Thursday+(Rev. Don is away and will be back in the office next week)

Rev. Linda – by appointment

May 15	Fri	All day 8:30am 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Women's Friday Morning Breakfast • Youth and Young Families Group
May 16	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narcotics Anonymous
May 17	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service & Sunday School
May 18	Mon	All day 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed – Victoria Day • No Spirit Yoga • Christian Development
May 19	Tues	7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steeple Strummers
May 20	Wed	10am 1pm 1pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Tea Collective! • Centre 130 • Property Committee

May 21	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
May 22	Fri	All day 8:30am 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Women's Friday Morning Breakfast • Youth and Young Families Group
May 23	Sat	7pm 8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music for Refugees Concert – free will donation (details below) • Narcotics Anonymous
May 24	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service & Sunday School
May 25	Mon	10:30am 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga • Council Meeting

Let's help others by being **scant-free** so everyone feels free to attend, work at, or just visit our beautiful Church!!

Direct Deposit ETRANSFER EMAIL:

Please use: treasurer@orchardvalleyunited.ca

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!

OVUC Keys: *If you dropped off personal keys (by accident) **with** the return of your OVUC keys, please see Norma Mailman!*

Spring Canucopia Food Bank Drive – Orchard Valley is holding its spring Canucopia Food Bank Drive on Saturday, May 23,

at Sobeys in New Minas from 9 am to 5 pm. There is a chart on which volunteers can sign up for 1-hour slots to give out flyers/collect food/wheel grocery carts of food over to our location. Please sign up by Sunday, May 17. All food items and money raised will be divided between our three local food banks – Canning, Fundy (serving Kentville/New Minas) & Wolfville. **Please give your time to support this worthy cause.**



The poster features the Orchard Valley United Church logo in the top left corner, which includes a colorful tree icon. Below the logo is a QR code. The main title 'MUSIC FOR REFUGEES' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath the title, the text reads 'An evening of sound and song in support of Orchard Valley's Refugee Resettlement Fund'. A list of musicians is provided: 'Delhaven Coastal Valley Musicians' and 'Graham Howes/Hazel Walker Thea Burton/Andrew Kasprzak Jesse Potter, Ari Snyder'. The central graphic consists of a treble clef and several musical notes on a staff, with some notes having star-like symbols. At the bottom left, the event details are listed: 'MAY 23, 2026 7:00 PM ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH 130 CORNWALLIS AVE. NEW MINAS FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT DOOR'. The Jordan's logo is in the bottom right corner.

Saturday June 27th 10-2, OVUC is having a Multi-Cultural Bazaar: We will have a variety of food vendors, retail/craft vendors, games for children, bouncy castle, cake walk, silent/live auctions and yard sale. Fee to attend will be a free will offering in support of the Refugee Resettlement Fund.

Auction Items: We have a number of high-end items for our silent and live auction and are looking for a few more. Do you have anything to offer, like a weekend at a cottage, a sailboat ride, a dinner for 4-6, a delicious cake made to order, hours of yard work etc.? If so, **please contact Dale MacArthur or Thea Burton.**

Deadline to donate is May 30th.

Yard Sale items: As well, we will be receiving items for the yard sale the week of June 21st. Any household item in excellent condition is most appreciated. **Please contact Rev. Linda.**

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

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

Sunday, May 17 – Orders delivered

Sunday, May 24 – Orders submitted

Sunday, May 31 – 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

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.

Valley Regional Chaplaincy Program has been operating for over 30 years thanks to the community and church leaders who had the foresight for this program.

To be visited by the Chaplain, The Rev. Dr. Debra Orton, please ask your nurse or other healthcare worker to put in a consult. To contact Debra please call the main line 902-679-2657 ext. 3218. If she is not in the office, please leave a message on the answering machine. Thank you!



COMMUNITY ROOTS

Day Camp

Interested in Volunteering?

Where: at St. John's Anglican Church

When: July 6th – 10th

Who: Campers are aged 6-12 yrs old; volunteers are all ages (19+)

Community Roots creates a fun, faith-based experience for kids and builds connections in our community across the generations!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with welcome & registration; to provide & prepare healthy snacks for campers; to help with activities & field trips; and to offer leadership through a caring presence.

You can help for a few hours, ½ a day, 1 day, or all week!

All volunteers are required to show a Police Records Check and complete a short volunteer training session before camp.

To register as a volunteer, click the link on our website:

<https://www.stjohnsanglicanchurchwolfville.ca/>

STE. CROIX-ELLERSHOUSE PASTORAL CHARGE

MEMORIAL & CELEBRATION HYMN SING – 2026

Ste. Croix United Church is having its annual Memorial Hymn Sing Sunday May 31, 2026 at 2 pm.

We would love you to come and join us for an afternoon of music and fellowship – singing wonderful hymns in honour and celebration of loved ones. As always, we will be holding a reception afterward, providing some light refreshments and time to connect and share memories.

For information about how to dedicate a hymn in memory or dedication, please contact Bev Thompson bevcyf@gmail.com or 902-698-7015

