

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, Sept 20th, 2026 10am Worship Service

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:

Worship Leader.....Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte
Choir Director.....Thea Koenig-Burton
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Roger Bolt
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
 Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
Hospitality.....Mary Cormier, Rose Doucet, Ian Ford
 Pat Godfrey, Rebecca Godfrey, Polly Leonard
Greeters..... Arthur Bennett, Ian Godfrey
Tellers Nola Godding

Many thanks to all those who contributed to Worship Service at OVUC today!

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Sept 20th, 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/TsxiEpZw4tk?feature=share>

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

**Admin Office hours: Mon-Thurs, 8am-12noon (902-681-0366 ext. 1)
Rev. Linda: by appointment (450-522-3005)
~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~**

Sept 18	Fri	All day 8:30am	• OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast • <i>Fashion Fair at OVUC (details below)</i>
Sept 19	Sat	9am- 2:30pm 8pm	• One Day Women's Retreat at OVUC (details below) • Narcotics Anonymous
Sept 20	Sun	10am	• Sunday School • Worship Service
Sept 21	Mon	10:30am 6:30pm	• Spirit Yoga with Joy! • Christian Development meeting
Sept 23	Wed	1-3pm	• Centre 130
Sept 24	Thurs	10am 1pm 4pm 7pm	• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Refugee Committee meeting • Choir Rehearsal
Sept 25	Fri	All day 8:30am	• OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast
Sept 26	Sat	8pm	• Narcotics Anonymous

Sept 27	Sun	10am	• OVUC Worship Service to be held at Covenanter Church, Grand Pre – Orange Shirt Day!
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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!!

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!

Committee Chairs: September is here and many of our regular groups/events will start meeting regularly, again. Please confirm those with our Admin Assistant (via email, phone call, or visit), so we can make sure your meetings are accurate on our calendar! Many thanks 😊

Our OVUC Worship Service is moving to Covenanter Church on Sunday, September 27th! (No service at OVUC) Worship will begin at 10am with a 15-minute hymn sing.

Please consider wearing the colour orange for Orange Shirt Day. Lemonade and cookies will be offered after service.

Live stream will not be available during the 10am service due to connectivity challenges but the service will be on YouTube later in the day. All are welcome!

Outdoor bathroom facilities and a parking attendant will be on site!

Trivia Night at Orchard Valley United Church – Friday, Oct 2nd at 7pm. Open to all individuals and families. Come have some fun and test your knowledge. All for a good cause, the Refugee Resettlement project. (Freewill donation)

Autumn Canucopia Food Bank Drive – Orchard Valley is holding its Autumn Canucopia Food Bank Drive on **Saturday, October 3**, at **Atlantic Superstore** 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, Sept. 27. 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 Glooscap Breakfast Program team needs some new members. This Outreach project provides two people each morning for a week to make toast for students who come to the lunchroom. We provide this service from 7:15 - 8:15 a.m. 4 times each year. This project is a good match for earlybirds who like kids, particularly those who live on the north side of the Cornwallis River. Each volunteer would work 1-2 days per week depending on the number of volunteers that we have.

Women's Friday Morning Breakfast is back! Fridays at 8:30am – freewill offering.

CALLING ALL KIDS!

We are excited to welcome you back to Sunday school. All children and youth, new and returning, are invited to join us. We have an exciting new program this year!

Youth leader volunteers needed:

We are in need of volunteers to help out with youth programs to get things started up in September. At this time, we are looking for Sunday school help. We have a new curriculum but will need 2 volunteers each Sunday to provide the program. *The more help there is, the less we will each have to do.*

If you feel this is something you would be interested in, or you want more information, please speak to Cheryl Hill.

We are hoping to have more youth programs in place, soon, so may be looking for help at other times, as well.

Spirit Yoga Group has started! Mondays from **10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** A fee of \$3 to \$5 is recommended. Bring a yoga mat, block, strap, blanket/throw and water bottle. A reminder that if school is cancelled for some reason, this yoga practice is also cancelled. Hope to see you there!

Coffee Time: September is here! Coffee time is offered following the service. We would love to see you and welcome you to linger after Worship and catch up with each other!

Women's Clothing Sale Fundraiser: Friday, Sept 18th 10am-12pm

Is it time to clean out your closet and find something new? Find new to you treasures at low, low prices! All proceeds will go to the Refugee Resettlement Fund. ***We're putting the "fun" into fundraising.***

ONE-DAY WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026:

Rev. Dr Linda Marcotte is leading a one-day retreat on **Saturday, September 19th** at Orchard Valley United Church between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. with a soup and sandwich lunch included. It is hoped that being on a Saturday it will be better for our working-outside-of-the-home women. Looking for a minimum of eight participants to hold this event. The theme she has chosen is *'Made in the Image of God - Mind, Body and Spirit'*. Cost will be **\$25.00 and payable at the door**; but, registration in advance is desired for food and activity supplies. **Registration may be by emailing [donnamurphy22@hotmail](mailto:donnamurphy22@hotmail.com) or by calling Donna at 902.542.5411 and by Wednesday, September 16th** would be appreciated. All Women Welcome!

Also**** Please bring pictures of yourselves at different ages (as many as you like!) We will photocopy your original photos, here, so you can have those back and we will do something very creative with the copies!

Red Scarf Project - We are once again participating in the Red Scarf project led by AIDS NS. All red scarves should be completed by mid November to be delivered for the Dec. 1 display on the fence of the Public Gardens. 6" by 60" long in red. Please leave in the basket in the flex space.

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

Sunday, Sept 20 – Orders delivered

Sunday, Sept 27 – Orders submitted

Sunday, Oct 04 – 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.

Old Time Gospel Hymn Sing-Along!

All are welcome to attend ***our "Old Time Gospel Hymn Sing-along"*** on Wednesday, October 21st, 6:45PM at Wickwire Place Retirement Living Residence, 30 Wickwire Av., Wolfville. These are hymns you haven't sung since Sunday School and Church as a kid - but you know them all.

Pianist and leader is Nancy Denton-Pike. Singing starts at 7PM and ends at 8PM. Coffee, tea and treats are served.

This Sing-along happens on the third Wednesday of every month. If you have questions, please contact Scott Sweatman at 902-697-2212.



KINGS SENIORS' SAFETY SOCIETY PROUDLY PRESENTS

LIVING ALONE ACADEMY

LIVING ALONE is a four week program that will offer practical skills, emotional support and helpful information to assist the older adult experiencing major life transitions. The academy is designed to help you prepare for living on your own – either through divorce, separation or the death of a loved one.

Topics include:

Grief and Loss, Grief Library,

Valley Waste Management

Rightsizing your Home, Safe Meds

Tenancy Rights and Info, Falls Prevention

Seniors' Tool Box

The sessions will be held at

**Orchard Valley United Church, 130 Cornwallis St., New Minas
Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 9:30am to noon**

**The program is FREE but you must register by calling
Trishe Colman at (902)670-0725 by October 9th**

A light snack will be provided

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Connection Matters

Supporting people affected by dementia in their community

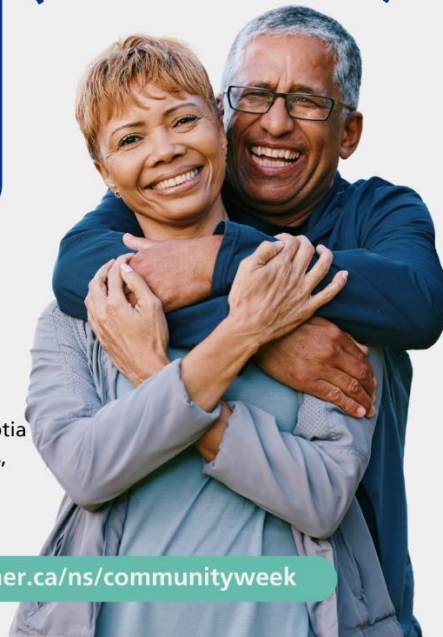
Thursday, September 24

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Presentations start at 10:15

Hantsport Baptist Church
Wellwood Community Hall
6 Willow Street, Hantsport

Free Community Event!



Join us to:

- Attend education presentations from:
 - Allison Sanford & Karen Bennett - Continuing Care
 - Rodney Hanks - Scams and Fraud
- Meet local service providers and learn about the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia
- Connect with others, enjoy refreshments, and build community

Register today! Visit alzheimer.ca/ns/communityweek

1-800-611-6345

alzheimer@asns.ca

[@alzheimerns](https://www.facebook.com/alzheimerns)

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Caregiver Education Series

Hantsport

Thursdays

from October 1 to November 5

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Hantsport Baptist Church

A series for family members and care partners of people recently diagnosed with dementia.

Participants learn about the symptoms of dementia, coping strategies, future planning issues, and available community resources.

Registration is required.

Please call 1-800-611-6345

www.alzheimer.ca/ns/ces

Invitation from Coldbrook Baptist Church: 50 Years of Faithfulness – an invitation to neighboring Churches.

Attendance requires an RSVP to join them on Saturday, October 3rd and/or Sunday, October 4th at Coldbrook Baptist Church – 1392 South Bishop Road. Please email the OVUC Admin office for details.



Called TO SERVE LIVE

Come hear from a panel of ordained Baptist women and discover more about women in ministry in Atlantic Canada.

SEPT 21 WOLFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPT 22 NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES, DARTMOUTH

SEPT 23 THE JOURNEY CHURCH, MONCTON

SEPT 24 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHARLOTTETOWN

All events are at 7:00PM. Learn more at

CALLEDTOSERVE.CA

Called to Serve, a project of Acadia Divinity College, is going on tour near you!

On **Monday, Sept 21st at 7 PM** we will be hosting discussions with a panel of women in ministry and sharing the research findings of our project at **Wolfville Baptist Church in Wolfville, NS**. We also have events taking place in Halifax area, Moncton, and Charlottetown, as well as an online event on Saturday, October 3rd for those who can't make it in person.

All our tour locations and more details are available here:

<https://calledtoserve.ca/the-tour/>