

Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, Oct 18th, 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
Youth Ministry..... Susan Rigby
Accompanist..... Carmen Peng
Anthem..... Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings..... Christina MacDonald
Mission & Service..... Shelley Moore-Dunfield
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
Hospitality.....Linda Barkhouse, Linda Draper
Taunya Kinnie-Sheffield
Tellers..... Irvin Nicholson

**Special thank you to Hennigars for pumpkins, gourds,
sunflowers and apples to decorate the Church. Please
support local farmers and food producers!**

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

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Oct 18th, 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/qCTFXA2_rFA?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~

Oct 16	Fri	All day 8:30am 5pm-7pm	• OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast • <i>Friday Engagement Night! (please see details below) Supper and Activities!</i>
Oct 17	Sat	8pm	• Narcotics Anonymous
Oct 18	Sun	10am 11:15am	• Sunday School and Worship Service • Congregational Meeting to follow Worship (<i>you are asked to please help yourselves to refreshments and return to your chairs in the Sanctuary</i>)
Oct 19	Mon		• No Spirit Yoga today
Oct 20	Tues	2pm	• Prayer Shawl
Oct 21	Wed	9:30am - 12pm 1-3pm	• Living Alone Academy – for those who registered with King's Seniors Safety • Centre 130
Oct 22	Thurs	10am	• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group

		1pm 7pm	• Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Oct 23	Fri	All day 8:30am	• OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast
Oct 24	Sat	8pm	• Narcotics Anonymous
Oct 25	Sun	10am	• Sunday School and Worship Service

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!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 18th, 2026, after the Worship Service. We encourage you to get your refreshments and return to your seats for the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Profile Committee to present the Profile document to the Congregation for approval. If approved, the meeting will then include striking a Search Committee and the selection of Search Committee members.

Paper copies of report are available in the foyer of the Church.

First Friday Family Engagement Night for Fall 2026 – Come one, come all! Intergenerational gathering for a delicious Spaghetti Supper with garlic bread & salad **at 5pm** with activities after supper (activities end at 7pm) Free will offering. We gratefully welcome anyone willing to help in the kitchen. If you can attend or help, please email Youth Leader, Susan Rigby:

youthleader@orchardvalleyunited.ca so we have some idea of how many to prepare for! (see original email for the letter from Susan and even more details of this event and program)

Christmas Yule Log Centrepiece - Fundraiser for the Refugee Resettlement.

Come and enjoy making a Christmas Yule Log Centrepiece at OVUC on Saturday, November 28 @ 3pm. The price is \$25.00 and is led by Beth Bleasdale. All supplies are included, but if you can bring a glue gun and/or a staple gun, that would be greatly appreciated. Two candles are included in the price, but more are available at \$1.50 a piece.



Kids are welcome too! Susan Rigby will lead the kids in making a Christmas craft for a free will offering.

Then, if you're hungry and don't feel like cooking, stay for a dinner of cider stew and spaghetti supplied by Susan and the youth group (this is, also, a free-will offering).

Space is limited, so please sign the sign-up sheet in the lobby or contact Rachel in the office by November 15th.

Christmas Hamper Program

Supporting Others in our Community at Christmas

Orchard Valley United Church, as part of our Outreach mission, will be providing Christmas Hampers to 50 families in the Kentville/New Minas/Port Williams area. OVUC also contributes to the Wolfville and Canning campaigns.

Please support this important program with monetary donations. Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00 by December 1. We can do it with your help.

Donations can be put in the specially marked envelopes at the back of the church or by using your offering envelope where you indicate the donation to the Hamper program, or mail or drop off a donation.

Cheques should be made payable to OVUC and must note Christmas Hamper Program. ***E-transfers:*** treasurer@orchardvalleyunited.ca (please note Christmas Hamper Program in the memo/message area).

If you have questions, please speak to Andrea Purvis or Pam Wilson.

Thank you for your kind generosity!



GARDENING: Got some mums and you don't know what to do with them, especially if you live in an apartment or have no garden space? Consider donating them to the Landscape Committee at OVUC to put in the garden by the sign at the road. They can be planted in the garden and sometimes come up the following year.

There will be bulbs planted there shortly but putting some mums there until frost would brighten it up.

COMPOST: We are also going to start a compost bin in the back to be used for gardens in the future. So, if you'd like to contribute to this compost bin such as keeping your coffee grounds, tea bags, veggie peels, banana peels, apple cores and other green materials please contact Annette Wray at agwrayfam@gmail.com for any questions you may have. Thanks!

Orchard Valley Book Club:

Our next meeting is Nov 7 at 9:30 a.m. We have selected “By Any Other Name” by Jodi Picoult.

Two women, centuries apart—one a contemporary of Shakespeare—are both forced to hide behind another name. This story centers two women determined to create something beautiful despite the prejudices they face. Should a writer sacrifice her identity to see her story live on. 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!

Volunteer Pianist Needed: If you play the piano and enjoy visiting with seniors, please consider helping with Orchard Valley's worship services at 4 local seniors' residences. Worship services are once a month at each location and fall on either a Wednesday or Thursday morning. Each worship is only a half-hour and usually involves just 4 to 5 well-known hymns. Music provided. You would be joining 3 other pianists already committed to helping. If interested or you need more information, please contact Andy Pitter (andriel_p@yahoo.ca or 902-542-1545).

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.

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, Oct 18 – Orders delivered

Sunday, Oct 25 – Orders submitted

Sunday, Nov 01 – 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”.

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.

Christmas With Friends Concert - Featuring Rachel MacLean and special guests, **The Ennis Sisters** (*Much loved Juno Award winning trio from Newfoundland*)

When: Sunday, November 29th, 2026, at 7pm

Where: Acadia University Hall, Wolfville

Tickets: \$40 (tax included) - available at the Acadia Box Office (902) 542-5500 / (800)542-8425 or online: acadiau.universitytickets.com

*****For those from OVUC inquiring about tickets, Rachel is happy to offer a special “Friends rate”. Please reach out to her to place your order! *****

Old Time Gospel Hymn Sing-Along!

All are welcome to attend *our “Old Time Gospel Hymn Sing-along”* 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-Peck. 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.

A photograph of a young man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a blue and white checkered shirt, supporting an elderly man with white hair and a beard, wearing a dark blue shirt. They are outdoors with green foliage in the background.

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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

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