

Orchard Valley United Church

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

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Announcements for Sunday, Nov 1st, 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.....Rev. Thelma MacDonald
Mission & Service..... Sheila Francis
Live Stream Team..... Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
 Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
Hospitality..... Heather Bishop, Carol Dewar
 Sarah MacKinnon, Andrea Purvis
Tellers..... Irvin Nicholson, Jeen Rees
Greeters..... Joy Waterbury

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, Nov 1st, 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/_jnV6Eij-6w?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) currently on vacation

Youth Leader email: youthleader@orchardvalleyunited.ca

~All Church offices are closed on Fridays~

Oct 30	Fri	All day 8:30am 5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast • <i>Family Engagement Night! Supper at 5pm, games and social time, home at 7pm.</i>
Oct 31	Sat	8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narcotics Anonymous
Nov 01	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School and Worship Service
Nov 02	Mon	10:30am 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Yoga • Centre 130 Meeting
Nov 03	Tues	4pm 6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Committee meeting • Christian Development Committee meeting

Nov 04	Wed	9:30am - 12pm 1-3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Alone Academy • Centre 130
Nov 05	Thurs	10am 1pm 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Nov 06	Fri	All day 8:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast
Nov 07	Sat	9:30am 8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVUC Book Club meeting • Narcotics Anonymous
Nov 08	Sun	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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!

Do you have a happy, heartwarming or meaningful story from a past Christmas that you would like to share? The Advent newsletter will be published on the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29) and the Communications Committee is looking for an **Advent/Christmas-related story**. It 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. The absolute deadline is Nov. 15 but earlier than that would be much appreciated.

Comfort/Care Shawls (formerly Prayer Shawls) will be blessed this Sunday. Please consider passing a Shawl on to someone who may need a little extra care, or for a happy time! Please place a note in the book to say who and why the Shawl was given.

A few of the positive responses from those who have received a comfort/care shawl: "feels like a warm hug", "It makes me feel cared for", "I can feel the love every time I put it around my shoulders", etc.

OVUC MEN'S GROUP - GUY'S CANS FUNDRAISER

A reminder the deadline to return your Guy's Can or make a donation is Sunday, November 29, 2026.

Please ensure your name and envelope number is on the can label in order to receive a tax receipt.

You may also place an envelope in the Church offering plate or mail it to Orchard Valley United Church to the attention of:

***Bill Simpson, Treasurer of the Men's Group
130 Cornwallis Avenue, New Minas, NS, B4N 3M7.***

Your envelope or donation is to be highlighted to the OVUC Men's Group Guys Can project.

Thank You for your support.

OVUC Men's Group

SIGN UP SHEETS:

Most of you will have noticed the sign-up sheets in the Church foyer. We need **Scripture Readers** to add to the yearly rotation (please choose your date from those available) and **Sunday Morning Greeters**. There is also a sign-up sheet for those who would like to make a beautiful **Christmas Yule Log Centrepiece** (see details below).

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, please stay for a dinner of cider stew, provided by Women's Breakfast Group, 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.

Singers Needed: If you like to sing 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; volunteers do not necessarily need to go to all locations. Music provided. If interested or you need more information, please contact Andy Pitter (**andriel_p@yahoo.ca** or **902-542-1545**).

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!

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, Nov 01 – Orders delivered

Sunday, Nov 08 – Orders submitted

Sunday, Nov 15 – 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/UCFW4VOpk_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.



Please join us all for a wonderful time with a great variety of musical offerings!

Proceeds go to the Berwick United Church's social action work.

Thunder and Lightning: For a musical treat, enjoy a joint orchestral concert at Acadia's Festival Theatre Wednesday Nov. 4th at 7:30pm. Roger Taylor (director and composer) and Dr. Tristan De Borba (director and Bari Sax soloist) join forces with their orchestras to present a tasty program of seasonal music. Free will offering.



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 wanting tickets, Rachel is happy to offer the special "Friends price" of \$35. Please see her to place your order! ****

Landscape of Grand Pré Incorporated (LGPI) is the not-for-profit organization responsible for protecting and preserving the World Heritage Site, and for deepening public awareness and appreciation of its history.

LGPI is ***seeking an Executive Director*** to lead the organization into its next chapter and build on the strong foundations already in place.

If you or someone you know may be interested in finding out more about this exciting career opportunity, please reach out to our Admin Office and Rachel will be happy to forward the information to you via email OR follow this link:

<https://www.harboursideexecutivesearch.ca/grand-pre>