Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, Nov 15th, 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…….. Gary Dunfield
Choir Director……..Thea Koenig-Burton
Youth Ministry……. Susan Rigby
Accompanist…….. Carmen Peng
Anthem…….. Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Scripture Readings…….. Sylvia Jacquard
Mission & Service…….. Shelley Moore-Dunfield
Live Stream Team…….. Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
Hospitality…….. Anne Clattenburg, Sheila Francis
Jan Porter, Peggy Smith
Tellers……. Roslyn Carver, Gail Gordon
Greeters…….. Arthur Bennett

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

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Nov 15th, 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/25zC39tqsYI?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~
For urgent Pastoral Care concerns, please contact Joy Waterbury (902)670-7225 or OVUC Admin (902)681-0366 ext 1 and we will have a member of our "on-call" clergy reach out to you.

Nov 13	***Fri***	***All day*** ***8:30am*** ***5pm***	• OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast • Family Engagement Night (details below)
Nov 14	***Sat***	***All day*** ***4:30pm*** ***8pm***	• Private Group Event (Church and parking lot will be in use all day) • Celebration of Life – Mark Miles • Narcotics Anonymous
Nov 15	***Sun***	***10am***	• **Sunday School and Worship Service** • Final day to leave red scarves
Nov 16	***Mon***	***10:30am***	• Spirit Yoga

Nov 17	***Tues***	***10am*** ***2pm***	• Covenanter Committee meeting • Prayer Shawl
Nov 19	***Thurs***	***10am*** ***1pm*** ***7pm***	• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Nov 20	***Fri***	***All day*** ***8:30am***	• OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast
Nov 21	***Sat***	***2pm*** ***8pm***	• Celebration of Life – Scott Sweatman • Narcotics Anonymous
Nov 22	***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**

Offering: Our offering is an act of worship. Rather than passing collection plates to the congregation during the service, you will find the offering plates placed at the Sanctuary doors as you arrive or leave. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OVUC's ongoing ministries.

OVUC spaces: A gentle reminder that the rooms within OVUC are common spaces, so please leave any room you use the way you found it. Our hard-working Custodian and all the groups and individuals who use the Church greatly appreciate it!

The Congregational Life Committee is looking for those interested in being on a Coffee Time Kitchen team!

Coffee time is an *important outreach and fellowship time* at Orchard Valley. Being on a team means preparing the tea and coffee, providing some type of finger food and cleanup after. It is also a great way to get to know others and make new friends. Please contact Heather Hennigar (902)670-6761.

Road Trip For

Vinyl Favourites of the 60's & 70's

on Saturday, April 24, 2027 - 2:00 p.m.

with Jim Witter and

Symphony Nova Scotia conducted by Greg Burton

Rebecca Cohn Auditorium in Halifax

$105.00 per person

If you are interested in this performance and travel, as a group by coach, the cost is $105 (provided all coach seats are sold) per person for transportation and the show.

Registration/Payment is necessary ***now*** to secure the theatre tickets and the charter bus with down payments. On April 24, 2027, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Orchard Valley United Church to depart at 10:30 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. The trip includes a stop for

lunch at May Garden Chinese Restaurant in Bedford (see https://maygarden.ca/); but, this meal is NOT included in the trip fee.

We are limited to 56 people (number of seats on the coach) and payment is needed to reserve your spot (first come first serve). We do need a good percentage of the seats filled to make this trip happen.

Registration will be offered to OVUC for three weeks before opening it to others outside the congregation. That opportunity will be following church services on November 8th, 15th and 22nd or left at the church office marked "Rebecca Cohn Trip 2027" and with "your name(s)". If all seats are taken, a 'Wait List' will be started. For more information, please contact Gail Gordon, Joy Waterbury or Donna Murphy.

Orchard Valley Book Club

Our next meeting is Dec 12 at 9:30 a.m.

We have selected "Washington Black" by Esi Edugyan.

Washington Black is an eleven-year-old slave whose master's eccentric brother chooses as his manservant. Christopher Wilde is a naturalist, explorer, scientist, inventor, and abolitionist. He sees Washington as human and teaches him to embrace a life of dignity and meaning. But when a man is killed and a bounty is placed on Wash's head, they flee together. Washington Black is a story of friendship and betrayal, love and redemption, of a world destroyed and made whole again--and asks the question, what is true freedom?

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!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT DATES

Friday, November 13 - Supper at 5, Thea will have a drama and chimes workshop to prepare young people for Christmas. For those not joining this activity there will be something else to do for children under 8 years old (TBA). Home at 7.

Saturday, November 28 - Starts at 3. This is a special day. Combined with a Refugee Settlement Fundraiser, we will get together from 3 until 7. From 3-5 will be Yule Log crafts for adults (see sign up sheet in foyer, fee $25) and Susan will have a special Christmas ornament craft for the children (free, or free-will offering). Supper is at 5 with plenty of time for socializing.

Friday, December 11 - Supper at 5, socializing and dress rehearsal for our White Gift Service on Sunday, December 13. Home at 7.

YOUTH GROUP - GRADES 7-12

Friday, December 18 - Activity TBA - with a special supper made by ?? 😎 5-7.

Let Susan know when you're available to volunteer! Again, many hands make light work.

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. Deadline is this SUNDAY, Nov 15th.

Palestinian Olive Oil -- Please consider buying a 750ml bottle of fair trade olive oil from Palestine for $35. A bottle of oil would make a unique Christmas gift and buying a bottle also supports Palestinian livelihoods. Olive trees have grown in the area for thousands of years, and olive oil is one of the few things Palestinians can export. The fair trade olive oil is available thanks, in part, to our region's Just Peace working group. Andy Pitter will have the oil available after worship in November along with information from Just Peace. For more info or to reserve a bottle, contact her at andriel_p@yahoo.ca or 902-542-1545.

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

Daring to Be Just during Advent: Join continuing ed student Andy Pitter in learning what it might mean to be more socially responsible regarding certain Advent traditions. This adult study will be on three

Wednesdays--December 2, 9, and 16--at 2:00pm at Orchard Valley's building. Each session will focus on a different social issue:

exoticism, shadism, and supersessionism. Registration not necessary but would help with preparations. To register or find out more, please contact Andy (andriel_p@yahoo.ca; 902-542-1545).

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.

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!

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

Sunday, Nov 15 – Orders delivered

Sunday, Nov 22 – Orders submitted

Sunday, Nov 29 – 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.

A Conversation about Life Under Apartheid: Harbour United Church, Halifax, is hosting two Palestinian speakers on **Sunday, Nov 15**. Dr. Kholoud Al-Ajarma will be speaking during the **10:30 am** worship. She is a Palestinian anthropologist, filmmaker, and refugee rights advocate, currently serving as Lecturer in the Globalised Muslim World at the University of Edinburgh. Following the worship and a light lunch, Dr Ahlam Rahal, Assistant Professor at Acadia University, will speak, and both women will engage in a Q&A.

CONDUIT CHAMBER CHOIR with Artistic Director, Andrew Cranston, presents, "Weep no More" – a concert about grief, remembrance, resurrection and peace.
Sunday, Nov 22 at 7:30pm
Orchard Valley United Church. Tickets are $20. (for more details, please see Thea Koenig-Burton).
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