Orchard Valley United Church

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Announcements for Sunday, Nov 22nd, 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. Thelma MacDonald
Choir Director……..Thea Koenig-Burton
Youth Ministry…… Susan Rigby
Accompanist…….. Carmen Peng
Special Music…… David and Adalynn Murphy
Scripture Readings…….. Shelley Moore-Dunfield
Mission & Service…….. Shelley Moore-Dunfield
Live Stream Team…….. Mary Cormier, Gary Dunfield
Sylvia Jacquard, Andrea Purvis, Gordon Wray
Hospitality…… Carollee Day, Sheila Fisher
Brenda Parker, Pam Petrie
Tellers…….. Gail Gordon, Irvin Nicholson
Greeters…….. Linda Barkhouse, Linda Swindells

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

Live-Streamed Worship on Sunday, Nov 22nd, 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/8TRzqr9RR5g?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 20	***Fri***	***All day*** ***8:30am*** ***5pm-6:30pm***	• OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast • Family Engagement Night (details below)
Nov 21	***Sat***	***2pm*** ***8pm***	• Celebration of Life – Scott Sweatman • Narcotics Anonymous
Nov 22	***Sun***	***10am*** ***7pm***	• **Sunday School and Worship Service** • Conduit Choir Concert at OVUC!
Nov 23	***Mon***	***10:30am***	• Spirit Yoga
Nov 24	***Tues***	***7pm***	• Steeple Strummers
Nov 25	***Wed***	***11am***	• Centre 130 – Open Arms Lunch and Learn meeting

Nov 26	***Thurs***	***10am*** ***1pm*** ***7pm***	• Hope New Minas Al-Anon Family Group • Games Social • Choir Rehearsal
Nov 27	***Fri***	***All day*** ***8:30am***	• OVUC Offices closed • Women's Breakfast
Nov 28	***Sat***	***3pm –*** ***7pm*** ***8pm***	• Advent Yule log Centrepiece/ Potluck/Family Engagement Group! • Narcotics Anonymous
Nov 29	***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.

Christmas Tea Collective: Special guests, "Kings Kikima Grannies"!

10am on Wednesday, December 16th at OVUC! Learn all about the history of how this group began and the important work they have done to support children and their grandmothers in Kikima, Kenya. There will be a jewellery sale, so please come prepared with $ if you would like to make a purchase and support this wonderful cause. (If you have jewellery to donate, please bring it along!)

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 Nov 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 Engagement Nights are here to stay and are new and improved! We will meet every Friday night now, to do an activity and to eat a meal together. Please invite a friend(s).

Friday Engagement Nights are ***Intergenerational!!***
ALL AGES, WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN, YOU ARE WELCOME!
Friday nights will be from 5-6:30, with the activities starting at 5 pm sharp, supper to follow.

Please put these dates on your calendar:

Friday, November 20

- The play, "Michael Mouse" practice, for White Gift Sunday
- Chimes
- For those not taking part in the play, there will be an alternate activity to enjoy for 30 minutes.
- Supper and socializing

Saturday, November 28 – ADVENT CRAFTS AND SUPPER – 3 to 7 pm

- Instead of Friday night this week, we will be joining the Refugee Committee for an Advent Crafts Fundraiser.
- Adults will create their own candle center piece for $25, sign-up sheet is in the lobby
- Children and youth of all ages are invited to create a Christmas ornament (free will offering)
- *After crafts are cider stew, spaghetti, garlic bread and salad (also free will offering)*

Friday, December 4

- The play, "Michael Mouse" practice, for White Gift Sunday
- Chimes
- For those not taking part in the play, there will be an alternate activity to enjoy for 30 minutes.
- Supper and socializing

Friday, December 11

- Dress rehearsal for White Gift Sunday's play, "Michael Mouse"
- For those not taking part in the play, there will be an alternate activity to enjoy for 30 minutes.
- Supper and Socializing 😊

Friday, December 18

- Gift wrapping and card signing for Chrysalis House
- Supper and socializing 😊

After supper, the Youth Group, from Grades 7-12, activity TBA

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Family Engagement Night will resume on Friday, January 8, 2027

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.

OVUC MEN'S GROUP FUNDSCRIP PROGRAM

A sincere thank you to our valued supporters over the past number of years!

It is the most wonderful time of the year, and we wanted to remind everyone that gift cards make excellent Christmas gifts. In that regard, the last date to place an order before *Christmas will be Sunday, December 13, 2026 (for delivery by Sunday, December 20).*

We would also like to remind you that our men's group helper elves will be taking a break from Fundscrip over the holidays. *After December 13, the next opportunity to order will be Sunday, January 3, 2027.* Don't forget to stock up on grocery and gas cards, as well as shopping cards for Boxing Day bargains.

Don't delay, place your order today! To obtain a form and place an order, please contact : Tim Warmington, Perry Warmington, Ian Godfrey, or Cecil White.

If you would like to order online without waiting for Sunday, or to order virtual cards which are often ready for use the next business day, you can do so at https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/DKWPQ4 to sign up and direct your support to our Fundscrip program. If you are curious about the website or have questions, please get in touch with Tim. This option is available 24/7/365!

The men's group is proud to administer this fundraising effort to support the good works of OVUC. Again, thank you very much for your strong support!

Men's Group Fundscrip Orders:

Sunday, Nov 22 – Orders submitted

Sunday, Nov 29 – Orders delivered

Sunday, Dec 06 – Orders submitted

Please contact one of the following men for an order form - Cecil White, Tim Warmington & Ian Godfrey

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).

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!

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).

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.

CONDUIT CHAMBER CHOIR with Artistic Director, Andrew Cranston, presents, "Weep no More" – a concert about grief, remembrance, resurrection and peace.
When: Sunday, Nov 22 at 7:30pm
Where: Orchard Valley United Church.
Tickets: $20 (available at the door)
For more details, please see Thea Koenig-Burton.
Facebook.com/ConduitChoir / info@conduitChoir.ca

Kings Kikima Grannies – Holiday Treasures Sale!

Saturday, November 28th 9am-2pm, Wolfville Lions Hall

“Jewelry *Christmas Ornaments and Décor*
*Silent Auction * Good as New Table*
*Plants *Puzzles* and more! *(Cash, Debit/Credit or E-transfer)*

Thank you for your Support