

Church Events:

Advent workshop: Join us today following the service for our annual advent workshop. This is a fun time with activities for all ages from crafts and cookie decorating to making cards for the nursing home and making wreaths. Lunch will be served with a free-will offering. Devotional materials will be available and you can order a poinsettia as well.

1. **Coffee & Conversation!** Every **Thursday at 10 a.m.** anyone who feels like a cup of coffee and conversation is most welcome to join us.
2. **Youth Group** – Join us for crafts, activities and a hot lunch at the Advent Workshop after service today! No Youth Group tonight. **Sun. Dec. 10** No youth group tonight. **Dec. 17** 6:30pm Christmas Party!
3. **KIDS Music Sunday** – on Sunday **December 24th** at 4pm. Bring your favorite Christmas song to share during this fun and exciting service. Please let Christianne know if you are planning to perform. (christianne.rushton@acadi.au.ca)
4. The Church family is alerted by the 150th Anniversary Committee, that a **New Year's Levee** is planned for **New Year's Day, 10:00-12:00** in Lockwood Hall. This will be the Kick Off celebrating our special Anniversary. Informal, great food, sign unveiling and more... Mark your calendar.
5. Calling all young adults (ages 18 to early 30s): Come to the **Agora Café on Thursday evenings, 6-8pm beginning January 11th, 2018** at Port Williams United Baptist Church. Join us for a warm beverage on these cold winter evenings and some light café-style snacks. We offer a safe place to learn and ask questions. The café will begin with a series looking at who Jesus was in the Bible and who he is for us today. Suggestions welcome for future topics. For further information or to coordinate transportation to and from Port Williams, please contact Susan at susandemont@acadi.au.ca.

Community Events:

1. **Celebration Under the Stars – Sun, Dec 3, 6:30 pm** at Kentville United Baptist Church (503 Main St.) An evening of music by the church family for the whole family. Christmas concert featuring singing from people of all ages! Freewill offering, cake to follow.
2. **The Miriam Ross WMS** will meet at Wickwire Place on Tuesday, **December 5th** at 7 pm. JOAN CHURCHILL will present a special Christmas program. Everyone is invited to attend this special event.
3. **OVUC Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, December 5** - A choice of Sausage & Squash Soup or Creamy Cabbage Soup, homemade biscuits and rolls, tea/coffee, and Gingerbread with Lemon Sauce for dessert, for \$8.00 per person. Lunch is served from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. Take-outs/delivery, by calling 902-681-0366, ext 1 by Dec 4th.

4. Orchard Valley United **Christmas Coffee Party**, Bake & Craft Sale, hosted by OV-UCW – Saturday, **December 9**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Free will donation. Come and enjoy the fellowship and do some “Christmas Shopping”. Orchard Valley UC is located at the foot of Cornwallis Avenue (across from the entrance to County Fair Mall) in New Minas. For information, contact Jean Millett – 902-681-0043.
5. Join the Annapolis Valley Honour Choir’s “**On This Winter’s Night With You – An East Coast Christmas**”. With local guest artists, Sarah Pound and Mike Butler at Horton High School **on Dec. 9th** (2:00 and 7:00pm). Tickets at www.ticketpro.ca.
6. **Wassail! Medieval, folk, and traditional songs for Christmas. Saturday Dec.9** 7:30pm, Manning Memorial Chapel - A concert for the Christmas season unlike any other. The outstanding 25-voice Manning Chapel Choir directed by John Scott, joined by the high energy Folk/Trad duo Pennybrook (Jude Pelley and Charlie Wilson), acclaimed harpist Ellen Gibing, and Nova Scotia’s own virtuoso Nykelharpa player, Kirsty Money. Wassails from the British Isles, traditional Nordic winter songs, haunting medieval carols, and glorious choral music for women’s voices. Suggested donation of \$10.
7. The Port Williams & District Lions Club will provide **Christmas Baskets** for a complete Christmas dinner **to those in need** in their area. If you know of anyone eligible, please call 679.9160 by Dec 20.
8. **Longest Night Service** – On Wednesday, **December 20**, at 7:00 pm, Orchard Valley United Church will hold a Longest Night service. It will be a service of music, candle lighting and comfort during this overly busy and sometimes frantic time of the year. All are welcome. Orchard Valley UC is located at the foot of Cornwallis Avenue (across from the entrance to County Fair Mall) in New Minas
9. The Covenanter Church in Grand Pré will once again be the scene of a very special **11:00 pm Christmas Eve service** on Sunday, **December 24**. A quiet, contemplative service, filled with familiar scripture passages, favourite poems, traditional carols, special music. There will not be a sermon. Rev. Tim McFarland will lead the service. All are welcome.

Please Note:

1. The WAICC is asking for our help with the **Christmas Hamper** programme. They are anticipating the need for **160 hampers**. We have been asked to **contribute cans of cranberries and packets of stuffing mix** by **December 14th**. They would also welcome cheques payable to Wolfville Inter Church Council and marked “Christmas Hampers” to put toward the cost of turkeys.

2. On behalf of the officers of the Eastern Valley Baptist Association I want to say "thank you" to our Port Williams church for the \$1,625.00 that has been contributed from our 2017 church budget to the EVBA; and an additional "THANK YOU" to those who attended the November 29th Church Business Meeting and authorized the sending of an additional \$500.00 to help the Association provide promised income for two part-time nursing home Chaplains and for the operation of Kingswood Camp. The address for the Eastern Valley Baptist Association is Box 56, Kentville, NS B4N 3V9 should you choose to personally help fund the Association's primary ministries of Chaplaincy and Kingswood Camp. Such gifts will be recognized with an official receipt. - - Ron Baxter, EVBA Clerk

3. **MISSION and OUTREACH:** December 1st was World Aids Day. HIV continues to be a major global public health issue. In 2016, one million people died from HIV related causes. Guardians of Hope (GOH) is CBM's strategic response for the HIV and AIDS pandemic. GOH provides safe places, resources and training for those affected by HIV and AIDS. Please pray for all those affected by HIV and AIDS and for those who minister to them through GOH.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today Dec. 3	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Show up and SING! Sunday Worship Service Advent Workshop
Monday	8:30 a.m. – 12:30	Church Office Open
Tuesday	10:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Playgroup CABF Credentials Committee
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00 a.m. 12:30 – 4:00p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Coffee Time Office Open Choir Practice
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday Dec. 10	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Show up and SING! Sunday Worship Service Adult Sunday School