

## Life in the community...

**Summer Sounds @ Barrington** Concert Series 2012: *St. Matthew's United Church*, Barrington at Spring Garden, Halifax. For more info call 423-9209 August 16: Karen Myatt & Trio. Suggested Donation: \$5.00

**The GC website** offers a variety of mobile and desktop friendly options to follow the proceedings of the *41st General Council* which meets at Carleton University, August 11-18, 2012. [www.GC41.ca](http://www.GC41.ca)

**Annual Mission Breakfast fund-raiser.** This year we'd like to fill 3 tables (a table seats 10) for the annual *Brunswick Street Mission Breakfast*, Oct 18, 7-9 am. \$100 (@ \$75 tax receipt). They want to sell 100 tables and raise \$100,000 for the work of OUR United Church Mission. Keynote Speaker is *Theo Fleury* (NHL All Star, Stanley Cup Winner, Olympic Gold Medalist). Plan on being there this year for a great cause.

### **Sahel Relief**

The United Church of Canada welcomes the federal government's decision of August 7 to provide matching funds in support of humanitarian organizations delivering assistance to people in Africa's Sahel region, where a lingering food security crisis threatens the lives of millions. The government will now match dollar-for-dollar donations Canadians make to charities of their choice.

\* Donate: The United Church welcomes donations for Sahel relief.

If they are received between August 7 and September 30 (inclusive), they can be matched by the federal government.

With the Canadian government matching donations, your contribution will go twice as far. Donations can be made:

\* Online via our secure donation page.

\* Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2026 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

\* Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada  
Philanthropy Unit-Sahel Relief  
3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 300  
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to note "Sahel Relief" on the face of your cheque.

# FORT MASSEY CHURCH

~ where life and faith meet ~

*Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871*

**The Name:** The unique name of Fort Massey Church recalls the early years of the garrison town when there was a blockhouse on the site. The fort was named after *General Eyre Massey* who was commander-in-chief at Halifax from 1776-1780.

**The Building:** From the *Halifax Reporter*, 1871: "The interior ... has almost a cathedral appearance. In form and style there is nothing like it in Nova Scotia." From the *Canadian Illustrated News*, 1873: "...one of the most handsome specimens of Gothic architecture to be met in the Dominion." Opened in 1871, the Scottish architect, *David Stirling*, made skillful use of Gothic designs with more than a dozen window shapes and sizes and numerous versions of decorative window tracery. Inside there are richly-carved ceiling braces supported by hammer-beams, ornamental kings' heads and bands of trefoil arches punctuated by protruding, small winged creatures which gaze down into the nave below. The church hall with gymnasium was added in 1898, and is used by numerous community groups and agencies.

**The Organ:** The three manual Casavant organ, installed in 1913, was played by television's first lady of the organ, *Diane Bish* (Joy of Music) to a full house. In October the local chapter of the *Royal Canadian College of Organists* (RCCO) brings together organists and musical guests for an evening of frighteningly fine music at the popular *Phantoms of the Pipes* concert!

**The People:** Fort Massey, along with many other Presbyterian churches, joined the Methodists and Congregationalists in the union of The United Church of Canada in 1925. Over the years many notable Haligonians worshipped at Fort Massey including *Lucy Maud Montgomery* (author of *Anne of Green Gables*) and *Anna Leonowens* (*Governess to the King of Siam's children*). Today, the congregation consists of long-time 'southenders'; students, seniors, and residents from neighbouring buildings; as well as people from throughout the HRM. We strive to be a welcoming oasis in the midst of city living.

## *A Congregation of The United Church of Canada*

T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister  
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Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons

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