

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 23: *Marcel D'Entremont* – tenor; *Jennifer King*, piano
August 30: *Helen Tucker*, organ
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 met at Carleton University, August 11-18. www.GC41.ca

Attn: Students - Garage Sale! Outfit your dorm room or apartment with a wide selection of used kitchen utensils, dishes, linens, small appliances, clothing, etc. First Baptist Church Halifax, 1300 Oxford Street (near South St.), Sat., Sept. 8, 9am - 12 noon, inside, rain or shine!

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 skilful 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
Pierre Perron, Music Director
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons

Robert Bossler, Student Minister
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Ruth MacKenzie, Steward
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

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19th August 2012

12th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION

The bell is sounded three times

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

The candle is lit

*OPENING HYMN

*OPENING SENTENCES

*OPENING PRAYER

*THE PEACE *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*
You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

A STORY FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

OFFERING Offertory Music

*DOXOLOGY VU 541
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all
creatures high and low; Give thanks to God in love made
known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Amen.

SILENCE

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS "The Lord's Prayer" VU 921

*HYMN

READING(S)

CONTEMPORARY WORD - Robert Bossler, Student Minister

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A New Creed VU 918

*CLOSING HYMN

*BLESSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

Life @ the fort...

Welcome to *Fort Massey by~the~sea*. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday Gathering. This is our community time to focus on the *spirit* we call God, seen in everyone and everything. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Please join us after our Gathering in the lower hall for **lemonade and conversation**.

The world is our home. Check out the map in the front porch. Visitors are invited to pin the spot they call home; and Fort Massey folk are welcome to pin on the map the places they have visited this summer.

Coffee & Conversation, Wednesday mornings @ 10:30. Join us in the Church Parlour.

A Confirmation Class for our youth will be held one Sunday a month (10:45-11:30 am). Start-up date TBA. Leader: *Robert Bossler*

Sunday Church School & Nursery start up again on September 9th.

Returning this fall...

Yoga returns in September, Tuesday nights, 7 - 8:30 pm. Start date TBA.
Spirit Connectors starts up again on Oct 11. We'll be reading "Christianity for the Rest of Us" by *Diana Butler Ross* in the fall/winter; and "Praying Our Goodbyes" by *Joyce Rupp*, in the winter/spring session. Each book is under \$20 and can be ordered through your local bookstore or on-line.
Men's Breakfasts begin Friday, Oct 12, 9:30 am.
Shelter Cooking begins Tuesday, Oct 16, 7 pm.

Mark Your Calendars: Sep 9 - Church School Opening; Sep 23 - Meet Your Neighbours Party after Sunday Gathering; Oct 7 - next Communion; Oct 13 - Harvest Tea; Oct 27 - Phantoms of the Pipes; Nov 17 - Christmas Tea & Sale; Dec 9 - Anniversary Sunday with the Rev'd Ivan & Judy Norton.

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.