

## 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 30: *Helen Tucker*, organ  
Suggested Donation: \$5.00

**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.

**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.

# 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  
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26<sup>th</sup> August 2012

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**ORDER of SERVICE**

\* indicates standing for those who are able

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Prelude in A minor on Bach Chorale <i>John Walter, organ</i>	Ottorino Respighi (1910)
<b>ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION</b>		The bell is sounded three times
<b>LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE</b>		The candle is lit
* <b>OPENING HYMN</b>	God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us	VU 399
* <b>OPENING SENTENCES</b>	– <i>Robert Bossler</i>	
* <b>OPENING PRAYER &amp; PRAYER OF JESUS</b>	“The Lord’s Prayer”	VU 921
* <b>THE PEACE</b>	<i>The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.</i> You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours	
<b>WELCOME &amp; LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY</b>		
<b>OFFERING</b>		
	Offertory: Two short chorale preludes	J. S. Bach
* <b>DOXOLOGY</b>		VU 541
	<b>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.</b>	
<b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</b>	<i>Benjamin Robert Findlay Townsend</i>	INSERT
* <b>BAPTISMAL BENEDICTION</b>	May God Who Creates You	VU 454
<b>READINGS</b>	<u>Living A Life That Matters</u> by Harold S. Kushner <u>The Bible, I Samuel 18:1-3</u>	
<b>CONTEMPORARY WORD</b>	“An Act of Friendship” – <i>Rev’d Trent</i>	
* <b>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	A New Creed	VU 918
* <b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	Go to the World	VU 420
* <b>BLESSING WORDS</b>		
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Prelude & Fugue in E minor	J. S. Bach

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***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. A special welcome to *Benjamin’s* family. **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 front porch 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.

**Congratulations Grandparents:** *Doug & Helen MacDonald*, a grandson in Ontario, *Brennen Andrew Douglas MacDonald*, August 18, 8lb 6oz; and to *Tim & Linda Dean*, a grandson, *Hugh Charles MacDonald*, Ottawa, 7lb 13 oz.

**Thank You** to *Glenn & Pat Musgrave* for the gift of a stainless steel BBQ.

**Wedding Anniversary Congratulations** to Harlan & Blanche Billard, former members of FMC and long-time members of Rockingham United Church, who were married 65 years ago on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Fort Massey.

**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*

**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 book store 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 & Nursery Opening; Sep 23 – Meet the Neighbourhood 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*.