

Life in the community...

Tonight, Robert Quinney, organist for wedding of 'William and Kate' and Sub-Organist at Westminster Abbey, St. John's Anglican, Lunenburg. \$20.

Organ Recital with James Burchill. Cathedral Church of All Saints, Martello St., Wednesday @ 12:10 pm, Aug 8 (Josef Rheiberger, Herbert Howells, Niels Gade and J. S. Bach). Retiring collection for the Organ Restoration Fund.

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

Volunteers Needed. St. Vincent's Nursing Home is looking for volunteers to escort residents to various activities, including Protestant Services. Applications and inquiries to Chaplain Debbie MacDonald, 429-0550.

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 - 12noon, inside, rain or shine!

Summer Sounds @ Barrington Concert Series 2012: *St. Matthew's United Church*, Barrington at Spring Garden, Halifax. For more info, 423-9209
August 9: Ardyth & Jennifer with Pam Mason, Celtic Harps
August 16: Karen Myatt & Trio
August 23: Marcel D'Entremont – tenor; Jennifer King, piano
August 30: Helen Tucker, organ
Suggested Donation: \$5.00

Xara Youth Ensemble (XYE): A new choral theatre project for female youth, ages 14-18, a training and performance ensemble, will provide pre-professional preparation in music, movement and theatre. The group will rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:30pm. Registration for auditions & information at <http://murraymusic.ca/studio/xye/>

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

Robert Bossler, Student Minister
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Ruth MacKenzie, Steward
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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** Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped VU 221OPENING SENTENCES*****OPENING PRAYER*****PRAYER OF JESUS** The Lord's Prayer VU 921***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****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.****A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN** "The Eagle"**PRAYER** Praying Our Goodbyes, Joyce Rupp***PSALTER** On Eagle's Wings (Refrain Only) VU 807**READINGS** Excerpt, Finding The Still Point, Tom Harpur
Hebrew Scriptures, Psalm 1**CONTEMPORARY WORD** "The Competitive Edge" - Rev. Trent***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed VU 918***CLOSING HYMN** And Did Those Feet In Ancient Time INSERT***BLESSING WORDS****POSTLUDE*****Life @ the fort...***

Welcome to Fort Massey by~the~sea. A special welcome to *Sylvie Janelle*, former choir member, visiting from Montreal. 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 front porch of the church (vestibule) 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.

Wedding Congratulations to *Brooke Robinson & Chris Oickle*, who are to be married this afternoon at 1:00 here at Fort Massey.

They're back! *The Rev'd Matt & Lorna Fillier* are back in metro. Matt is the minister at Waverley Pastoral Charge. Church # is 860-4000.

Coffee & Conversation, Wednesday mornings @ 10:30, (except Aug 15). Join us in the Church Parlour.

Pulpit Supply on Aug 19 will be our student minister, *Robert Bossler*.

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 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 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.