

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

~where life and faith meet~
Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871

A brief history...

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."

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: 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 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; and each 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 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 new residents who live in the neighbouring buildings, as well as people from throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality. We strive to be a welcoming oasis in the midst of city living.

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July 2012
Season of 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

Offeratory Music

*DOXOLOGY

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.

VU 541

SILENCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS

The Lord's Prayer

VU 921

*HYMN

READING(S)

CONTEMPORARY WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Creed

VU 918

*CLOSING HYMN

*BLESSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

Welcome to *Fort Massey by-the-sea*. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday morning gathering. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting, leaving it with the guest book. Please join us after the Service for lemonade and conversation in the lower hall. A colouring table for children is located in the sanctuary and the nursery, located off the Tobin Street lobby, is open for the use of children accompanied by a guardian.

Sunday Pulpit Supply: July 8, 15, 29 with *Robert Bossler*; July 22 with *Keith Gale*.

For Emergencies while our minister is on vacation in July, please call *Alasdair Sinclair* 422-6185(house) or 852-3123 (cottage); or *Ruth MacKenzie* 477-5365.

Coffee & Conversation, Wednesday mornings in August @ 10:30am. We'll gather in the Church Parlour.

Life in the community...

St. Andrew's Summer Concert Series, soprano Jana Miller with pianist Jennifer Szeto, July 12, 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's United, corner of Coburg and Robie Admission is \$15 adult, \$10 students, school age children are free.

Organ Recitals with James Burchill. Cathedral Church of All Saints, Martello St., Wednesdays @ 12:10 pm, July 4 (music by Josef Rheinberger, Herbert Howells and W.A. Mozart), and Aug 8 (Josef Rheinberger, Herbert Howells, Niels Gade and J. S. Bach). Retiring collection for the Organ Restoration Fund.

Ivan Norton's retirement party is Sunday, July 22, after the 10 am Service at *Bridgewater United Church*, in the Church Hall. Directions in the Tobin St. lobby.

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

Vacation Bible School Knox United Church, Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville, Jul 30-Aug 3, from 9-12noon for children aged 4 to 12 . Theme: OPERATION OVERBOARD - children will be encouraged to 'Go deep with God'. \$5/child. Contact: 865-9216 OR <admin@knoxsackville.ca> to register and info.

Free Lobster Supper for Two: One of our members at Camp Hill, *Howard Parker*, is looking for someone with a car to drive his wife, *Sarah*, back to Parkland Estates in Clayton Park after the meal at Camp Hill (July 19th, 4:30 to 6pm). You would be their guest(s) for the meal. Please contact *Howard* at 422-5535 if you can help.

SummerSounds@Barrington Concert Series 2012: **St. Matthew's United Church, Barrington at Spring Garden, Halifax. For more information, phone 423-9209**
12:15 - 1:00 pm Thursdays:

July 12: Nicholas Higgs - baritone; Wayne Rogers, piano
July 19: Megan Jamieson - soprano; Lynette Wahlstrom, piano
July 26: Scottish Country Dancers
August 2 : Anna Bond - contralto; Jane Miller, piano
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): *Christina Murray* and *Claire Leger*, the exciting artistic duo behind Camerata Xara Young Women's Choir, announce a new choral theatre project for female youth, ages 14-18. **Xara Youth Ensemble (XYE)** is a training and performance ensemble beginning its pilot project in September, 2012. XYE 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 and further information can be found online at <http://murraymusic.ca/studio/xye/>

Breakfast. 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.

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister
Robert Bossler, Student Minister
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee
Irene Parks, UCW President
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
Linda Dean, Nominating Chair

Pierre Perron, Music Director
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist
Elaine Janson, Nursery
John Gillis, Board Chair
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps
H. Douglas Ritcey, Honorary Elder
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

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