

Farewell to choir member, *Rachel Backa*, moving to Scotland for further studies.

Thank You to *Linda MacDonald* for her sewing skills on our choir gowns.

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

Board Members. Please check your file in the Tobin St. lobby for the article from *Mandate*, "Time for a Tune-up?" and be prepared to discuss it at our next Board Meeting on October 2nd, at 7:30 pm.

Spirit Connectors starts up again on Oct 11. We'll be reading "Christianity for the Rest of Us" by *Diana Butler Bass* 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, Fri, Oct 12, 9:30 am; **Shelter Cooking**, Tue, Oct 16, 7 pm.

Mark Your Calendars:

Oct 7 – next Communion; Oct 13 – Harvest Tea; Oct 27 – Phantoms of the Pipes;
Nov 17 – Christmas Tea & Sale; Dec 9 – Anniversary Sun., *Rev. Ivan & Judy Norton*.

Women's Interchurch Council, Fall Rally and "*Fellowship of the Least Coin*" Ingathering Service at 7 pm, Oct 22, 2012 at Calvin Presbyterian Church.

Bedford UCW "High Tea" to Celebrate 50 years of UCW, Oct 12, 2-4pm at Bedford United. \$5. Dress for the 60's. Info: *Bette Joan Knowles* 835-3945.

Halifax Humanities 101: Call 425.7589 OR check out www.halifaxhumanities101.ca

Forever Fit-Elderobics: For more information call the YMCA 496.1888 Ext.253

Africa's Sahel Region Relief

Matched by the federal government until Sep 30. Donations can be made:
* Online via the United Church's secure donation page.
* Phone 416.231.5931 or toll-free 1.800.268.3781 ext. 2026 and use your Visa or MC.
* Cheque: *The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit-Sahel Relief*
3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Great Canadian Food Fight is Oct 11-13. We're collecting non-perishable food on Sep 30 & Oct 7 to help Feed NS win this year's national competition.

Annual Breakfast fund-raiser for the *Brunswick Street Mission Breakfast*, Oct 18, 7-9 am. \$100 (@ \$75 tax receipt). Keynote Speaker is *Theo Fleury* (NHL All Star, Stanley Cup Winner, Olympic Gold Medalist).

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

~ where life and faith meet ~

Terry Fox Run is today. Your support to the *Canadian Cancer Society* is appreciated.

Next Sunday join us for our annual Neighbourhood Block Party at 11:30 am.

Coffee & cookies for coffee & conversation are needed for our cupboard.

Sign-up sheets are on the easel in the Tobin St. lobby for the following:
Food for Neighbourhood Party on Sept 23; C&C Hosts beginning Sep 30.

Yoga Classes: Tue a 7 pm with Jenny (407.5042 OR at tad.asana@hotmail.com)

Coffee & Conversation, Wednesday mornings @ 10:30, church parlour.

Choir Practices have started up again, Thursdays, 7:30-9 pm. New singers are always welcome. Contact *Pierre Perron* at 425.5205 or pperron@dal.ca for info.

Theatre Classes for Youth (6 - 12 yrs) with *Sherry Lee Hunter*, Saturdays, Sep 29-Nov 24, 10 & 11 am, FMC Lower Hall. Contact number is 423.9954.

FMC-UCW will meet Sep 26, 7:30 pm, Lower Hall. Agenda: Oct 13th Harvest Tea, Nov 17th Xmas Tea & Sale. This is an important meeting as we make our plans – open to *new ideas* and *suggestions*. All women are welcome. Please bring a toiletry item for either Adsum House or Hope Cottage. Refreshments served.

Free Public Lecture "The Dilemmas of Protecting Religious Freedom Today" with *Dr. Avigail Eisenberg*, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria. Thurs, Sep 27, 7 pm, Scotiabank Theatre Auditorium - SMU. Reception to follow.

Dedication ceremony to celebrate the opening of the \$3 million United Church Maritime Conference Centre, 21 Wright Street in Sackville, NB, Sep 29 at 1 pm.

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16th Sep 2012

~ Creation Time II ~

Pentecost 16

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

- PRELUDE** Hymns of Praise and Thanksgiving on the Fort Massy Chimes
- *ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION** The bell is sounded three times
- *LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE** The candle is lit
- *CALL TO GATHER**
We invite the skies to worship with us:
**the subtle orange skies at dawn
and the bold red skies at sunset.**
We join the heavens in praising God:
**proclaiming God's glory across the globe
and hailing God's name with the evening stars.**
We join with the atmosphere in worship:
**the air, the moisture, the oxygen,
the wind and all the expressions of God's Spirit.**
We call the clouds to celebrate with storms:
**to carry the life giving drops of rain,
that give hope and healing to Earth.**
We invite the winds to join our petitions:
**to carry our prayers to God above
and breathe our hopes to Christ in person.**
We celebrate the song of the skies!
Sing! Skies! Sing!
- *HYMN OF PRAISE** God of the Sparrow, vs. 1-3 VU 229
- *ACT OF AWARENESS**
We pray:
**Creativity God, whose renewing breath fills our planet,
may we discern your vibrant, creative presence among us.
And may our spirits be lifted as we celebrate
with the clouds, the winds, the dusk and the dawn.
We stand in awe before the vast reaches of space above us
and give thanks for the fragile piece of stardust we call Earth.
May it be so.**
- *PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST** "Peace be with you. And also with you."

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Colleen Estabrooks

OFFERINGS

- Offertory: Interlude Rosalie Bonighton*
Response: Grant Us, God, the Grace VU 540
**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THEIR MINISTERS

 – Robert Bossler

- PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS** "The Lord's Prayer" VU 921
- *HYMN OF PRAISE** God of the Sparrow, vs. 4-6 VU 229
- A TIME OF REFLECTION** Silence – Pastoral Prayer – Music
- READINGS** The End of Faith by San Harris (excerpt)
The Bible: Deuteronomy 13:12-16
- ANTHEM** Give Thanks Words and Music by Henry Smith
Based on the Pachelbel Canon
- CONTEMPORARY WORD** "An End To Blind Faith" – Rev'd Trent
- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed VU 918
- *CLOSING HYMN** Called by Earth and Sky MV 135
- *WORDS OF MISSION**

*Let us embrace the wonder of this week
with expectation and imagination...
The candle is extinguished*

Will you care for Planet Earth?

**We will remember our planet home!
We will nurture our planet!
We will act graciously to all humanity!
We will wonder at the beauty of dawn and sunset!
We will celebrate life!**

*BLESSING WORDS

- POSTLUDE** Postlude in F Major David Terry/Colin Mawby

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Welcome to Fort Massey by~the~sea. **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 in the lower hall for **lemonade** after the Service.