

Thank You to Heather Wills and Linda MacDonald for cleaning the brass and silver, and to Kathy Cochrane and Nora McMillan for 'shovelling out' the minister's study.

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*.

An interfaith worship service with Anglican Bishop of Quebec, *Dennis Drainville*,
Sep 30 at 7 PM, St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax.

St. Cecilia Concert "Music in My Life" with music by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Brahms, Sep 23, 2 PM, Lilian Piercey Concert Hall. *Shimon Walt*, cellist with SNS. *Robert Uchida*, violin; *Lynn Stodola*, piano Tickets \$25/\$20/\$10. www.stcecilia.ca

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

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

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

Outreach Workshop, Nov 3, 9am-12:30pm, Woodlawn United, Dartmouth. Speakers: *Megan Leslie*, *Kevin Little* and *Marion Lucas-Jeffries* will speak about effective outreach committees. RSVP to stairsmemorial@gmail.com

Africa's Sahel Region Relief

Matched by the federal government until Sep 30. Donations can be made:
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 ~

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:
C&C Hosts; Harvest Tea - sandwiches, /cookies/squares (no nuts svp)

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

Outreach Tue at 6:30 pm, minister's study; and **Kirk Session** at 7:30 pm, parlour.

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.

FMC-UCW: This Wed, 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. Thu, Sep 27, 7 pm, Scotiabank Theatre Auditorium - SMU. Reception to follow.

Harvest Tea, Sat, Oct 17, 2-4 pm, Fort Massey Church Hall. Bake Table. Free will Offering. Hats optional.

Baked Goods for the Harvest Tea Bake Table are appreciated. (No nuts, please.)

Theatre Classes with *Sherry Lee Hunter*: Youth (6 - 12 yrs) Saturdays, Oct 13 to Dec 8, 10 & 11 am; Adults Thursdays, Oct 18 to Dec 6, 6-7:30 pm; at Fort Massey. Contact number is 423.9954.

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23rd Sep 2012

~ Creation Time III ~

Pentecost 17

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE Hymns on Life and Teachings – *The Fort Massey Chimes*
Please remain seated until the Hymn of Praise

ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION The bell is sounded three times

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE The candle is lit

INTROIT This Is the Day VU 412

CALL TO GATHER

ACT OF AWARENESS
*Let us pray:
Gathered in this sacred place, may we feel ourselves as integral parts
of God's continuing growth of meaning throughout the universe.
A kinship to all that is. May it be so.
May it be so with us.*

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100) VU 820

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST** "Peace be with you. And also with you."

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Nancy Riggs*

OFFERINGS
Offertory: Improvisation
* 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

***CHILDREN'S HYMN** Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567

SILENCE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL REFLECTION The Last Rose of Summer - Irish Air
Kevin Robarts, flute; Leah Collins Lipsett, piano

READINGS Christianity for the Rest of Us (excerpt) by Diana Butler Bass
The Bible, The Gospel of Mark 1:14-15; 2:15-17

MUSICAL OFFERING Interlude in C Alan Rees

CONTEMPORARY WORD "Things Change" – *Rev'd Trent*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A New Creed VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN** Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

*WORDS OF MISSION

*Let us embrace the wonder of this week
with expectation and imagination...
The candle is extinguished
In our lives, may we know the holy meaning,
the mystery that breaks into it every moment.
May we live at peace with our world
and at peace with ourselves.*

*BLESSING WORDS

POSTLUDE Postlude in F Richard Lloyd
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Welcome to Fort Massey by~the~sea. We strive to be a **scent free** and **nut free** space. **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 10:30 Gathering for our annual corn boil/BBQ on the Tobin St. lawn and in the Hall.

Pictorial Directory. Last day for ordering is Oct 14. Please contact *Ian MacDonald* at 479-0365 or ismacd@eastlink.ca

Mayoral all-candidates forum, Oct 1, 7-9PM, St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax

Newsletter deadline. Please have all your news items and articles in to the church office by Friday, Sep 28. Thank you.

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.