

# 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 Halifaxians 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  
Sancia Knorr, Church School  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons

Robert Bossler, Student Minister  
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Elaine Janson, Nursery  
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9<sup>th</sup> September 2012 *Creation Time* 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

## PRELUDE

## ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION

The bell is sounded three times

Please remain seated

## CALL TO GATHER

(Liturgy from *Gathering S/A 2012* by David Robertson and Susan Lukey, High River UC, High River, Alberta)

## LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

The candle is lit

## PRAYER OF THE DAY People respond: "As followers of the Way of Jesus,"

## \*OPENING HYMN

Let Us Build a House, vs. 1&2

MV 1

## \*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

## MINUTE FOR MISSION - *Joanne Hayman*

## OFFERINGS

Offertory:

\* 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 "Cheese"

## PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS "The Lord's Prayer"

VU 921

## \*CHILDREN'S HYMN

Let Us Build a House, vs. 4&5

MV 1

## READINGS

Excerpt from Karen Armstrong "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life"  
From The Bible: Gospel of Luke 4: 14-15

## CONTEMPORARY WORD

Make Place for the Other - *Rev'd Trent*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Creed

VU 918

## \*CLOSING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me, omit v. 3

VU 567

## \*BLESSING WORDS

## POSTLUDE

## ***Life @ the fort and in the community...9<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012***

**Welcome** to *Fort Massey by~the~sea*. A special welcome back to our Sunday Church School. 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 lower hall for **lemonade and conversation**.

**Check out the map** in the sanctuary. Visitors are invited to pin the spot they call home; and Fort Massey folk can pin on the places they have visited this summer.

**In Hospital:** (as of Friday, Sep 7) Ve MacDougall (INF), Bev Byrne (INF)

**Photo-directories** are ready. Check with Ian MacDonald in the lower hall today.

**Helpers:** All those interested in helping out with the annual Neighbourhood Party on Sep 23, will meet in the Church Parlour today after the 10:30 Gathering.

**Coffee & Conversation**, Wednesday mornings @ 10:30, 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*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 pm.

**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](mailto:pperron@dal.ca) for info.

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

**Roller Derby** Info Night, Sep 13, 6:30 pm, Fort Massey Lower Hall.

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

**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 book store or on-line.

**Men's Breakfasts**, Fri, Oct 12, 9:30 am; **Shelter Cooking**, Tue, Oct 16, 7 pm.

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

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, *Rev. Ivan & Judy Norton*.

**Yoga Classes at the Fort:** This fall, AST student Jenny MacDougall returns to Fort Massey Church to offer another Yoga Program--with emphasis on postural practice,

some meditation, and intro to systematic relaxation. All levels of fitness are welcome, and you will WORK within YOUR comfort level! Please bring a yoga mat, (although there will be spares), and, **if possible**, a yoga block. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 7-8:20pm, beginning September 11th, and running until December 18th. Class fees are on a **sliding scale** -- up to \$10 per class, contingent upon participant's income. Pay-what-you-can confidential policy for the unwaged, or under waged. A portion of each participant's fee will be donated to Fort Massey Church. Reduced-cost punch cards available for 10 classes (\$85.00). Please **do not let** money prevent you from participating. May we meet in the spirit of communion, clarity, and thanksgiving! For more information, contact Jenny at 407-5042 OR at [td.asana@hotmail.com](mailto:td.asana@hotmail.com).

**Halifax Humanities 101**, a university level, non-credit program for adults living on a fixed income has openings for 2012-13. Brochures are on the Welcome Table in the Tobin St. lobby. Call 425-7589 OR check out [www.halifaxhumanities101.ca](http://www.halifaxhumanities101.ca)

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

**Forever Fit-Elderobics**, sponsored by the YMCA, is an exercise program for older adults. Participants are encouraged to exercise at their own pace. Classes are held in 10 HRM locations including St Andrew's United Church, Coburg & Robie. Fee is \$4 per class plus an annual fee of \$10; free to Y members. Sessions are led by qualified YMCA fitness instructors and set to lively music. Each class includes a warm-up, low-impact aerobics and muscular strength exercises, followed by stretching and relaxation. Come join the fun...and get fit! Classes during opening week (Sept 4-7) are FREE! For more information call the YMCA 496-1888 Ext.253 (Sue Theriault)

### **Africa's Sahel Region Relief**

\* Donate: The United Church welcomes donations for Sahel relief.

Matched by the federal government until Sep 30. 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 MC.

\* Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MC infor 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.

**Great Canadian Food Fight** is Oct 11-13. We're collecting non-perishable food on Sept 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).