

At the Kirk...

Today	3-4 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Mon	11 am -1 pm	Church Hall	South End Playgroup
Mon	3:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Mon	7 pm	Lower Hall	Argentine Tango
Tue	10 am Apr 30	Isabel Robertson's	Next Women's Coffee Gp
Tue	4 pm	Parlour	Admin. Committee
Tue	7 pm -	<i>Jenny's yoga resumes on Tuesday nights in June & July</i>	
Tue	7 pm	Sanctuary	Choral Group Practice
Wed	10 am	Lower Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3:30 am	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Wed	7 pm	Lower Hall	Argentine Tango
Thu	10:15 am	Little Dutch Church	Chapel Pilgrimage
Thu	7 pm	Church Hall	Flea Market set-up
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Thu	7:30 – 9 pm	Lower Hall	Argentine Tango drop-in
Fri	All day	Church Hall	Flea Market set-up
Fri	9:30 am May 3	Cousin's Restaurant	Next Men's Breakfast
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sat	9:30-11:30 am	Lower Hall	Flea Market
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	The Sunday Gathering
		Robert Bossler preaching	
Sun	10:45 am	Church Hall	Church School & Nursery
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Coffee & Conversation
Sun	3-4 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do

Coming Up...

May 9, 1 pm, *Lunch in the Valley* (preceded by the chapel tour – optional)

Sign-up on the easel in the Tobin St. lobby

May 19, Pentecost Sunday, 11:30 am, *A Victorian Tea @ Fort Massey Abbey*

June 23, 11:30 am, *Strawberry Social*

Leadership in our Community

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
 Heather Ferrier, Student Minister
 Robert Bossler, Assistant to the Minister
 Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
 Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
 Sancia Knorr, Church School
 Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
 Alasdair Sinclair, OFM, Clerk Emeritus
 Alan G. Hayman, OFM, Senior Trustee
 Irene Parks, UCW President
 Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast

Simon Abbott, Organist & Choir Director
 John Walter, Assistant Organist
 Leah Collins Lipsett, Pianist & Jr. Choir Director
 Kevin Roberts, Flutist
 Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
 Elaine Janson, Nursery
 John Gillis, Board Chair
 Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
 Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
 Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps
 Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

H. Douglas Ritcey, OFM, Honorary Elder

Fort Massey Church

Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871
A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

The Sunday Gathering @ 10:30 a.m., 21st April 2013

EASTER IV, EARTH SUNDAY

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE	Une Larme	Modest Mussorgsky
OPENING WORDS	Bell is rung 3X, Community Candle is lit	
*OPENING HYMN	O World of God	VU 258
ACT OF AWARENESS		
THE PEACE	<i>Peace be with you. And also with you.</i>	
WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY		
MINUTE FOR MISSION	– Mary McDonald	
OFFERINGS	Offertory " <i>Mache dich, mein Herze, rein</i> " from the St. Matthew's Passion <i>Jeffrey Egger, bass</i>	J.S. Bach
*	Response:	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
*THE ROYAL ANTHEM	God Save The Queen	
ON THE CHANCEL STEPS	"Shepherds of the Earth"	
PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS		
*CHILDREN'S SONG	O Beautiful Gaia (<i>guy'-ah</i>)	MV 41
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SOLO	Litanei <i>Jeffrey Egger, bass</i>	Franz Schubert

READINGS	Excerpt from Tom Harpur's "Nature Defiled" Psalm 19:1-6	
ANTHEM	For the Beauty of the Earth	John Rutter
SERMON	<u>Protecting the Glories</u> – Rev. Trent	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	A New Creed	VU 918
*CLOSING HYMN	Great Lover Calling Us To Share Tune: Partnership, 88 88, VU 603	
	<p>Great Lover, calling us to share your joy in all created things from atom-dance to eagles' wings, we come and go, to praise and care.</p> <p>Though sure of resurrection-grace, we ache for all earth's troubled lands and hold the planet in our hands, a fragile, unprotected place.</p> <p>Your questing Spirit longs to gain no simple fishing-ground for souls, but as life's story onward rolls, world more joyful and humane.</p> <p>As midwives who assist at birth, we give our uttermost, yet grieve lest folly, greed or hate should leave a spoiled, aborted, barren earth.</p> <p>Self-giving Lover, since you dare to join us in our history, embracing all our destiny, we'll come and go with praise and care. (BWren)</p>	

***PARTING WORDS & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE	Fugue from the E minor Toccata <i>Leah Collins Lipsett</i> , piano * * *	J.S. Bach
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We Welcome You! Fort Massey Church warmly welcomes you to worship. A special welcome to our **visitors**. Please sign our Guest Book and fill out a Welcome Card, and join us for **Coffee & Conversation** after the Service in the lower hall. Your hosts: *Irene Parks* and *Leslie Pezzack*. Thank you for helping us create a **scent free** space and a **nut free** environment.

Today, April 21, is the 87th birthday of HM *Queen Elizabeth II*.

Our music today has been arranged by our organist & choir director, *Simon Abbott*. We are grateful to him; our choir; pianist, *Leah Collins Lipsett*; and guest bass soloist, *Jeffrey Egger*.

Our appreciation to all those who helped and supported yesterday's book sale and to our convener, *Carol Sinclair*.

Spring Flea Market, Sat, April 27, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Fort Massey Church Hall. Tables: Bake Table, White Elephant, New-to-you, Jewellery, Clothing, (Spring/summer only, please; Oct 5th sale for your winter clothes) Linens, Toys & Puzzles, Large Items. Admission \$1. We need donations for these tables as well as your help! Setting up (moving furniture, large tables, etc.), Thu @ 7 pm; Marking & sorting, Fri, 9- 5; Clean up on Sat; Workers for Sale Tables Sat morning – sign-up sheets in the Tobin St. lobby.

UCW. The Annual Get-Together Pot Luck Supper with St. Andrew's, St. John's, St. Matthew's and Fort Massey will be held Monday, **May 6**, at 6 pm, at St. Andrew's UC Hall, Coburg Rd. Please bring your own dishes. Program is a presentation "River Boat Cruising" by Sharon Ross. Please let *Irene Parks* (422-7996, after 6 pm) know by May 2nd if you plan to attend.

Thank You. Many thanks to all those who helped with (and provided food) the Shelter Cooking over the past year (Nov '12 - Apr '13). The Shelter will close for the spring and summer the end of April. However, the lack of affordable housing is ongoing. We will be collecting sleeping bags and 2 man tents next Sunday, April 28.

Coffee. Our fair trade coffee cupboard is full again. Thank you!

Invitation. Friends of *Doug Ritcey* are invited to his 95th birthday party on June 8 in Lun. Co. Invitations are in the Tobin St. lobby (blue sheet).

45th Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education, June 9-14, Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, Truro. Check out <www.astes.ca>

Canadian Centre for Progressive Christianity Conference, Aug 15-17, SMU Campus, Halifax. Check out <www.progressivechristianity.ca>.

Moderator's Visit. The Right Rev'd Dr. *Gary Paterson*, will lead in a Service at Fort Massey Church on Sat, Oct 26, 2013, in conjunction with the UCC intercultural conference, BEHOLD.