

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
Tue	10 am Feb 5	Sharon Ross'	Next Women's Coffee Group
Tue	1-3:30 pm	Lower Hall	Cozy Hands Project
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Tue	7 pm	Lower Hall	YOGA with Jenny
Tue	7 pm	Sanctuary	Choral Group Practice
Tue	6:30 pm	Study	Outreach Committee
Tue	7:30 pm	Parlour	Kirk Session
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Wed	7-9:30 pm	Lower Hall	Argentine Tango
Thu	10:30 am	Green St. Berkeley	Spirit Connectors
Reading 'Christianity for the Rest of Us' by Diana Butler Bass (11-13)			
Thu	11am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	3 - 4 pm	Lower Hall	Argentine Tango
Thu	4 pm	Study	Adhoc Session Committee
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor Hockey
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Fri	9:30 am	Cousin's Restaurant	Men's Breakfast
Fri	12 noon	Church Office	Annual Reports Due
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	The Sunday Gathering
Sun	10:45 am	Church Hall	Church School & Nursery
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Coffee & Conversation

Cancelled. When in doubt because of the weather, please call the church (423-4294). The message will be updated by 9 am Sunday mornings, and for other weekly activities, at 12 noon for afternoons, and 5 pm for evenings.

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
 Linda Dean, Nominating Chair

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

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

*A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
'A city upon a hill' ~ watching over Halifax since 1871*

The Sunday Gathering

10:30 a.m., 27th January 2013

EPIPHANY III

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

GATHERING MUSIC	Medley of Traditional Scottish Melodies – flautist, <i>Kevin Roberts</i>	
SOUNDING OF THE BELL & LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE	<i>– Elizabeth Dorey & Annika Sinclair</i>	
*PROCESSIONAL SONG	Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven	VU 240
OPENING PRAYER	<i>– Heather Ferrier</i>	
INTROIT	<i>'Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.'</i>	
THE PEACE	<i>Peace be with you. And also with you.</i>	
WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY		
MINUTE FOR CONFIRMATION	<i>– Robert Bossler</i>	
MINUTE FOR MISSION	<i>– Jean Cudmore</i>	
OFFERINGS		
Offertory:		
* Response:	Here I Am, Lord, v.1	VU 509
INDUCTION OF CLERK EMERITUS	<i>– DR. ALASDAIR SINCLAIR, O.F.M. Clerk of Session 1975-2012</i>	
*A SONG OF FAITH	Here I Am, Lord, vs. 2&3	VU 509
CHILDREN'S TIME	"The Eyes of All"	
PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS		

*CHILDREN'S SONG Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

READINGS "It Was On Fire When I Laid Down On It"
by Robert Fulghum
Exodus 3:1-6

CONTEMPORARY WORD Philosophy 101: Why Am I Here? – *Rev. Trent*

CHORAL OFFERING Prayer for Peace David Barton
from a Scottish composer based on words of the Scottish Psalter of 1650

SILENCE & PRAYER

*CLOSING SONG All Beautiful the March of Days VU 530
Alternate Tune: MacPherson's Farewell (VU 852)
Scottish traditional melody

*PARTING WORDS

The presentness of God reaches beyond this place...

(The candle is extinguished)

With faith in the creative powers of life,

With hope for the future of life in this world,

With love for all others who share this life with us,

Let us go forward together in peace.

Our worship in this sacred space has ended.

Let our service begin.

*BLESSING

RECESSIONAL MUSIC Organ Sonata in C minor, first movement
Felix Mendelssohn

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Welcome to Fort Massey. A special welcome to all those visiting. Thank you for helping us create a **scent free** and **nut free** environment. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a Welcome Card. This morning we are wearing *the tartan* in celebration of *Robbie Burns Day*, and our own *Dr. Alasdair Sinclair* who recently retired as Clerk of Session after 37 years! Join us for **Coffee & Conversation** after the Service in the lower hall where haggis, hotdogs and cake will be served. Your hosts today: *members of the Kirk Session*. **Thank You** to *Ruth MacKenzie* for preparing the haggis, *Irene Parks* for setting up the Hall, and *John Gillis* for playing the bagpipes.

Annual Reports are due **Feb 1st**. **Annual Meeting** is Feb 17, 11:30 am.

Observer Renewal. Your Observer subscription is up for renewal. Please enclose your \$20 subscription fee in your offering envelope or an envelope marking it *Observer Renewal*. New subscribers or those who no longer want to receive it, are asked to contact *Irene Parks* directly or call 422-7996 after 6 pm, by January 27.

What's Happening...

"Unraveled" -- Concert about memory and loss, Feb 1, 8 PM, St. Matthew's United Church. Acclaimed choral theatre ensemble Xara Young Women's Choir will present a collection of three new works with choir, piano, and cello. Each piece delves into the rich experiences of memory, loss, and legacy, and features contemporary choral music, movement, and spoken word. Tickets at the door.

Male Singers Workshop, day-long, for male voices Feb 2, that will culminate in a concert entitled Boys to Men, at Faith Tabernacle Summit & Windsor, Halifax, 10 am and concluding with a concert at 7 pm. Registration \$15/person by Jan 28. For more info go to Nova Voce website (www.novavoce.com)

Taize Prayer. St. John's United Church, Sunday, Feb. 3, 7 pm, in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. (St. Mathias' Lane entrance).

Chinese New Year Dinner will be held Friday, Feb 8 at 6:30 PM. This year it will be catered by a local restaurant in our lower hall. Dinner includes Fried Rice, Fried Noodles, Meat and Vegetarian Egg Roll, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Ginger Beef, Vegetarian Chow Mein, Buddhist Delight (another vegetarian dish), Dessert and Drinks. Tickets are \$23/adult and \$15/child, and can be purchased from *Angie Ngu* or the Church Office.

Valentine Tea, Feb 9, 2-4 pm, Fort Massey Church Lower Hall. Includes a Bake Table. Sign-up sheet for sandwiches, cookies & squares is in the Tobin St. lobby. Free will offering for local charities.

Sunday Evening Dialogue, February 10, 6 -7 pm, *on what the United Church of Canada is learning from First Nations peoples*, at Brunswick Street United Church, Halifax. This dialogue will include topics like the Apology to First Nations people, Residential Schools, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Idle No More. Everyone is invited to participate. Facilitator: Russ Daye.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Feb 12, Rockingham United, Flamingo Dr.

Parents, Autism and Faith Study Call for Participants: I am seeking parents of children with Autism for an important research project through the Atlantic School of Theology. The purpose of this study is to explore the lived faith experiences of parents of children with autism. This study asks questions related to parent's faith experiences and faith questions. It will explore participants' relationships with the church, ministry staff and congregational life. Parents will also be able to express their recommendations for enhancing their faith experience. All markers identifying individuals will be coded for confidentiality during the research to maintain the anonymity of participants throughout the project and in the final reporting process. If you are interested in participating or for more information please contact Michelle at michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com or 457-2972.