

# Fort Massey Church

Watching over Halifax Harbour since 1871

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

The Sunday Gathering @ 10:30 a.m., 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013



## ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

**ORGAN PRELUDE**      Petite Piece      Jehan Alain  
*John Walter, organ*

**OPENING WORDS**      Bell is rung 3X, Community Candle is lit

**\*OPENING HYMN**      Come, O Holy Spirit      MV 23

**\*ACT OF AWARENESS**

**\*THE PEACE**      *The Joy of God, Peace of Christ, and Spirit of Life,  
be with you all. And also with you.*

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**PRESBYTERY REPORT** – *Elliott Prouty*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** – *Muriel Hale*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Prayer for Gifts of the Spirit (unison)      VU 197  
**God, Holy Spirit, come to us, come among us;  
come as the wind, and cleanse;  
come as the fire, and burn;  
come as the dew, and refresh:  
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives  
to our great good and your greater glory. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**      Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow      VU 196  
\*      standing on verse 3

## ON THE CHANCEL STEPS

### PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

\*CHILDREN'S SONG Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

### PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL REFLECTION Prelude on *Bangor* Healey Willan  
*Simon Abbott*, organ

READINGS Excerpt from Robert Fulghum  
"Back and Forth and Back...."  
Psalm 126: 1-6

SERMON Church is A Laughing Matter – Rev. Trent

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A New Creed VU 918

\*CLOSING HYMN I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

### \*PARTING WORDS

ORGAN POSTLUDE Children's March Percy Grainger  
*John Walter*, organ

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**We Welcome You!** A special welcome to our **visitors** on this *Victoria Day* weekend. Please sign our Guest Book and join us for **Tea @ Fort Massey Abbey** after the Service in the lower hall. Your hosts: *Membership Development Committee*. If you're looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** with the guest book. Thank you for helping us create a **scent free** space and a **nut free** environment.

Today, many United Church folk are running the **Bluenose Marathon** for numerous charities, including the UCC's *Mission & Service Fund*.

Today is also *Pentecost Sunday*. **Pentecost** (**Ancient Greek**: Πεντηκοστή [ἡμέρα], *Pentēkostē [hēmera]*, "the Fiftieth [day]") is the Greek name for the **Feast of Weeks**, a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the **Law on Sinai**. This feast is still celebrated as **Shavuot**. Later, in the **Christian liturgical year**, it is also a feast commemorating the descent of the **Holy Spirit** upon the twelve **Apostles** of Christ.

## At the Kirk...

Today	3-4 pm	Lower Hall
Mon	11 am -1 pm	Church Hall
Mon	3:30 pm	Lower Hall
Mon	7 pm	Lower Hall
<b>Tue</b>	<b>10 am <u>May 28</u></b>	<b>TBA</b>
Tue	3 pm	Parlour

Tue 7 pm - *Jenny's yoga resumes on Tuesday nights in June & July*

Tue	7 pm	Sanctuary
Wed	10 am	Lower Hall
Wed	3:30 am	Lower Hall
Wed	7 pm	Lower Hall

### Thu-Sun, Maritime Conference meets in Sackville, NB

<b>Thu</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Thu	7:30	Lower Hall
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

### LAYPERSON'S SUNDAY

<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Lower Hall</b>
Sun	3-4 pm	Lower Hall

## May 19-26, 2013

Choi Kwang Do  
South End Playgroup  
Acupuncture Class  
Argentine Tango  
**Next Women's Coffee Group**  
Progressive Christianity  
Planning Committee

Choral Group Practice  
Japanese Playgroup  
Acupuncture Class  
Argentine Tango  
**Choir Practice**  
Argentine Tango drop-in  
Choi Kwang Do  
**The Sunday Gathering**

**Church School & Nursery**  
**Coffee & Conversation**  
Choi Kwang Do

**May Birthdays...** 20<sup>th</sup>- Marie Clouter, 21<sup>st</sup>- Alan Parker, 31<sup>st</sup>- Lilli Knorr

## Coming Up...

**May 28**, 6:30 pm, Outreach Committee; 7:30 pm, Kirk Session

**May 30**, 7 pm, Music Committee

**June 1**, 7 pm, *Roller Derby Game*, Shannon Park Arena, Dartmouth

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

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

## 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  
H. Douglas Ritcey, OFM, Honorary Elder

Simon Abbott, Organist & Choir Director  
John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Leah Collins Lipsett, Pianist & Jr. Choir Director  
Kevin Robarts, 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  
Martina Sommer, Facilities Rental Manager

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**Thank You Note** is posted on the easel in the Tobin St. lobby, from recent AST graduate, *Marilyn E. Rees*, recipient of the *J. W. Falconer Prize* for 1<sup>st</sup> standing in New Testament courses, sponsored by the Fort Massey Kirk Session.

**A Petition** from the United Church to the House of Commons is posted on the Sign-up board in the Tobin St. lobby *ensuring Canadian companies comply with human rights standards and Canadian values overseas.*

**Free books.** Last call to take the remaining books left over from the Book Sale. They are located in the lower hall.

**Camp Kidston Maintenance Day,** May 25. Rain Date, May 26.

**Scrabble afternoon & Silent Auction,** May 25. 2-4:30 pm, registration at 1:30, at the First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street. Proceeds to the *Stephen Lewis Foundation*. Organized by three Grandmothers groups in HRM.

**UCW Presbyterial Spring Rally,** Monday, May 27, 6 pm, St. John's United Church, Fall River. Pot luck supper – bring your own dishes and cutlery.

**Roller Derby Game.** We'll be going to see *Elaine Janson* play on June 1, 7 pm, Shannon Park Arena, Dartmouth. We are being offered tickets at a discount (\$8, instead of \$12). We also have a few free tickets for those who need them (please speak with the minister). Sign-up sheet to go is in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Choral Concert** by the women's vocal ensemble *Riversong* at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, 1 June 2013, 7.30 pm. \$15

**Relay for Life.** *Laura Mclean* is looking for people to donate some baked goodies for the Survivor Reception. You can drop them off to the church office by Friday noon, June 7, or take them directly to the oval on the Commons between 4 & 6:30 pm. *This is a great way to be a part of a great cause!*

**Invitation.** Friends of *Doug Ritcey* are invited to his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday party on June 8. Invitations are in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Canadian Centre for Progressive Christianity Conference,** Aug 15-17, SMU Campus, Halifax. <[www.progressivechristianity.ca](http://www.progressivechristianity.ca)>

**Billets.** BEHOLD!, a national UCC inter-cultural conference, Oct 24-27, in Halifax, is looking for people helping to billet our visitors. Contact *Doreen Crick* @ 443.2993 or <[rdcrick@eastlink.ca](mailto:rdcrick@eastlink.ca)>.