

Government Will Match Donations for Philippines Typhoon Appeal

The United Church has issued a church-wide appeal for donations in response to the super typhoon that devastated much of the Philippines on November 8. Funds donated will be distributed to United Church partners in the Philippines and ACT Alliance for relief and reconstruction efforts.

The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, donations to registered Canadian charities, including the United Church, made between November 9 and December 8. To be eligible for matching, donations need to be received at the United Church's General Council Office no later than December 8.

Please donate to Typhoon Haiyan Relief. Your donation will be applied directly to support the relief and reconstruction work of United Church partners in the Philippines and ACT Alliance. Here's how you can donate:

* Online via our secure donation page. Google *United Church of Canada*

* Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

* Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada

Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response

3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300

Toronto, Ontario M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "*Emergency Response-Typhoon Haiyan Relief*" on the face of your cheque.

Fort Massey by-the-sea

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

~ transforming God to a verb ~

PENTECOST 26

10: 30 am, November 17, 2013

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Simon Abbott, Organist & Music Director
Leah Collins Lipsett, Pianist & Jr. Choir Director
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
Sancia Knorr, Church School
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Alasdair Sinclair, OFM, Clerk Emeritus
Alan G. Hayman, OFM, Senior Trustee
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Irene Parks, OFM, UCW President

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Heather Ferrier, Student Minister
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support
Elliott Prouty, OFM, Head Usher
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Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
John Gillis, Board Chair
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Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery
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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

The Trinity Bell is sounded & the Community Candle is lit.

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING SONG Praise God for This Holy Ground MV 42

*THE PEACE *Peace be with you. And also with you.*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY REPORT – *Elliott Prouty*

MINUTE FOR MISSION “And a Child Shall Lead Them” – *Sharon Ross*

OFFERING Offertory:

* **Response:** May We Share anonymous, alt. gretta vosper; Tune: *Stuttgart*
**May we share the grace of living, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

CHILDREN’S TIME – *Heather Ferrier*

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS The Lord’s Prayer

VU 921

*SONG

We Sing of Your Glory

MV 58

PRAYER

ANTHEM

READINGS

“The Meaning of Life” by Robert Fulghum
Gospel according to Matthew 5:14-16
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

SERMON

The Meaning of Life – Mr. Cleveland-Thompson

*CLOSING HYMN

There’s a Spirit in the Air (*Alt. tune: Monkland*)

VU 582

*PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to Fort Massey. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday Gathering. Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book; if you’re looking for a church home, please fill out a Welcome Card at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Join us for Coffee & Conversation in the lower hall; hosts are – *Janine MacGilliary, Irene Parks, Leslie Pezzack.*

Thank You for helping and supporting yesterday’s Christmas Tea & Sale. We appreciate the efforts of the UCW & friends; *Irene Parks*, convener of the sale; and *Gwen Smith Dockrill & Stephanie Coulthard*, conveners of the Tea Room.

@ the fort this week:

- *Cozy Mitten Project*, Tue, 1 PM, Lower Hall
- *Next Women’s Coffee Group*, Tues, Nov 26, 10 AM, *Mary Carmichael’s*
- *Shelter Cooking – chili*, Tue, 7 PM, Kitchen – ingredients posted on easel
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 to 8:20 PM, Lower Hall
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thursday, 10:30 AM, The Berkley, Green St.
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30-9 PM, Sanctuary
- *Men’s Breakfast*, Fri, 9:30 AM, Athens Rest., Quinpool Rd.

Fish Chowder luncheon, Wednesdays - November 20, and 27;
12-1PM, St. David's Presbyterian Church Hall, 1537 Brunswick St.

Supper to Fight Hunger, Grace United Church, Ochterloney & King, Dartmouth, Sat, Nov 23, 4:30-6 PM. Shepherd's Pie or Macaroni & Cheese, Pie for dessert. \$8, \$3 for 12 & under, \$20 max for a family. Sponsored by the Grace Men's Group in support of the Dartmouth North Food Bank. *Hunger knows no season.*

"House Party", St. Andrew's United Church, Robie & Coburg, Sat. Nov. 23, 8:00 PM. Tickets \$20.00. Call 425-0339 to reserve. Please note that reserved tickets must be picked up by 7:45 PM. A Tribute to Ray Charles. Bill Stevenson, Tom Easley and Geoff Arsenault are joining forces with soul man Ian Janes to revive an exciting collection of Ray's hits.

Centennial Celebration of the Fort Massey Church Casavant Organ, Sunday, Nov 24th, 10:30 AM.

The Hospice Society of Greater Halifax will be presenting its annual talk, "Getting Through the Holidays Following the Death of a Loved One" on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Pryor House, 9 Spring Street in Bedford. The talk is free and open to the public. For further information and/or to let the Hospice Society know you will be attending, please call 446-0929. Parking is available in the school parking lot on Spring Street, below the House.

Anniversary Sunday, Dec 8th, Fort Massey Church, the Rev'd *Sally Shaw*, United Church Formation Director, AST, will be our guest preacher. A lunch will follow in the lower hall. Sign-up on the easel in the Tobin Street lobby to help with the ingredients for the haddock chowder.

Newsletter deadline for "The Star" is Sunday, Dec 8th.

Onelight Theatre presents "Tell It On The Mountain" featuring the gospel music of The Sanctified Brothers, Dec 26-31, at Alderney Landing, Dartmouth. Tickets 1.888.311.9090.