

**Questions for the candidates.** When they come knocking between now and the provincial election, be prepared with a list of questions prepared by the Face of Poverty Consultation. Sheets are on the Welcome Table in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Book Club & Spirit Connectors** will both be reading *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity*, by David M. Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy. Beginning October 10, the minister will be offering a weekly session on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am; and a monthly 7:30 evening session on the second Thursdays. ***Books are in!***

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Brunswick Street Mission Breakfast**, featuring *Joe Roberts* "From Skid Row to CEO", World Trade & Convention Centre, Wed, Oct 23, 7:30-9 am. \$100. FMC's goal is to sell three tables of 10. \**Sign-up sheet* in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Interfaith Education**, Thursdays, Oct 24-Nov 28, 7 PM, Edgewood-Oxford United (Young & Connaught). \$75 pre-register by Oct 17, 865-2916. Sponsored by the Christian Life & Growth Committee of Halifax Presbytery.

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

**Moderator's Visit.** The Right Rev'd Dr. *Gary Paterson*, will lead in a musical Service at Fort Massey Church on Saturday, October 26.

**Fall Rally** of the Halifax Chapter of the Women's Interchurch Council Ingathering Service, 7 PM, Oct 28, at Knox United Church, 567 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville. Special guests: *Phoenix Community Choir*.

**Phantoms of the Pipes** is Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>!

**Dinner Theatre** "Burying the Hatchets" at Forest Hills United, 80 Chameau Cres., Dartmouth, Oct 25 & 26, 7 PM. 435-7342 for tickets \$15.

**United Church Campus Ministry.** Free meal for students at the Multi-faith Centre, 1321 Edward St., DAL campus. Pick up a sheet on the Welcome Table in the Tobin St lobby to see how you can support Campus Ministry.

# Fort Massey by-the-sea

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## Creation Time September 22, 2013

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Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons  
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast  
Sancia Knorr, Church School  
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator  
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session  
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# ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

**PRELUDE** Chorale Prelude on Bangor Healey Willan  
The bell is sounded three times & the Community Candle is lit.

## OPENING WORDS & PRAYER

\***OPENING SONG** Make a Joyful Noise VU 820

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

## WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** “Lockdowns” – Nancy Riggs

**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** “Making a Little Difference”

## PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

\***HYMN** Go, Make a Difference MV 209

## SILENCE & PRAYER

**ANTHEM** *The Monastery Blues* by Linnea Good  
A light-hearted song about the challenges of leading a spiritual life in the modern world.

**READINGS** “There was no star over Bethlehem” by John Spong  
Gospel according to St. Matthew 2:1-6  
*Offered as wisdom for the journey.*  
**May we walk in its light.**

**SERMON** I believe...or do I? Part III – And in Jesus Christ

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed VU 918

\***CLOSING HYMN** Creating God, We Give You Thanks VU 292

\***BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** Prelude and Fugue in E minor J.S. Bach

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**Welcome** to Fort Massey by~the~sea. 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. Please join us after the Service for **lemonade and conversation** in the Lower Hall.

**Coffee & Conversation Hosts** needed beginning Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.

\**Sign-up* on the easel in the Tobin Street lobby.

**@ the fort this week:**

*YOGA with Jenny* begins Tuesday, 7 to 8:20 PM, Lower Hall.

*Choir*: Join Simon this Thursday, 7:30-9 PM, Sanctuary.

*Community Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal*, Saturday, PM, Sanctuary.

**Organ Concert**. *Christian Lane* – Winner of the 2011 Canadian International Organ Competition, Mon, Sep 23 at 7 pm Cathedral Church of All Saints. \$ 20 Adults \$ 10 Students/Children

**Upcoming meetings:** Sep 24, 6:30 PM, Outreach, Minister's Study; 7:30 PM, Kirk Session, Parlour; Sep 29, 10 AM, Nominating, Minister's Study.

**UCW General Meeting**, Mon, Sep 23, 2 PM, Church Parlour. Agenda: plans for Harvest Tea, Christmas Tea & Sale. *New members and ideas are always welcome!*

**UCW Sponsored Events:**

**1. *Winter Clothing Sale*** – Oct 5, Fort Massey Lower Hall, 9:30-11:30 AM. We're now accepting winter clothing. Please place in lower hall.

**2. *Fun & Talent Auction with Lunch*** (home-made stew) – Oct 6, 12 noon, Fort Massey Lower Hall. Auction items/ideas need to be submitted by Sep 30 (dinner for 4 in your home, tickets for a local arts or sporting event, movie passes, professional services, baby sitting, house sitting, pet walkies, gardening, snow removal, shovel off minister's desk, etc.)  
\**Sign-up sheet* for Harvest Stew ingredients is posted in the Tobin St. lobby.

**3. *Harvest Tea*** – Oct 19, 2-4 PM, Fort Massey Lower Hall.

**The Modern Grass & Catherine MacLellan**, Sep 27, 7PM, Fort Massey Church sanctuary. \$25 at the door. \$20 @ [THEMODERNGRASS.COM](http://THEMODERNGRASS.COM)

**Back to Church Sunday** is next Sunday, Sep 29<sup>th</sup>. *Invite a friend!*  
Thank you for your great response for food! We need someone to operate the BBQ; and we also need someone in charge of cooking the corn. Speak to *Nancy Riggs* or the minister.

**Women's Coffee Group**, Tue, Oct 1, 10 am, at the home of *Kathy Evans*.

**Newsletter deadline** is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please have in to the church office by noon.