

Newsletter deadline is October 4th. Please have in to the office by noon.

Great Canadian Food Fight. We're collecting non-perishable food until Oct 13th to help Feed NS win this year's national competition.

Christmas Tea and Sale, First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street, Nov 2. Doors open 2 PM, Tea from 2:30 - 4:30. Tickets \$6, children \$1. Pantry, New-2-You, Books, Jewelry, Silent Auction and more!

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!***

7th 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 <rdrick@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 30th!

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

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

~ transforming God to a verb ~

BEWARE!

Here we practice the inclusive Gospel of Jesus, Christ.

This means that you may be gathering with

Tax collectors, thieves, adulterers, hypocrites,

Women and men, Gays and lesbians,

the disabled, the dying;

Native Canadians, French Canadians,

Asians, Blacks and other ethnic minorities;

Religious zealots, bigots, heretics, agnostics, atheists,

Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and

strangers from foreign lands—

Anyone like those with whom Jesus met.

So beware, this is not an exclusive club.

We welcome you all!

(adapted from Kenneth Leech, St. Botolph's, Aldgate, London)

Back to Church Sunday

September 29, 2013 ~ Creation Time

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Simon Abbott, Organist & Music Director
Organist 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
H. Douglas Ritcey, OFM, Honorary Elder
Irene Parks, UCW President

Heather Ferrier, Student Minister
John Walter, Assistant
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Elaine Janson, Nursery
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
John Gillis, Board Chair
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery
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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE 3-Part Invention in D minor J.S. Bach

***ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION**
The Trinity Bell is sounded & the Community Candle is lit.

***INTROIT** This Is the Day (2x) MV 122

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Among us the spirit of Creativity God conceives new life

And we feel the life within us.

In our history Jesus the Sage makes gentle entry

And we see the light before us.

Within our dreams the truth of our God is revealed

We await the hope of the world.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***OPENING HYMN** Part of the Family (omit v. 3) VU 395

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

ANTHEM Blessed Assurance, trad. gospel hymn
Soloist—*Suzy Hansen*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION - *Angus McDonald*

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 "Sacred Powers"

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS VU 921

***HYMN** Open My Eyes, That I May See VU 371

SILENCE & PRAYER OF THE COMMUNITY

SOLO His Eye is on the Sparrow, traditional
Soloist—*Suzy Hansen*

READINGS Excerpt from Reginald Bibby's "Restless Churches"
The Bible - Acts 17: 22-29

Offered as wisdom for the journey. May we walk in its light.

SERMON "We're turning them away at the door!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	A New Creed	VU 918
*CLOSING HYMN	Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore	VU 563
*CLOSING WORDS & BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	A Sung Gospel Postlude Soloist— <i>Suzy Hansen</i>	

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Welcome to *Fort Massey by~the~sea*. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday Gathering. Special welcome to our soloist, *Suzy Hansen*. **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 **lunch and conversation** in the Lower Hall. Our appreciation to *Nancy Riggs* and the *Membership Development Committee*.

Happy Birthday to *Betty Easton* on Thursday, October 3rd.

Coffee & Conversation Hosts needed beginning Oct 13th.

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

@ the fort this week:

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tuesday @ 10 AM, at the home of *Kathy Evans*.
- *Admin. Committee*, Tuesday @ 4 PM, Minister's Study.
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tuesday, 7 to 8:20 PM, Lower Hall.
- *Board of Management*, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Parlour.
- *Choir*, Thursday, 7:30-9 PM, Sanctuary. *Wear your robe to church – join our choir!*
- *Winter Clothing Sale* – Saturday, 9:30-11:30 AM, Lower Hall.
- *World Wide Communion* is next Sunday, Oct 6th, at 10:30 AM.
- *Fun & Talent Auction with Lunch* (home-made stew) – Oct 6, 12 noon, Lower Hall. Auction items/ideas need to be submitted by Sep 30.

Celebrate the Common 250 on October 3-6, a celebration of the 250 anniversary of the gift the Halifax Common to the people of Halifax 'forever' (1763-2013). Events: www.halifaxcommon.ca

Harvest Tea & Bake Sale – Sat, Oct 19, 2-4 PM, Lower Hall. Free Will Offering.

**Sign-up sheet* for sandwiches, squares & cookies in the Tobin St. lobby.

UCC Christmas catalogue, *Gifts with Vision*, is available in the Tobin St. lobby on the Welcome Table. *A great way to support your United Church!*