

A brief history...

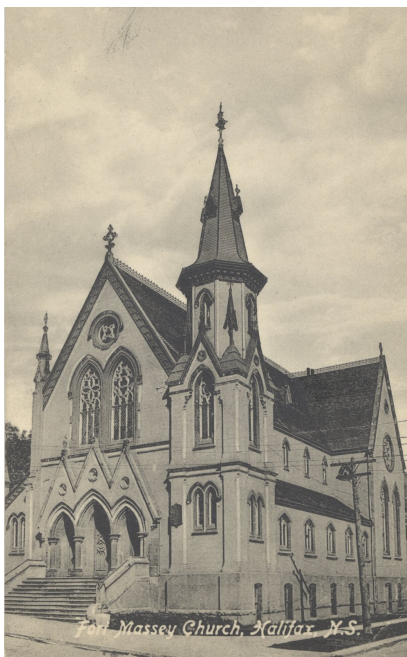
The Name: The unique name of Fort Massey Church recalls the early years of the garrison town when there was a blockhouse on the site. The fort was named after *General Eyre Massey* who was commander-in-chief at Halifax from 1776-1780.

The Building: From the *Halifax Reporter*, 1871: "The interior ... has almost a cathedral appearance. In form and style there is nothing like it in Nova Scotia." From the *Canadian Illustrated News*, 1873: "...one of the most handsome specimens of Gothic architecture to be met in the Dominion." Opened in 1871, the Scottish architect, *David Stirling*, made skillful use of Gothic designs with more than a dozen window shapes and sizes and numerous versions of decorative window tracery. Inside there are richly-carved ceiling braces supported by hammer-beams, ornamental kings' heads and bands of trefoil arches punctuated by protruding, small winged creatures which gaze down into the nave below. The church hall with gymnasium was added in 1898, and is shared with numerous community groups.

The Organ: The three manual Casavant organ, installed in 1913, was played by television's first lady of the organ, *Diane Bish* (Joy of Music) to a full house; and each October the local chapter of the *Royal Canadian College of Organists* (RCCO) brings together organists and musical guests for an evening of 'frighteningly fine music' at the *Phantoms of the Pipes* concert!

The People: Fort Massey, along with many other Presbyterian churches, joined the Methodists and Congregationalists in the union of *The United Church of Canada* in 1925. Over the years many notable Haligonians attended Fort Massey including *Lucy Maud Montgomery* (author of *Anne of Green Gables*) and *Anna Leonowens* (Governess to the King of Siam's children).

Today, the congregation consists of long-time south-enders, students, seniors, and new residents who live in the neighbouring buildings, as well as people from throughout the HRM. We strive to be a welcoming oasis in the midst of city living.



Fort Massey by~the~Sea

*Watching over Halifax
Harbour since 1871*

*A Congregation of The
United Church of Canada*



T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister

Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

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Warning! *To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter God's soul-challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?*

10:30 am, August 17, 2014

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to *Fort Massey by~the~Sea*. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday morning gathering. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and 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**.

Our musicians, *Simon* and *Leah*, are on the last leg of a two month tour of cathedrals and organs in Europe. This tour has an educational component to it. More information and subscription to the pod-cast (a radio show over the internet) can be found at: <http://organsafari.wordpress.com>

Annual Summer Organ Concert – Bethany United Church, 7171 Clinton Ave, Hfx. presents Organists *Shawn Whynot* and *Patrick Salah* for ‘A Summer’s Evening Organ Concert’ on Wednesday August 20th at 7:30 PM. Lemonade and light refreshments. Admission by Donation. 455-0521.

Summer Organ Concerts resume at the Cathedral Church of All Saints with *James Burchell*, on Wednesday, August 27, at 12:10 PM.

Church School with *Sancia Knorr* resumes Sunday, Sep 7, at 10:30 am, for children 5-12. We need a volunteer(s) to lead a class for the older children (12 & up). Please speak to the minister. The Nursery will re-open as well.

Volunteer(s) needed for an outreach project in support of the Alzheimer Society, to be held during a Sunday morning Coffee & Conversation in September. Please speak with the minister or our Outreach Chair, *Ian MacDonald*.

Welcome Back Sunday will be held on September 28th. Please speak with Nancy Riggs or the minister if you would like to help organize this year’s “international” event.

Fall Retreats at Tatamagouche Centre, a United Church adult education centre. Check it out at www.tatacentre.ca

The Halifax Humanities Society presents HALIFAXTHINKS! for those who love to read, think & discuss great works of literature and philosophy. 4 month on-line course is \$400. All proceeds go to support Halifax Humanities 101: humanities education for adults living on low incomes. Brochures in Tobin St. lobby. 425.1521 or visit www.HalifaxThinks.ca