

**2015 Offering Envelopes** are in the Tobin St. lobby.

**2015 Canadian Church Calendars** are now available. \$10.

**Daily Devotional**, *These Days*, Jan-Mar, available in Tobin St. lobby.

**Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir**, 3 PM, TODAY, Dec 21 at St Mary's Basilica.

**The 5th Annual Saint David's Carol Service**, TONIGHT at 7, Dec 21, featuring the Senior Choir and Friends of the *Presbyterian Church of Saint David*. Conducted by *Tristan Cleveland-Thompson*, and accompanied by *Cynthia Davies*, come join us and listen to new and traditional carols alike! Free will offering. All are welcome at the newly renovated worship space at 1544 Grafton @ Blowers St., Halifax

**Longest Night of the Year Service**, Dec 22, 7 PM, at *St. David's Presbyterian Church*.

**Tuesday at the Fort**: YOGA with Jenny, 7 PM, Lower Hall.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS @ the Fort**:  
Dec 24, 7 PM, Christmas Eve Service  
Dec 28, 10:30 AM, Lessons & Carols  
Jan 4, 10:30 AM, New Year's Communion

**Nativity story**, *Tell it On The Mountain*, Dec 26-30, Alderney Landing Theatre. Tickets: [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or 1 888 311 9090; [www.onelighttheatre.com](http://www.onelighttheatre.com)

**Chili Take-out/Eat-in**. Order your chili lunch (\$10 includes bun and a yummy treat) for Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, (Jan 25 is our snow date) in support of Scouting (1<sup>st</sup> Woodlawn). You can take it home or join your friends in the lower hall. Sign-up sheets are located in both lobbies. Thank you. – *Madeline & Sarah Dorey*

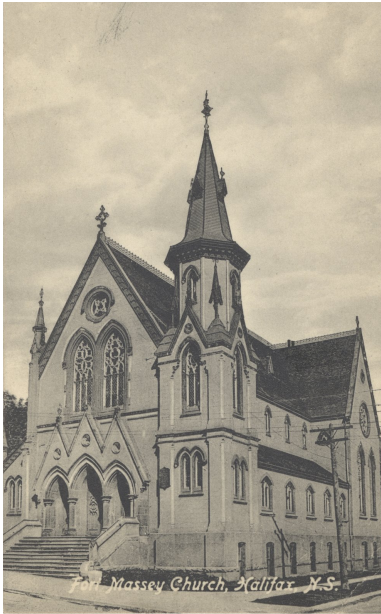
**An Evening @ the Fireside**, 1500 Brunswick St, Thu, Jan 29, 7:30-9 PM. Topic: "My New Year's Resolution(s)".

**Hockey Night with FMC**, Fri, Jan 30, 7 PM, *Scotiabank Centre*. Cape Breton Screaming Eagles vs Halifax Mooseheads. Sign-up in Tobin St. lobby.

**Thank You** for your generous support to the *Mission to Seafarers* (shoe bags) and *Brunswick St. Mission Food Pantry* (white gifts).



Your gifts to the **Mission & Service Fund** of *The United Church of Canada* in 2014 have helped people at home and around the world. Thank you.



# *Fort Massey by-the-Sea*

*Watching over Halifax  
Harbour since 1871  
'Creating Community'*

*A Congregation of  
The United Church of  
Canada*

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## **Our Leadership**

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Leah Collins-Lipsett, Pianist/Jr. Choir  
John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher  
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator  
Elaine Janson, Nursery  
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons  
Kathy Cochran, Office Administrator  
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session  
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus  
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Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer  
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Ian MacDonald, Technical Support  
Irene Parks, UCW President  
Presbytery Representatives:  
Elliott Prouty, Ian MacDonald

**2015, Year of the Evangelist – YOU!**  
It is a well-known fact the best way for a church to grow is by invitation. This year we commit ourselves to growing a vibrant presence in the community.



10:30 am, December 21, 2014

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

# *The Gathering at Fort Massey*

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

**PRELUDE** Adagio for Strings — Samuel Barber  
The Bell is sounded three times in the name of Creating God, Jesus, and Spirit.  
The Community Candle is lit reminding us that we are bearers of light & love.

**OPENING WORDS** responsively, back cover of the bulletin

\***OPENING CAROL** Hope Is a Star vs. 1-3 VU 7

\***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** *Mary and Joseph*

(Two blue & one pink candles are lit.)

Congregation:

**Mary and Joseph, what gift do you bring to us this Advent?**

Youth dressed as Mary & Joseph:

*We bring the gift of love,  
the love we offer to each other in difficult circumstances,  
the love we offer to the baby Jesus who was born to change the world.*

Congregation:

**Thank you, Mary and Joseph, for your gift of love.**

(The fourth candle of Advent is lit - blue.)

Chorus of "A Light Is Gleaming" (Voices United 82) after candle lighting.

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.**

**A SIGN OF PEACE** *Peace be with you. And also with you.*

**MUSICAL REFLECTION** I wonder as I Wander by John Jacob Niles  
*Kevin Roberts, flute*

**WELCOME**

\***ADVENT CAROL** A Candle Is Burning vs.1-4 VU 6

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Jackson Andrew Owen Oickle

To the Congregation:

*We gather at this font to celebrate the Spirit of Life that connects us all and  
through which we come to love ourselves, one another and the whole of  
creation.*

**ALL: This font and the water in it are symbols of community  
and our common need for the refreshing waters of the Spirit.**

*Through water we are born, of water we are made,  
by water we are sustained.*

*Each of you is whole and loved, yet knows the need for support and care upon the spiritual journey. As this family gathers to commit to the journey, let us pledge our care to them.*

**ALL: We stand as witnesses to the commitment this family makes to the journey of faith and pledge ourselves, through the symbol of this water to their love, support and care, as they discover the ways the Spirit unfolds for them.**

*CAROL	What Child Is This	VU 74
MESSAGE	<u>Christmas Store Window</u> – <i>Sunday's Cool Crowd</i> 'Carols for Christmas' booklet: First verse ONLY. O Christmas Tree (18) Away in a Manger (5) The First Noel (10)	
THE NOTICES		
MINUTE FOR MISSION	"May This Never Happen Again" – <i>Colleen Estabrooks</i>	
OFFERINGS	Offertory: White Gifts are received at this time	
*	Response: Hope Is a Star v. 4	VU 7
	<b>Love is a flame...</b>	
PRAYER	Response: <b>We will receive the gift of Love in Jesus Christ. Our giving reflects our thanks for that wonderful gift.</b>	
PRAYER OF JESUS	The Lord's Prayer	VU 914
*CLOSING CAROL	All Poor Ones and Humble	VU 68
*PARTING WORDS		
POSTLUDE	Postlude sur un Noël — Denis Bédard	
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**Welcome** to *Fort Massey by~the~Sea*. We are delighted to have you with us today. A special welcome to our *Sunday Church School*. **Thank you** to *Sancia Knorr, Elaine Janson, and Leah Collins Lipsett*. We also welcome family & friends of baby *Jackson Oickle*. **Visitors** are invited to 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 for **coffee & conversation** and **baby shower** after the Service in the lower hall. Our hosts today are the *Membership Development Committee*.

**Two 'comfy' chairs**, located in the Queen St. lobby, are placed for those who need to get a break from the pew during the Service.

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by *Chris & Brooke Oickle* and baby *Jackson*.