

Gifts with Vision, the United Church Christmas catalogue, in both lobbies.

Another gift with vision. *Simon Munongo* & his family have been giving gifts with vision for some time. They have been single-handedly supporting education in their home town in the Congo since arriving in Canada. Our Outreach Committee feels that this is the kind of hands-on project for which we have been waiting for some time. We are presently working with Simon to make this a registered charity so that we can help in a larger way. In the mean time we are unable to issue receipts, however, the needs are many, and already Simon has shown the power of what one person can do. More info: Simon @ 902.830.9067 or <helpkibuschool@yahoo.ca>

Mission to Seafarers Boxes. Once again we are collecting shoe boxes or bags for the waterfront Mission. Toiletry items, winter gloves/scarves, candy, etc. - use your imagination. Our coordinator, *Kathy Evans*, has set a goal of 50 boxes/bags by Dec 19th. Your support is appreciated.

Brunswick St. Mission. Give \$100 "Year of Caring" gift and a pin & card will be sent acknowledging your act. \$100 Will provide up to one hundred hot breakfasts; or prevent a person from becoming homeless this year; or can help assist individuals seeking housing and employment; or provide clothing, boots and coats for a family of 5 for a year.

White Gift Bags are available in the lobbies. Please return Dec 21 with non-perishable food.

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

Thursday at the Fort: **Discussion group**, invites you out to lunch at the Bistro at the Park Vic, 12 noon, Thursday, Dec 11. **Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30-9 PM, sanctuary.

Next Women's Coffee will be MONDAY December 8th at *Smitty's* in Clayton Park (just off Bayers Lake exit) at 12:30 for lunch. Please note the day and time change.

Next Men's Breakfast, Fri, Dec 12, 9:30 AM, Athens on Quinpool.

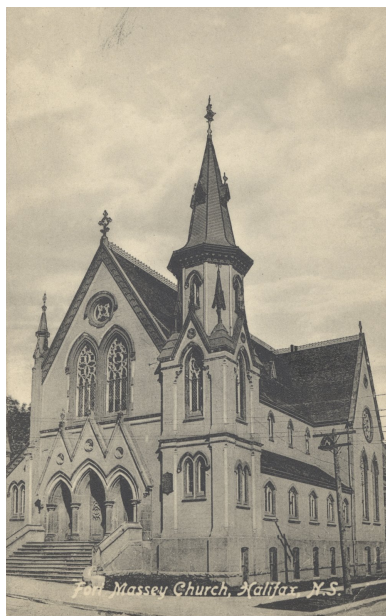
Sleepover. The Church School will be having a sleepover Fri night, Dec 19. Contact *Sancia Knorr* for details.

Baby Shower for our newest babies (3) on the fourth Sunday in Advent, **Dec 21**, during Coffee & Conversation. Financial donations are now being received in the offering plate.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS @ the Fort:
Dec 9, 2 PM, Joe Howe Fellowship
Dec 14, 10:30 AM, Advent Three, New members will be welcomed. Musical Guests, *Modern Grass Bluegrass Band*
Dec 21, 10:30 AM, Advent Four, White Gift Service & Baptism
Dec 22, 7 PM, Longest Night of the Year Service at St. David's Presbyterian
Dec 24, 7 PM, Christmas Eve Service
Dec 28, 10:30 AM, Lessons & Carols
Jan 4, 10:30 AM, New Year's Communion

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





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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, December 7, 2014

2nd Sunday of Advent

The Gathering at Fort Massey

* Indicates all who are able may stand

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL Hark the Glad Sound VU 29

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

PRAYER OF JESUS The Lord's Prayer VU 914

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

WELCOME & NOTICES

PRESENTATION William S. Fong Volunteer Award – *Linda MacDonald*,
Nominating Chair; 2014 recipient, *John Walter*

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Peace-Building in Colombia"
– *Sharon Ross*

* OFFERINGS Offertory:
* Response: Hope Is a Star v. 2 VU 7
Peace is a ribbon...

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *Angels*
(One blue candle is lit.)

Congregation:

Angels, what gift do you bring to us this Advent season?

Children dressed as angels:

*We bring the gift of a message,
a message of peace and joy,
a message of a child born to change the world.*

Congregation:

Thank you, angels, for your gift of a message.

The second blue candle of Advent is lit.

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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME "God's Beautiful Dream" (Isaiah 11:1-10)
– *with the Sunday's Cool Crowd*

*ADVENT CAROL

A Candle Is Burning v. 2
Children leave for class during the hymn

VU 6

READINGS

Genesis 38: 1 - 26
Luke 6: 27 - 45
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

ANTHEM

SERMON

– The Rev'd Dr. Ron Ryan

PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

VU 25

*PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

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Today's bulletin is sponsored by *Sally DeWolf*.

Welcome to *Fort Massey by~the~Sea*. We are delighted to have you with us today as we celebrate our 143rd anniversary. A special welcome to our guest preacher, the Rev'd Dr. *Ron Ryan*. **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 a **soup lunch** after the Service in the lower hall. Our hosts today are members of the *Kirk Session*.

Thank You. "Thank you to all those who helped and came out to celebrate my mother's 100th birthday last Sunday afternoon (Nov 30)." – on behalf of the family, *Richard & Carol Robinson*.

2015 Offering Envelopes are in the Tobin St. lobby.

Taize Prayer this Sunday, Dec. 7, 7PM, in the Judith Grant Room at St. John's United Church, Halifax, located at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. – St. Mathias Lane entrance. All welcome.

"A Christmas Tapestry" by the choir of St. John's United Church, Dec. 18, 7PM, in the Lilian Piercey Concert Hall at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts. The performance is a glimpse of favourite Christmas traditions through the ages, in narration, song, dance and drama. \$10/person.

A King's Christmas with the University of King's College Chapel Choir, Dec 14, 4 & 7:30 PM, All Saints Cathedral; **and** *To Bethlehem With Kings* with Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir, 3 PM, Dec 21 at St Mary's Basilica. Tickets 902.422.1270 ext. 261 OR at the door.