

The Choir of St. John's United Church (Halifax), soloists and handbell ringers is presenting "A Winter Lovesong" – a concert in celebration of St. Valentine and the Winter Season, at the Lillian Piercey Hall in the Maritime Conservatory, 6199 Chebucto Rd., TONIGHT at 7 p.m. Reception to follow. \$10 (at the door).

The Malaika Grandmothers of Halifax who help raise funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation (www.stephenlewisfoundation.org) which supports African grandmothers who raise their grandchildren who have been orphaned by AIDS, are organizing a fundraising event, called "Experience A World Of Teas", on Sunday, TODAY, 2-4 p.m. in the Garden Crest Towers, 1540 Summer St.

A Choral Evensong at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Martello Street, TODAY at 4 pm. Tea in the Transept preceding the Service at 3:30 pm.

Triennial Visit. The Halifax Presbytery Oversight Committee will be with us on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 PM. All Board and Session members are asked to make an effort to be in attendance, and any member of the congregation is invited to attend. We will gather in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity to discuss the life and work, the strengths and concerns and vision of Fort Massey. **Copies of the Pastoral Oversight topics of discussion are available from the minister.**

FREE Women's Beginner YOGA starting Friday, March 7th at 1:30 pm. Classes every Friday at 3524 Dutch Village Road (lower level of Fairview United Church) at the Fairview United Family Centre. All ages are welcomed. Unsupervised child play room available. Wheel chair accessible. Call 443-9569.

Anything and Everything Auction March 16th. Apple pie, brownies!! Just like Mom used to make! Are you known for a special pie, cake, or jam, perhaps made from a secret recipe? Do you have a favourite book, craft, CD, DVD, jewellery, that you would like to donate? Can you offer a service or a meal? Enjoy Irish stew as you outbid your friends for that incredible lemon pie or lunch for two. Auctioneer *Margie James* is known for getting a fair or more than fair price for your treasures and making it fun to spend your last dollar. With your help we can replace the 14 tables that walked out the door during the summer and haven't returned. Every bit helps. Please tell *Irene Parks* what you are donating by March 9th. Come and bring your friends.

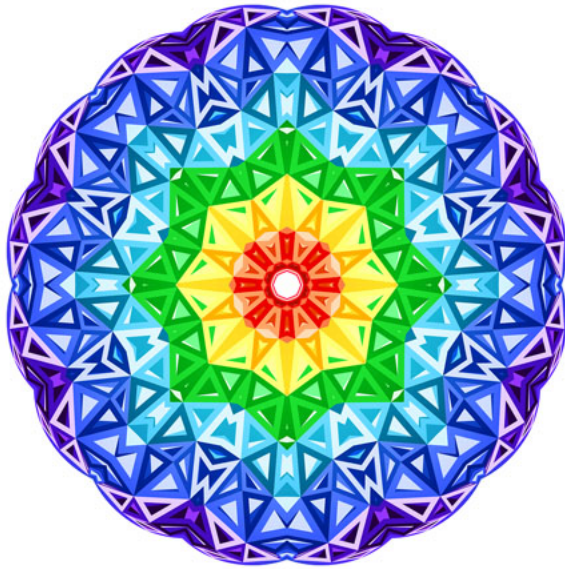
Pancake Supper. You are invited to attend a Pancake Supper in the First Baptist Church Halifax hall, 1300 Oxford St., Tuesday, March 4, 5-7 PM. Scouter Howard's "unique and delicious" pancakes with 'real' maple syrup, sausages, juice, coffee, or tea and a selection of sweets. Donations: \$8 for adults \$5 for youth or child 12 and under. \$22 for a family (2 adults, 3 or less children) Children 5 and under are free. *(Some of our youth attend this Scouting program.)*

Church membership. Please contact the minister if you are interested in having your membership transferred, or joining the church through confirmation.

Fort Massey by-the-Sea

*A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
Watching over Halifax Harbour c. 1871*

~ transforming God to a verb ~



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany ~ 10: 30 am, February 23, 2014

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Simon Abbott, Organist & Music Director
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, Clerk Emeritus
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee
H. Douglas Ritcey, Honorary Elder
Irene Parks, UCW President

Heather Ferrier, Student Minister
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Roberts, Flutist
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Janna Janson, Nursery
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
John Gillis, M&P Chair
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
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ORDER *of* SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE Improvisation on “Let all mortal flesh keep silent”

The Trinity Bell is rung and the Community Candle lit.

OPENING WORDS

***OPENING HYMN** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VU 220

THE PEACE *May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

ANTHEM Shine, Jesus, Shine — Graham Kendrick

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Our 2014 Goal is \$10,000”

OFFERINGS

Offertory Hymn: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU 559
Standing, as the offering plates are brought forward.

CHILDREN’S TIME with the *Sunday’s Cool Crowd* - “Love your enemies?”

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

***HYMN** Who is My Mother? MV 178

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Blowing in the Wind — Bob Dylan

READINGS “Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism” by J.S. Spong
Genesis 7: 9-13; 17-23

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

SERMON Sailing Off The Edge – Rev’d Trent

***AFFIRMATION** A New Creed VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN** Oh A Song Must Rise MV 142

*PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE Prelude on *Fillii et Filiae* — Healey Willan
John Snow, trombone

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Band musicians with us today:

Simon Abbott, guitar; *Leah Collins-Lipsett*, piano

Chris Churchill, bass; *Kevin Robarts*, flute

John Snow, trombone and percussion

Welcome to Fort Massey. A special welcome to our **visitors** and members of the house band. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday Gathering. You 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**. Join us in the lower hall after the Service for **Coffee & Conversation**. Your hosts are *Angus & Mary McDonald*.

Newsletter deadline is Sunday, March 30th.

First Sunday in Lent: *David Griffiths* will be speaking on March 9 at our 10:30 Service - "*Trekking Through Life -- Reflections on a Month in Nepal*"

In Hospital: *Doug Ritcey*, Camp Hill. **Convalescing:** *Brian Read*, Florida; *Anna Parks*, at home; *Florence Ivany*, at home. **Seniors in care:** *Margaret Grant* (at home); *Frances Harvey*, Northwood Halifax; *Joan Hylsop*, Northwood-Ivany Place (Bedford); *Joyce Langille*, Berkeley (Green St); *Marjorie MacLeod*, Parkstone (Clayton Park); *Julie Thomas*, Berkeley (Bedford)

Observer Renewal is due before Feb 28. Please include your \$20 in your offering envelope or a separate envelope marking it "Observer Renewal". New subscribers and cancellations are asked to contact *Irene Parks* at 422-7996 (evenings) by Jan 31st. Thank You.

This Week @ the fort ...

- "*The Seeds of a Speech*" with *Heather Ferrier*, Mon, 6 PM, Minister's Study
- *RCCO Gathering*, Mon, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Next Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, Mar 4, 10 AM, *Mary Carmichael's*
- *Cozy Wear Outreach Project*, reconvenes Tue, March 11, 1 PM, Lower Hall
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Kirk Session*, Tue, 7:30 PM, Music Room
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley on Green St.
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Next Men's Breakfast*, Fri, Mar 7, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- *Next Sunday Simon & John* will be "showing off" our re-furbished organ

Coming Up @ the fort...

Hockey Night in Halifax, Sat, Mar 15, HFX Metro Centre
Irish Stew Luncheon, Sunday, Mar 16, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall
Sign-up sheet for ingredients in the Tobin St lobby on the easel

Our Haggis Lunch has been re-scheduled to National Tartan Day on Sunday, April 6 at 11:30 am. A 'Blessing of the Tartan' will be observed during the 10:30 Service.

Youth. If you are in grade 6 and up and would like to gather as a youth group during the Sunday Service or another time, please contact the minister.