Our Christian Sympathy: to Everett Scott & family on the death of his father, Everett Howard Scott. Funeral was held Jan 21 in Barrington, NS. to Anne Thompson on the death of her mother, Margaret Thompson. Memorial Service will be 3 PM, Feb 1st, from Snow's Funeral Home Chapel on Lacewood. to Bill & Muriel Hale on the death of Bill's brother, Tom Hale. Funeral will be Jan 27th in Westville, NS.

**Annual Reports** are due in the church office no later than noon, January 31st.

<u>The Caledonian Scottish Fiddle Orchestra</u> of Nova Scotia will perform at Bedford United Church. February 2, at 2:30 PM, in support of *Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp* and their summer programs.

Our student minister, Heather Ferrier, will be leading an educational series, "The Seeds of a Speech", Mondays in February, 6-7:30 PM, in the church hall. We will use video, small-group discussion, and activities to explore the Rev'd Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech. Together, the group will explore the historical, cultural, and Biblical origins of this famous speech. How has King's dream been realized, where has the dream gone unfulfilled, and what can we learn about becoming an intercultural church? Please speak to Heather if you have any questions or are interested in participating in this series.

<u>Valentine Tea</u> will be held on Saturday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM. Bake Table. Sign-up sheet in the Tobin St lobby for sandwiches, cookies & squares. NO NUTS, please. Music provided by harpist, *Valerie Bellamy*. Goodwill offering.

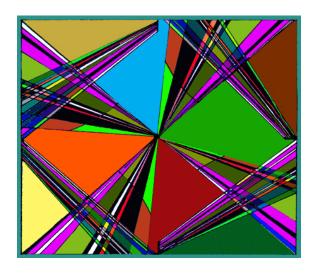
<u>Sleigh Ride</u>, Hatfield Farm, Feb 8, 2-4 PM, \$15. In support of *Angels of Hope* Relay for Life Team. Contact Kari Robertson at 429-7089.

On February 9th the Shining Lights Choir will be sharing their ministry of music with us during the service! They are a choir of adults who have firsthand experience with homelessness, and their current director is our very own Leah Collins Lipsett. The choir is run and funded by the Metro Non-Profit Housing Association. Since many of Shining Lights' members have difficulty with mobility, if there are any congregation members who would be available to drive choir members from Gottingen St to Ft. Massey and back again on Feb 9th, that would be much appreciated. Contact Leah at <a href="leahgel@gmail.com">leahgel@gmail.com</a>. Thank you!

<u>Observer Renewal</u> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank You.

# Fort Massey by-the-Sea

Watching over Halifax Harbour c. 1871



STARTAN ~ The Tartan Revolution

# Third Sunday after Epiphany ~ 10: 30 am, January 26, 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
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Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
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## ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

**PRELUDE** Ach Gott, von Himmel sieh darein — F.W. Zachow

The Trinity Bell is rung and the Community Candle lit.

**OPENING WORDS** 

\*OPENING HYMN Praise God for This Holy Ground MV 42

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

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Jean Cudmore

**OFFERINGS** 

Offertory:

\* Response: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;** 

praise God all creatures high and low; Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen. Standing, as the offering plates are brought forward.

CHILDREN'S TIME "What do you want to be?"

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

\*HYMN Jesus Saw Them Fishing MV 113

PASTORAL PRAYER

**ANTHEM** "Bheir Mi Oh" — Traditional Scottish from Eriskay

**READING** Matthew 3:1-15

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

**SERMON** Keeping Our Noses to the Ground – *Rev. Trent* 

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A New Creed VU 918

\*CLOSING HYMN Walk with Me VU 649

\*PARTING WORDS

CHORAL RESPONSE "Go Now In Peace" — Don Besig

**POSTLUDE** Offertoire sur les Noëls — Léon Boëllmann

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<u>Welcome</u> to Fort Massey. A special welcome to our **visitors**. 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 for after the Service in the lower hall for **Coffee & Conversation**. Our *Robbie Burns Celebration* has been postponed to another Sunday because of the weather.

#### This Week @ the fort ...

- 2013 Tax Receipts are available today in the Tobin St. lobby.
- Jan-Feb Devotional "These Days" available in the Tobin St. lobby. \$4.
- Nominating Committee, TODAY, 10 AM, Minister's Study
- Organ repairs, all this week, Sanctuary
- Next Women's Coffee Group, Tue, Feb 4, 10 AM, Isabel Robertson's
- Cozy Wear Outreach Project, Tue, 1 PM, Lower Hall
- Outreach Committee, Tue, 6:30 PM, Minister's Study
- YOGA with Jenny, Tue at 7 PM, Lower Hall
- Kirk Session, Tue, 7:30 PM, Parlour
- Spirit Connectors, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley on Green St.
- Choir Practice, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Next Men's Breakfast, Fri, Feb 7, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- Nominating Committee, next Sunday, 10 AM, Minister's Study
- Chinese New Year C&C, next Sunday, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall See Angie Ngu after Service today if you would like to go for a Chinese meal at a neighbourhood restaurant next week.

### Coming Up @ the fort...

Valentine Tea, Sat, Feb 8, 2-4 PM, Lower Hall Annual Meeting Working Lunch, Sunday, Feb 16, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall Hockey Night in Halifax, Sat, Mar 15, HFX Metro Centre, Irish Stew Luncheon, Sunday, Mar 16, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall

Sunday Speakers @ the fort: Heather Ferrier preaching February 16<sup>th</sup>

David Griffiths speaking on March 9<sup>th</sup>

"Trekking Through Life -- Reflections on a Month in Nepal;
or How I Stopped Worrying and Embraced Mindfulness"

Stories of Peace and Reconciliation with *Paul Hutchinson*, former director of the Corrymeela Peace and Reconciliation Centre, Northern Ireland: January 30th, 7:00 pm -9:00 pm

Lecture & Reception: Restorative Justice in Northern Ireland

Room 104, Schulich School of Law, 6061 University Ave.

Jan. 31st, 7:00 pm -9:00 pm

Movie Screening: Upstanding - Stories of Courage from Northern Ireland

Room 224 Student Union Building, Dal Student Union Building; 6136 University Feb. 1st, 9:30 am -12:30 pm

Public Workshop: We see through our stories: exploring our faith stories, and their impact on our behaviour

Dalhousie Multifaith Centre, 1321 Edward St. (registration required)