

Elder Election. Elders are those persons of the Congregation who are chosen by the congregation for their wisdom, caring, spiritual discernment and other gifts of the Spirit, and to whom the responsibility of leadership is entrusted within Fort Massey. Elders at Fort Massey are elected by members of the congregation, voting by mail ballot. All members are eligible to become elders, and all members are eligible to vote in the election. Those who receive the most votes are asked if they are prepared to serve as elders. Ballots are available in the Tobin St. lobby, and the close of the voting is today, June 1. **The list of the members eligible for election includes members on the membership list plus those elders whose term is up and are re-offering: Kathy Evans, Irene Parks, Peter Coulthard, Jim Janson, Carol Sinclair and Ruth MacKenzie.**

This Week @ the fort ...

- YOGA with Jenny, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- Board of Management, Tue, 7:30 PM, Parlour

Everything you wanted to know about the new Maritime Conference building.
Wed, June 4, 7 PM, Edgewood Oxford UC, Connaught near Bayers Rd.

Concert: United Church singer songwriter *Scott Anthony Andrews* from Saskatchewan will be performing songs from his new CD "Faith is a Bicycle" at Stairs United in Dartmouth at 7:30 on June 8. Also featured will be harpist and soloist Mary Lynne Whyte. Tickets are \$20 with a CD and \$15 without. Come and join us for an intimate evening of song.

The Four Men Sing, *2014 Maritime Tour*, Woodlawn United Church, Dartmouth, June 8th, 8 PM. \$20.

Lunch in Hall's Harbour, Thu, June 19. Leaving Halifax at 10 am. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby. Please indicate if you can offer a ride OR need a ride. Should the weather be un-cooperative that day, lunch will be held at a local restaurant.

Crisis in South Sudan: The United Church of Canada is sounding an alarm about the growing humanitarian crisis in *South Sudan*. With international attention focused on other conflicts, such as those in Syria, Ukraine, and Nigeria, the church is particularly concerned that deteriorating conditions in South Sudan are being inadequately reported in the media and relief needs are seriously underfunded. To date relief efforts have focused on distributing water, providing sanitation and hygiene kits, drilling boreholes, distributing relief goods, supporting mobile health clinics, offering psychosocial care, and carrying out peace-building work in camps. Funds raised by The United Church of Canada's emergency appeal for South Sudan will be directed to both ACT Alliance and the church's Mission and Service partners in the region. **For further information, check out the UCC web site OR please contact: Mary-Frances Denis, Program Coordinator, Media and Public Relations, The United Church of Canada.**

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Fort Massey by-the-Sea

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

7th Sunday of Easter ~ Environment Sunday



10:30 am, June 1, 2014

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Janna Janson, Nursery
Linda MacDonald, Nominating
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee
H. Douglas Ritcey, Honorary Elder
Irene Parks, UCW President

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
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator
John Gillis, M&P Chair
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbyters
Martina Sommer, Facilities Rental Manager

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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

Panis Angelicus — César Franck

Ringing of the Trinity bell and lighting of the Community candle

OPENING WORDS

Come, people of God, consider all of this glorious creation as we gather in community.

We come to be in the presentness of God, to hear hope proclaimed.

Come, people of God, acknowledge what a struggle it is to walk in faith and live the gospel.

We come to find encouragement, to be strengthened, to walk with Jesus.

Come, people of God, open your hearts anew to God's love and faithfulness.

We come that we may know love and feel the Spirit active in all of creation.

(adapted, Cindy Randall, Humbervale UC, Etobicoke, ON)

*OPENING HYMN

Called by Earth and Sky

MV 135

*THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Backyard Farming and the Patio Economy” – Carol Sinclair

OFFERINGS

The breadth of life, Creating God, amazes us:

We look up at the skies, we consider the ocean depths, we think about forests and prairie lands, and we are aware of all that has been gracefully gifted to us.

Our gifts that we give this morning are a way of returning thanks:

they will enable praise and prayer to be offered joyfully Sunday by Sunday; they will enable the words of Jesus Christ to be made clear, and the Way of Jesus to be followed.

It is in our giving that we are made holy. Amen.

(adapted, David Sparks, Okanagan Falls UC, BC)

Offertory:

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Response: We Give Thee But Thine Own (vs. 1 & 2)

VU 543

CHILDREN'S TIME with the *Sunday's Cool Crowd*

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

*CHILDREN'S HYMN

O Beautiful Gaia

MV 41

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM	“Lift thine eyes” from <i>Elijah</i> — Felix Mendelssohn	
READINGS	The Chair Men (excerpt) by Robert Fulghum Ecclesiastes 8:1-5 (The Bible)	
*HYMN	Lord, Speak to Me	VU 589
SERMON	<u>The Slow Path to Wisdom</u>	
*AFFIRMATION	A New Creed	VU 918
*CLOSING HYMN	We Gather Here to Bid Farewell	VU 558
*CLOSING WORDS		
POSTLUDE	<i>Gymnopédie No.1</i> – Erik Satie <i>Kevin Roberts</i> , flute <i>Leah Collins Lipsett</i> , piano	

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Welcome to Fort Massey. We are delighted to have you joining us today. 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. Please join us after the Service for our **Coffee & Conversation** in the lower hall. Your **host** today is *Irene Parks*.

Our sympathy to *Colleen Estabrooks* on the death of her uncle in Sackville, NB.

Daily Devotional, *These Days* (Jul-Aug-Sep) is available in the Tobin St. lobby.

Our Sunday Church School is closing for the summer today. Our appreciation to *Sancia, Janna, and Elaine* for their faithfulness to our Sunday morning children's programming. We wish all our scholars a *warm* summer of fun and relaxation.

Our musicians, *Simon* and *Leah*, leave next week for a two month tour of cathedrals and organs in Europe. This tour will have an educational component to it. More information and subscription to the pod-cast (a radio show over the internet) will soon be found at: <http://organsafari.wordpress.com>

Next Sunday is Pentecost, as well as Union Sunday. We will be celebrating 89 years of Church union and observing the sacrament of Holy Communion. Our Honourary Elder, *H. Douglas Ritcey*, will also be celebrating his 96th birthday on June 8th.