

Fort Massey by-the-Sea

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

Watching over Halifax Harbour c. 1871

~ transforming God to a verb ~

"Here is God's purpose - for God, to me, it seems, is a verb, not a noun, proper or improper; is the articulation, not the art, objective or subjective; is loving, not the abstraction "love" commanded or entreated; is knowledge dynamic, not legislative code, not proclamation law, not academic dogma, not ecclesiastic canon. Yes, God is a verb, the most active. Let it burn swiftly." – R. Buckminster Fuller

Second Sunday in Lent ~ 10:30 am, March 16, 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
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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
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Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
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Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery
Martina Sommer, Facilities Rental Manager
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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

Prelude: Lento — Léon Boëllman

Ringing of the Trinity bell and lighting of the Community candle

INTROIT

Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary (3X)

MV 18

OPENING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

VU 333

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY REPORT – Elliott Prouty

MINUTE FOR MISSION “In the Arms of the Faith Community” – Carol Sinclair

OFFERINGS

* Response: We Give Thee But Thine Own vs.1 VU 543
Standing, as the offering plates are brought forward.

CHILDREN’S TIME with the *Sunday’s Cool Crowd* “The Hope Cottage Project”

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

*HYMN Bless the Lord MV 46

LENTEN PRAYER Response: **We need you, God.**

ANTHEM Come My Way, My Truth, My Light Noel Rawsthorne

READING I Kings 19:9-14
*Offered as wisdom for the journey. **May we walk in its light.***

SERMON Trekking Through the Grocery Aisles – Rev. Trent

*AFFIRMATION A New Creed VU 918

*CLOSING HYMN My Faith Looks Up to Thee VU 663

*PARTING WORDS

IRISH BLESSING Christ Be with Me VU 318

POSTLUDE *Pour le piano* Suite, Mvt. 1 — Claude Debussy
Leah Collins Lipsett, piano
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Welcome to Fort Massey. A special welcome to our **visitors**. 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**. Join us in the lower hall after the Service for an Irish Beef Stew Lunch, convener – *Kathy Evans*.

Anything and Everything Auction while you enjoy your Irish stew. Outbid your friends for these: 2 season passes (Roller Derby), 10 YOGA classes with Jenny, homemade baby blanket, Christmas holly, baked goods, Elton John CD, Roger St. Denis CD, English pottery, *Foyle’s War* DVDs, day trips. Auctioneer: *M. James*.

Our Sympathy to *Elaine Janson & family* on the death of her mother in Cape Breton March 8; to the family of the late **Florence Ivany** who died at home March 10; and to *Jean Brown* on the death of her brother-in-law.

The Sunflower Project. Join the Sunday School children of High River United Church in brightening up High River, Alberta, after last year’s flood, with sunflowers this spring. They will bring a ray of hope to each household (4000) by placing an envelope of sunflower seeds into every mailbox in High River. Sunflowers are great at pulling toxins out of the soil (*left by the flood waters and all the chemicals that were mixed in which sat for weeks in parts of town*). We’ll be collecting seeds until March 30th.

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Daily Devotional, *These Days*: Apr-May-Jun, is available today on the Welcome Table in the Tobin St. lobby (donations welcome - \$4).

Newsletter deadline is Sunday, March 30th.

This Week @ the fort ...

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, March 18, 10 AM, *Carol Sinclair's*
- *Cozy Wear Outreach Project*, reconvenes Tue, 1 PM, Lower Hall
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Shelter Cooking*, Tue, 7 PM, Church Kitchen - *Sign-up for sandwich bread*
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley on Green St.
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Men's Breakfast*, Fri, March 21, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant

Coming Up @ the fort...

Haggis Lunch, National Tartan Day, Sunday, April 6, 11:30 am, Lower Hall. We need potatoes, turnip, and helpers to prepare, serve and clean-up. Sign-up sheet is on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby.

Minister's Office Hours are generally 9-12, Tue-Fri, and by appointment. Monday is his *day of rest*.

Israel-Palestine. Saint Andrew's United Church is hosting Israeli peace activist Dr. Daphna Levit, Monday March 17th, 7 PM; 6036 Coburg Rd., St. Andrew's Church, Mary Holmes room. This issue is particularly timely with peace negotiations taking place between Israel-Palestine and with the United Church having taken a stand for peace with justice for Palestinians and Israelis.

Values and Vision: Is Doctor Assisted Suicide a Right? A public forum on end of life issues, co-sponsored by the Halifax Shambhala Centre, The Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, St. John's United Church and St. Andrew's United Church, will be held at St. Andrew's United Church (Corner of Robie St. and Coburg Rd.) on Friday March 21st at 7pm. Wanda Morris, Executive Director of Dying with Dignity Canada will be joined by academics, advocates and religious leaders (representing a variety of points of view) for a panel discussion. We invite your input: potential questions for the panelists can be emailed in advance to saintandrews@eastlink.ca

Smelt Supper ~ Saturday, March 22nd, \$10 includes potatoes, peas, smelts and gingerbread dessert. Port Wallis United Church, 263 Waverley Road, Dartmouth. Fresh saltwater fish, boiled potatoes in their skins, fresh homemade bread and pickles. Tell your friends. Supper begins at 5 PM. Call 435-3644 for tickets.

De-commissioning Service for Oyster Pond United will take place, Sunday, March 23 at 2:30 pm. Refreshments to follow at Oyster Pond Fire Hall. Storm Date, March 30.

Chowder lunches at the Presbyterian Church of Saint David will be offered again this year. We will not operate for the full seven weeks of Lent but will begin on March 26 and will continue for a total of four Wednesdays ending on April 16.

Power Shift Atlantic is a special, one-time conference re Climate, environmental and social Justice happening in Halifax March 28-30. It is especially by and for ages 18 - 35, but anyone who wants to learn more and to take action to protect our Earth home now and for the future is encouraged to register and attend. If cost is a concern, apply for a scholarship by March 21st - or if you can, donate to the scholarship fund by that date. For more info or to register please go to: *PowerShift Atlantic PowerShift Canada* www.wearepowershift.ca/powershift_atlantic

Heather Ferrier's last 'official' Sunday with us will be March 30.

United Church Men's Rally, *Setting a destination...a GPS for the church*, May 3, Trinity St Stephen's United, Amherst, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Speaker: *Andrew Stirling*.

Renowned British organist David Briggs will present a concert at All Saints' Cathedral, Martello Street, Halifax on Friday May 9th at 7:30 pm, sponsored by the Halifax RCCO Centre. Admission is \$20 regular; or \$10 for seniors, RCCO members and students. Those aged 12 and under are free. David Briggs will also present a Workshop on French organ music on Saturday May 10th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at First Baptist Church, Oxford Street, Halifax. Cost: \$25 full day, \$15 half day, RCCO members free. The afternoon session will include a Masterclass with 3-4 participants. Contact marg.machum@bellaliant.net by April 20th, 2014, to be a participant.

Camp Kidston has the opportunity to receive a number of large items that require a cube van or similar vehicle in order to pick them up from 2 locations and take out to the camp. This would require about 3 or 4 hours from start to finish. If anyone has access to such a vehicle please contact Joyce mjwylie@ns.sympatico.ca or 462-5084 for details. The camp will cover the cost of gas.

Runners United is back for 2014! This is the perfect opportunity to get yourself in shape while raising money for the Mission and Service Fund. The Stewardship Committee of the Maritime Conference is once again sponsoring a team for the Blue Nose races this May. Participants can run or walk in any of the race distances: 5km, 10km, half marathon (21.1km) or the full marathon (42.2km). All you have to do is walk or run to get in shape and ask your friends, family members and church members to sponsor you to raise money for M&S. All the fundraising is done through the Blue Nose, which means that it can be done online as well as by cash or cheque. For the last two years we've raised \$13,000 each year. Help us to break our record! If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Keltie van Binsbergen sjminister@eastlink.ca, 868-2791.

Please call the church office 423.4294 when the weather is uncertain for cancellations of church activities. *Thank you.*