

**David's Place**, the Friday Drop in for a hot meal, nursing care, great community, food bank and clothing bank continues to operate every Friday with the new hours of 10-12 noon, Presbyterian Church of Saint David, Brunswick St. entrance.

**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.

**Anything and Everything Auction March 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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**. First Baptist Church Halifax hall, 1300 Oxford St., Tuesday, March 4, 5-7 PM. 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.

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

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

**The Transfiguration of Jesus** is an episode in the New Testament narrative in which Jesus is transfigured (or metamorphosed) and becomes radiant upon a mountain. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36) describe it, and 2 Peter 1:16-18 refers to it. In these accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles go to a mountain (the Mount of Transfiguration). On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice in the sky, assumed to be God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus. The Transfiguration is one of the 'miracles' of Jesus in the Gospels. This miracle is unique among others that appear in the Canonical gospels, in that the miracle happens to Jesus himself. Thomas Aquinas considered the Transfiguration "the greatest miracle" in that it complemented baptism and showed the perfection of life in Heaven. The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension. In *traditional* Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

# *Fort Massey by-the-Sea*

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

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Transfiguration Sunday ~ 10: 30 am, March 2, 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 Ritecy, Honorary Elder  
Irene Parks, UCW President

Heather Ferrier, Student Minister  
John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Ian MacDonald, Tech Support  
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher  
Janna Janson, Nursery  
Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator  
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**Welcome** to Fort Massey. Today we are featuring our restored Casavant organ. 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 in the lower hall after the Service for **Coffee & Conversation**. Your hosts are *Mary McDonald & Irene Parks*.

**Accessible Parking** (Sundays ONLY) is available on Tobin Street. Must display the *Accessible Parking logo* in your windshield area to avoid receiving a ticket.

**Newsletter deadline** is Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**First Sunday in Lent:** *David Griffiths* will be speaking NEXT SUNDAY, Mar 9 at our 10:30 Service (TIME CHANGE – set your clocks ahead one hour!) - *"Trekking Through Life -- Reflections on a Month in Nepal"*

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

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, 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
- *Triennial Visit*. Halifax Presbytery Oversight Committee will be with us on Tuesday, 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.
- *Board of Management*, Tue, 8:30 PM, Music Room
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley on Green St.
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Men's Breakfast*, Fri, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant

### **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

*Haggis Lunch, National Tartan Day*, Sunday, April 6, 11:30 am, Lower Hall

**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.

**Taize Prayer.** St. John's United Church, Halifax, TONIGHT at 7, in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd.

**Rejouissance** – Early Music Ensemble, 'Music for the Season of Lent', March 9th, 7:30 PM, Bethany United Church, Halifax. Guest soloists Jennifer Farrell, soprano, and Sarah Myatt, alto. Tickets; General \$15 & Student \$5, will be available at the door or by calling the church office at 455-0521. The program will include works by Vivaldi and Scarlatti.

**Note** from *Robert Bossler* is posted on the easel board in the Tobin Street lobby.