

# Fort Massey by-the-Sea

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

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*~ transforming God to a verb ~* What does this phrase mean? The following poem by R. Buckminster Fuller was quoted in a sermon “God Is a Verb” given by Joan Atcheson in 2010: *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.* She states “Bucky had a very specific idea in mind – that we are defined by what we do, not what we have; that we are most fulfilled by what we make, not what we take; that we are most Godlike when we produce, not when we consume. God is a verb.” It is this very thought that aptly defines our Sunday bulletin ‘motto’.

First Sunday in Lent ~ 10:30 am, March 9, 2014

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor  
Simon Abbott, Organist & Music Director  
Leah Collins Lipsett, Pianist & Jr. Choir Director  
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Maddy Spicer, Assistant Administrator  
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## ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

### PRELUDE

Selections from the Book of 3-Part Invention — J.S. Bach

### \*PROCESSIONAL

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights  
Seated for verses 1-3; Standing for verses 4-6

VU 108

Ringling of the Trinity bell and lighting of the Community candle

## OPENING WORDS

**THE PEACE** *May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*  
**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** “Hope at the Centre” – *Linda MacDonald*

## 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 Sunflower Project”

## PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS

\***HYMN** Me Alone MV 118

**READINGS** Extract from Robert Fulghum's essay on  
"All I really needed to know...LOOK!"  
Gospel according to Matthew 6: 25-34  
*Offered as wisdom for the journey. **May we walk in its light.***

**ANTHEM** The Prayer of St. Francis — Sebastian Temple

**SERMON** "Trekking Through Life –  
Reflections on a Month in Nepal" – *David Griffiths*

\***CLOSING HYMN** When We Are Tested TUNE: SLANE (VU 642) MV 65

## \*PARTING WORDS

**POSTLUDE** Consolation No. 3 — Franz Liszt  
*Kevin Roberts, piano*

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**Welcome** to Fort Massey. Our appreciation to *David Griffiths* for his message today. 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 *Irene Parks & Leslie Pezzack*.

**Anything and Everything Auction March 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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. **Items, as of today:** 2 season passes (Roller Derby), 10 YOGA classes with Jenny, homemade baby blanket, Christmas holly, rhubarb pie, doz. Buttermilk biscuits, dozen cranberry biscuits, Elton John CD (Gregorian Chant), Roger St. Denis CD (Spa-relax), English pottery vase made in Port Merion and designed by Susan Williams-Ellis, pan of brownies. Do you have anything around the house that you would like to donate? Can you offer a service or a meal?

## **Fort Massey United Church Halifax ~ Sunday, March 9, 2014**

**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>.

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

- *Property Committee*, Mon, 7 PM, Minister's Study
- *Next Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, March 18, 10 AM, *Carol Sincalir's*
- *Cozy Wear Outreach Project*, reconvenes Tue, 1 PM, Lower Hall
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Halifax Presbytery*, Tue, 7 PM, St. Matthew's on Barrington
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley on Green St.
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Next Men's Breakfast*, Fri, March 21, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- *Hockey Night in Halifax*, Sat, Mar 15, HFX Metro Centre

### **Coming Up @ the fort...**

*Irish Stew Luncheon*, Sunday, Mar 16, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall

**we are looking for people to make the stew, set up for the meal and auction, and, help with cleaning up after – sign up in the Tobin St lobby.**

*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.

**Rejouissance** – Early Music Ensemble, 'Music for the Season of Lent', TONIGHT, 7:30, 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.

**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.

**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 am to 4:30 pm. Speaker: *Andrew Stirling*.

**Heather Ferrier's last 'official' Sunday** with us will be March 30. If you would like to contribute to a parting gift for her, please place in the offering plate in an envelope with your name or in your offering envelope, marking 'Heather's gift'.

**Israel-Palestine.** Saint Andrew's United Church is hosting Israeli peace activist Dr. Daphna Levit, Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM; 6036 Coburg Rd. St. Andrew's Church, Mary Holmes room. For those of you interested in learning more about the issues raised by the continuing claim of Homeland for Israel, Saint Andrew's United Church is hosting a lecture by Dr. Daphna Levit, who recently presented this talk to the Seniors' College Association of Nova Scotia (SCANS). Ms Levit, a native-born Israeli who became a peace activist after serving in the Israeli army during one of its many wars, will argue that Homeland for Jews is an 18th century construct of nationalism not theology and that it has become a "political justification for territorial ownership". It is important for those of us who hear the news via TV and multi-media to understand the situation as it pertains to our religious and secular life. 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.

**Smelt Supper** ~ Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, \$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.

**Thinking About Ministry.** March 22-23, Sat 11 am to Sun 4 pm Considering ministry as a vocation? Learn more about the various streams of ministry within the United Church of Canada, ask questions and reflect on personal gifts and readiness for ministry. Leadership: *Rev. Kendall Harrison*

Please register at ASAP s to secure your place in this program. Cost: \$120. Contact Tatamagouche Centre: [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca) or 1-800-218-2220

**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.

**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](mailto:mjwylie@ns.sympatico.ca) or 462-5084 for details. The camp will cover the cost of gas.

**Renowned British organist David Briggs** will present a concert at All Saints' Cathedral, Martello Street, Halifax on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marg.machum@bellaliant.net) by April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to be a participant.