

**Gifts with Vision**, the United Church Christmas catalogue, in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Tuesday at the Fort: YOGA** with Jenny at 7 PM, Lower Hall

**Thursday at the Fort: Discussion group**, *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*, a seven part DVD series, is gathering in the lower hall from 10:30-11:45 am. **Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30- 9 PM, sanctuary.

**Phoenix House Snacks**. Each November we collect snacks and money for snacks to support Phoenix House for one week. You may place your snacks in the container in the sanctuary or money in the offering plate.

**Next Women's Coffee** will be held at the home of *Margie James*, on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

**Men's Breakfast**, Fri, Nov 28, 9:30 AM, Athens on Quinpool.

**Milonga**, Tango Dance Party, Friday, Dec 5, 9-11:30pm in the lower hall.

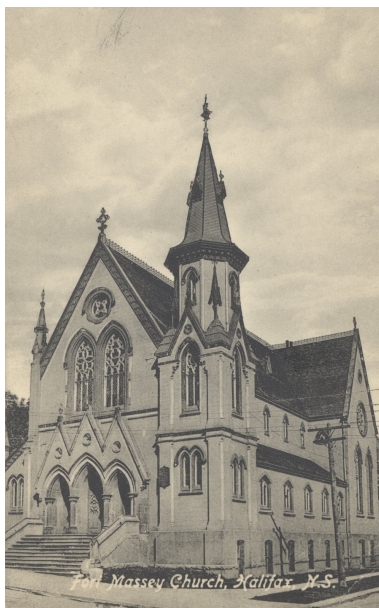
**An Evening at the Fireside**. Join us on Thursday, Nov 27, from 7:30 to 9 PM, at the *Fireside* on Brunswick St. for a pre-Advent gathering. You are invited to bring a favourite Christmas story (children's or adult) or share some thoughts on your favourite Christmas movie or television episode.

**Fort Massey Membership**. Anyone wishing to transfer their membership or become a member is asked to contact the minister at 902.423.4294 or [fmminister@eastlink.ca](mailto:fmminister@eastlink.ca)

**Baby Shower**. The Membership Development Committee will be holding a baby shower for our newest babies (3) on the fourth Sunday in Advent, ***Dec 21***, during Coffee & Conversation. Financial donations are now being received in the offering plate. Thank you.

**Citrus Sale** in support of health and education programs in The Gambia. Contact June Boswell (835.4505) or the NS Gambia Association (423.1360)





# *Fort Massey by-the-Sea*

*Watching over Halifax  
Harbour since 1871*

*A Congregation of  
The United Church of  
Canada*

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Irene Parks, UCW President  
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Elliott Prouty, Ian MacDonald

**WARNING!** *To enter into the  
life of this people of God is to  
encounter God's soul  
challenging, life-changing,  
radicalizing love. Will you join  
us? Do you dare?*



*10:30 am, November 16, 2014*

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

# *The Gathering at Fort Massey*

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

## PRELUDE

The Bell is sounded three times in the name of Creating God, Jesus, and Spirit.  
The Community Candle is lit reminding us that we are bearers of light & love.

## OPENING WORDS (responsively)

From the corners of this city,  
from the confusion of life,  
from the loneliness of our hearts  
**Gather us, O God.**

To feed our minds,  
to fire our imagination,  
to free our hearts  
**Gather us, O God.**

**PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS** The Lord's Prayer VU 914

\***OPENING HYMN** The Church's One Foundation VU 331

**A SIGN OF PEACE** *Peace be with you. And also with you.*

## WELCOME & NOTICES

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** "Super Heroes or Super Friends?" – *Jacob Janson*

**OFFERINGS** Offertory:

\***DOXOLOGY** Praise God... VU 541

**CHILDREN'S TIME** "Images of God" – *with the Sunday's Cool Crowd*

\***HYMN** She Flies On VU 380

Children leave for class during the hymn

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**ANTHEM** *All my trials* — American protest folksong,  
based on a lullaby from the Bahamas

**READINGS** Excerpt from MacLean's Magazine article  
"It's time to end the cash-register-charity holdup"  
The Gospel of Luke 11:5-10 (New English Bible)  
*Offered as wisdom for the journey.*  
**May we walk in its light.**

**SERMON** Giving Generously

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed VU 918

## \*PARTING WORDS

## POSTLUDE

*War March of the Priests* — Felix Mendelssohn

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**Welcome** to *Fort Massey by~the~Sea*. We are delighted to have you with us today. **Visitors** are invited to fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Join us after the Service for **Coffee & Conversation**. Your hosts today are the *Janson & Sinclair* families.

**Our sympathy** to *Dave Parks* and family on the death of his wife, *Anna Parks*, on Nov 10, in the Palliative Care Unit of the VG. Funeral Service was held on Saturday, Nov 15, in the Springside United Church (Upper Stewiacke area), conducted by the Rev'd Trent Cleveland-Thompson.

**Thank you** to all those who helped with the success of the Annual Christmas Tea & Sale held on Saturday, Nov 15. Special thanks to the UCW; Tea Room Coordinators, *Stephanie Coulthard* and *Gwen Smith-Dockrill*; and the Sale Coordinators, *Mary Carmichael* and *Irene Parks*.

**Mission to Seafarers Boxes**. Once again we are collecting shoe boxes or bags for the waterfront Mission. Toiletry items, winter gloves/scarves, candy, etc. - use your imagination. Our coordinator, *Kathy Evans*, has set a goal of 50 boxes/bags by Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. Your support is appreciated.

**Grandmothers in Ethiopia**. Working together for survival and change. A presentation about a visit to Africa in March 2014, Monday November 17, 7 PM, Keshen-Goodman Public Library, 330 Lacewood Drive. Admission: free. Refreshments, Info: 902.454.7269

**Halifax Explosion recognition**, Saturday, Dec. 6, Citadel Hill's noon cannon at 9.05 AM to recognize the moment of the actual explosion, followed by the ringing of church bells, including our Simon at the Fort Massey Chimes. This is a special year as it marks the 100th anniversary of WW1.

**RCCO Annual Carol Festival**, Monday, Dec 1, Cathedral Church of All Saints, Martello St.. Freewill Offering. Organ Recital at 7:00 p.m., Service at 7:30 p.m.

**Anniversary Sunday**, Dec 7, 10:30 AM. Our guest preacher will be the Rev'd *Ron Ryan*, Director of Communications of the Unitarian Christian Emerging Church. Ron has served United Church pulpits in Newfoundland - Fogo, Seldom-Come-By, Buchans, Lewisporte, Norris Arm, Glenwood ... for well over 25 years, and is presently attending Rockingham United Church. The Kirk Session will host a soup & chowder luncheon after the Service.