

**Gifts with Vision**, the United Church Christmas catalogue, in both lobbies.

**Another gift with vision**. *Simon Munongo* & his family have been giving gifts with vision for some time. They have been single-handedly supporting education in their home town in the Congo since arriving in Canada. Our Outreach Committee feels that this is the kind of hands-on project, which we have been waiting for for some time. We are presently working with Simon to make this a registered charity so that we can help in a larger way. In the mean time we are unable to issue receipts, however, the needs are many, and already Simon has shown the power of what one person can do. More info: Simon @ 902.830.9067 or <helpkibuschool@yahoo.ca>

**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.

**Brunswick St. Mission**. Give \$100 “Year of Caring” gift and a pin & card will be sent acknowledging your act. \$100 Will provide up to one hundred hot breakfasts; or prevent a person from becoming homeless this year; or can help assist individuals seeking housing and employment; or provide clothing, boots and coats for a family of 5 for a year.

**Souls Harbour Rescue Mission**. Vote on-line, Dec 1-10, at [www.KitchenForSouls.com](http://www.KitchenForSouls.com) to help them win a new kitchen valued at \$100,000.

**Tuesday at the Fort: YOGA** with Jenny, 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.

**Next Women’s Coffee** will be MONDAY December 8th at *Smitty’s* in Clayton Park (just off Bayers Lake exit) at 12:30 for lunch. Please note the day and time change.

**Next Men’s Breakfast**, Fri, Dec 12, 9:30 AM, Athens on Quinpool.

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

**Sleepover**. The Church School will be having a sleepover Fri night, Dec 19. Contact *Sancia Knorr* for details.

**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.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS @ the Fort:**  
Dec 7, 10:30 AM, Advent Two, Anniversary Sunday (lunch)  
Dec 9, 2 PM, Joe Howe Fellowship  
Dec 14, 10:30 AM, Advent Three  
Dec 21, 10:30 AM, Advent Four, White Gift Service & Baptism  
Dec 22, 7 PM, Longest Night of the Year Service at St. David’s Presbyterian  
Dec 24, 7 PM, Christmas Eve Service  
Dec 28, 10:30 AM, Lessons & Carols  
Jan 4, 10:30 AM, New Year’s Communion

**Cape Breton CGIT 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, in 2015. Details are on the *Welcome Table* in the Tobin St lobby.

**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?



**Welcome** to *Fort Massey by-the-Sea*. **Happy St. Andrew's Day!** 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. No **Coffee & Conversation** today.

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** to **Mrs. Mildred Robinson**, mother of *Richard Robinson*. A celebration will be held in the lower hall this afternoon (Nov 30) from 1 to 3 PM.

**Lr. Hall Accessible Entrance** has been refurbished by *Richard Robinson* in honour of his mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, to be known at the 'Mildred Robinson Way'.

**Jazz Vespers for Advent**, Sunday TONIGHT, Nov 30 2014 at 7 PM, Bethany United Church.

**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.

**2015 Canadian Church Calendars** are now available. \$10.

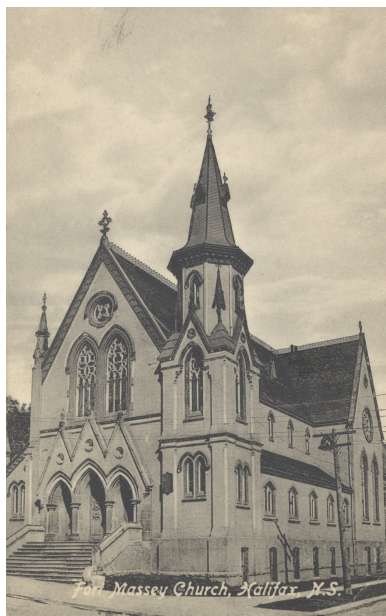
### **Our Leadership**

T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor  
Simon Abbott, Organist/Music Director  
Leah Collins-Lipsett, Pianist/Jr. Choir  
John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher  
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator  
Elaine Janson, Nursery  
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons  
Kathy Cochran, Office Administrator  
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session  
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus  
Alan G. Hayman, Sr. Trustee  
Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer  
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward  
Martina Sommer, Facilities Rental  
Ian MacDonald, Technical Support  
Irene Parks, UCW President  
Presbytery Representatives:  
Elliott Prouty, Ian MacDonald

### **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.

**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.



# *Fort Massey by the Sea*

*Watching over Halifax  
Harbour since 1871*

*A Congregation of  
The United Church of  
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10:30 am, November 30, 2014

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## *The Gathering at Fort Massey*

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

### **PRELUDE**

Noel #1, 2 — Daquin

### **\*PROCESSIONAL**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1-4

VU 1

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**

### **PRAYER OF JESUS**

The Lord's Prayer

VU 914

### **A SIGN OF PEACE**

*Peace be with you. And also with you.*

### **WELCOME & NOTICES**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

“Waiting for Hope to be Born”  
— Annika Sinclair & Elizabeth Dorey

### **OFFERINGS**

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Offertory:  
Response: Hope Is a Star v. 1

VU 8

**\*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** Prophets

Congregation:

**Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, and Joel, prophets of old,  
what gift do you bring to us this Advent season?**

Children dressed as prophets:

*We bring the gift of dreams,  
dreams of peace and justice,  
dreams of a child born who would change the world.*

Congregation:

**Thank you, prophets, for your gift of dreams.**

The first blue candle of Advent is lit.

Chorus of "A Light Is Gleaming" (Voices United 82) after candle lighting.

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

"What Do Prophets Do?" (Luke 21:25-36)  
– with the Sunday's Cool Crowd

**\*ADVENT CAROL**

A Candle Is Burning v. 1  
Children leave for class during the hymn

VU 6

**ADVENT PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

The Wexford Carol — trad. Irish

**READINGS**

"Unplug the Christmas Machine" (excerpt)  
Luke 2:1-7 (NEB)  
*Offered as wisdom for the journey.*  
**May we walk in its light.**

**SERMON**

Christmas Present

**\*COMMUNION HYMN**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

VU 2

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The Feast of the Christ Child

INSERT

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 5-7

VU 1

**\*PARTING WORDS**

**POSTLUDE**

Chorale Prelude on *Nativas* — Knowlesbury

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Today's bulletin is sponsored by *Leslie McLean*.