

Thursday morning discussion group, Oct 9 - Nov 27, *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*, a seven part DVD series, will gather in the lower hall from 10:30-11:45 am, except for Oct 30. Suggested donation to cover the cost of the material is \$10. Please sign up in the Tobin St. lobby.

The Book Club will be reading *Living the Questions* by Felten and Procter-Murphy. We'll gather the last Thursday of the months of Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, & Apr, from 7:30 to 9 PM, at the *Fireside* on Brunswick St. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby. Anyone from last year's Thursday morning group who would like to loan/sell their copy is asked to contact the minister.

Drama: "Forgiven/Forgotten" follows a family and their reactions to learning that an ex-offender will be serving his parole in their community. The play is meant to examine the rippling effects of crime and the individuals who get lost in its wake. An emotionally driven piece with a hard-hitting script and talented performers. Theatre of the Beat has quickly gained a reputation as a social justice theatre company which tackles tough topics. Wed, Oct 29, First Baptist Church (1300 Oxford St), Halifax, NS, 7:00 pm. Admission by freewill offering.

A Visit to Shaar Shalom Synagogue with Rabbi Ari Isenberg, Oxford & Pepperell, Halifax, Thursday, Oct 30, 10:30 AM, followed by lunch on Quinpool. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

Local Harvest Roast Beef Dinner, Oct 4, 4 – 6 pm, Edgewood Oxford United Church 3055 Connaught Ave. Adults \$15.00, Children \$8.00 Featuring Silent Auction and Live

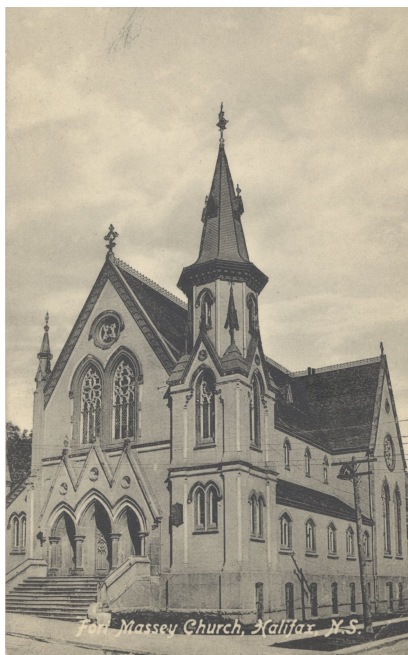
Music. Tickets 902.455.0261 (mornings)

Rejouissance – Early Music Ensemble presents *Fabulous Favourites of the Baroque* on Oct 5 at 7:30 PM, Bethany United Church, Halifax. Enjoy music by Vivaldi, Telemann, Naudot, and Falconiero. Purchase tickets by calling 902-455-0521 or at the door \$15 each or 2 for \$25, and Students only \$5.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza: Learn about the Pipe Organ, Sun. Oct 5, 12:30-1:30 pm First Baptist Church 1300 Oxford. For children, ages 5-15, led by *Kevin Parks* and *Lynette Wahlstrom*. This event is open to all children in RCCO Halifax/Dartmouth congregations, parents are encouraged to remain as chaperones. Sponsored by RCCO Halifax, free admission by email RSVP: lynettewahlstrom@fbchalifax.ca with name & age of participants, so that we can order enough pizza!

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





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10:30 am, September 28, 2014

16th Sunday after Pentecost



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?*

THE GATHERING

* Indicates all who are able may stand

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on *Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott* - J.S. Bach

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 – Elizabeth Dorey

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS VU 914

***OPENING HYMN** All Praise to You VU 297

WELCOME & NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Driving to a Better Living” – Linda MacDonald

OFFERTORY HYMN Creator God You Gave Us Life MV 27

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

***A SIGN OF PEACE** We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace”

CHILDREN’S TIME “SHALOM: The Wheat and the Weeds”
(based on Matthew 13) – with the Sunday’s Cool Crowd

***HYMN** This Is God’s Wondrous World VU 296

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM I Love You, O My God Most High
trad. Irish melody, arr. David Hogan

READINGS “More Outlets than your Favourite Fast Food”
Excerpt from With or Without God by Gretta Vosper
Gospel of Mark 8: 34-36 (The Bible)
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

SERMON The Three “R”s of Faith: Out-Reach (action)

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

***CLOSING HYMN** In Loving Partnership We Come VU 603

***PARTING WORDS**

POSTLUDE Postlude - Alexandre Guilmant

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 our annual **Welcome Back to Church Sunday BBQ & Corn Boil**. Your hosts are *Nancy Riggs* and the Membership Development Committee & Friends.

Our sympathy to *Darlene & Brian Read* on the death of Darlene's mother last Sunday. A Service was held in Dartmouth on September 16th.

Thank you for your loonies & donations to the *Alzheimer Society* during Coffee & Conversation Sunday mornings in September. \$125 was raised. – *Outreach*

Autumn Newsletter – articles due Sunday, Oct 5th.

Next Sunday we will be observing **World Wide Communion** and dedicating the H. D. Ritcey Memorial Window at the 10:30 AM Gathering.

Spring Bulbs. The Garden Club is looking for spring bulbs – crocus, daffodil and tulip – to plant in the Queen St. gardens. Place in the Tobin St. lobby. Thank you.

Tuesday at the Fort Women's Coffee Goup, 10 AM, home of *Heather Wills*
Outreach at 6:30 PM, Minister's Study
YOGA with Jenny at 7 PM, Lower Hall.
Kirk Session at 7:30 PM, Parlour

Choir Rehearsals: All singers welcome to join *Simon & Leah*, Thursdays, 7:30-9 PM; Sundays, 10 AM, in the sanctuary.

Men's Breakfasts, 9:30 am, every other Friday, starting Oct 3, *Athens Restaurant* on Quinpool Rd.

Harvest Tea, Sat, Oct 18, 2-4 PM, Fort Massey Church Hall. Good will offering. Sign-up sheets are on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby for sandwiches (double loaves – 5 white & 5 whole wheat). Squares & cookies (no nuts, svp).

Christmas Tea & Sale. A meeting for all those who work at the Christmas Tea & Sale (Nov 15) will be held after the Sunday Service, Oct 19. Anyone who has new ideas or suggestions who cannot attend can email *Mary Carmichael* at *MHC-Port@eastlink.ca* or speak to *Mary* or *Irene Parks* at any time. A short business meeting of the UCW will follow.

Brunswick St. Mission Breakfast, 8th annual, Wed, Oct 22, 7:30 AM, World Trade & Convention Centre. Speaker: Technology Guru, *David Chalk*. Tickets are \$100. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

Phantoms of the Pipes, Saturday, Oct 25, 7:30 PM, Fort Massey Church.

Annual Fall Rally and "*Fellowship of the Least Coin*" Ingathering Service of the Halifax Metro Women's Inter-Church Council, Oct 20, 7 PM, Church of the Holy Spirit, 1 Regency Dr, Dartmouth. Theme - "Caring for Others".