

Sacrament of Baptism

Child: Paisley Elizabeth Marcotte, b. Feb 3/15

Godparents: Robert Hall, Samantha Lowry, Nicole Marcotte

Parents: Jennifer Day & Philip Marcotte, sister, Cameron

Grandparents: Chris & Cheryl Day; Harry & Susan Marcotte

Child: Lily Anne Messervey, b. Sep 29/11

Godparents: Daniel Lawrence, Megan McLeod

Child: Brea Danielle Messervey, b. Nov 14/13

Godparents: Kenneth Jr. Messervey, Monique Oakley

Child: Austin Joseph Messervey, b. Nov 14/13

Godparents: Kayla Marcotte, Philip Marcotte

Parents: Nicole Marcotte & Shaun Messervey

Grandparents: Harry & Susan Marcotte; Kenneth & Judy Messervey

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We are delighted to have the families & friends of

Paisley, Lily, Brea and Austin

with us today

as we welcome them into the church,

the family of God,

through the waters of baptism.

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The Sunday Gathering

10:30 am, April 19, 2015 ~ Easter 3

Fort Massey by-the-Sea

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
5303 Tobin Street, Halifax, N.S. B3H 1S3
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T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Simon Abbott, Organist/Music Director
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Elaine Janson, Nursery
Kathy Cochran, Office Administrator
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus
Nancy E. Riggs, Treasurer
Martina Sommer, Facilities Manager
Irene Parks, UCW President

Daniel MacDonald, Student Minister
Leah Collins-Lipsett, Pianist/Jr. Choir
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Sancia Knorr, Church School
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Alan G. Hayman, Sr. Trustee
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
Ian MacDonald, Technical Support
Ian MacDonald, Elliott Prouty, Presbytery

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL The Day of Resurrection VU 164
Standing for Processional, Silent Reflection, and Gathering
Words.

*SILENT REFLECTION The Trinity Bell is rung & the Community Candle is lit.

*GATHERING WORDS Psalm 122 VU 845

WELCOME & THE NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Improving Nutrition” – *Angus McDonald*

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One. VU 541

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

TIME WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD

*HYMN Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters VU 442

*SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM INSERT

ANTHEM *Who is there on this Easter morning* — French trad. carol

READINGS	Excerpt from the summary by Supreme Court of Canada in recent case of public prayer Matthew 6:5-8 (The Bible) <i>Offered as wisdom for the journey. May we walk in its light.</i>	
SERMON	<u>To Pray or Not To Pray</u> – Rev. Trent	
PASTORAL PRAYER	The Lord’s Prayer	VU 921
*CLOSING HYMN	Three Things I Promise (alt tune: Wareham, VU 292)	MV 176
*CLOSING WORDS	<i>Amen. May it be so.</i>	
POSTLUDE		

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Welcome to Fort Massey! We are delighted to have you joining us as we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. A special welcome to our **visitors**; you are invited to sign our Guest Book. If you’re looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** leaving it with the guest book. Join us after the Service in the lower hall for **coffee & conversation**. Our **host** today is *Irene Parks*.

It’s a girl! *Ian & Linda MacDonald’s* newest granddaughter is *Nahlah Rose*, born April 10, 2015, at 4:15 pm EDT in Ottawa. She weighed in at 8 lb 9.5 oz. She is the daughter of Matthew & Shannon MacDonald, and baby sister to John & Jasmine. Congrats to all!

Confirmation for Youth & Membership. Please contact the minister if you’d like to become a member of Fort Massey Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th.

Exercise your body, mind & spirit

- NEXT *Women’s Coffee Group*, Apr 28, Tue, 10 AM, Margie James’
- *Service & Fellowship*, Tue, Apr 21, 2 PM, Joe Howe Manor
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Spirit Seekers*, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley, Green St. (chapter 7)
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Men’s Breakfast*, Fri, Apr 24, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant

Annual Spring Flea Market & Grand Book Sale, Sat, May 2, 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Admission \$1. Tables include books, jewellery, clothing (spring & summer only, svp), toys & puzzles, tapes & records & CDs, new-to-you, pantry, linens, large items and miscellaneous. Sign-up sheets for workers on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby. Give us an hour or two of your time. Thank you.

Tea & Tango, a free dance program for ambulatory people with neurological conditions, April 18-June 6, eight Saturdays, 2-3:30 PM, Fort Massey Church Hall. Afternoon tea will be served. Contact Martina, 902.492.3903 or tanandtango@icloud.com

Los Primos, a music exchange program with Cuba, will present a dress rehearsal to raise funds supporting the participation of Los Primos and NSCC musicians in “Romerias de Mayo,” an International Youth Arts Festival, taking place in May in Holguin, Cuba, at St. Andrew’s UC, on April 24. Pay-what-you-can. This show is also a fund-raiser for St. Andrew’s. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Malaika Grandmothers and Annies Grannies invite you to SCRABBLE for AFRICA Saturday, May 2nd. 2-4:30pm. Registration starts at 1:30pm First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford St. Halifax Admission: Donation to the Stephen Lewis Foundation You'll enjoy playing Scrabble, Refreshments, Spring Sale, prizes. Bring your Scrabble game and friends. Info: 902-454-7269. All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation

Dinner By Candle-light, May 9th – 6 p.m., hosted by St. John’s United Church, Halifax, in the hall at Faith Tabernacle, corner of Windsor and Summit Sts. The menu will include Caesar salad, stuffed pork loin, roasted root vegetables and rice, with apple pie, tea and coffee. Silent auction. \$25/person. For information, tickets and reservations, contact *Gerry MacCreadie* – 902.876.7301.

The Music of Herbert Howells, A Lecture / Demonstration presented by noted Ottawa organist, choir director and accompanist Wesley Warren. Sponsored by the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO), Halifax Centre. Public welcome: Adults \$10, RCCO members and children under 12 free. First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street, Halifax. May 8, 2015 - 7to 9 PM.

Organ Spectacular with Wesley Warren in Recital, presented by the RCCO Halifax, May 9, 7:30 PM, Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Martello St. \$20, Srs \$15, Students unwaged by donation, children under 12 free. Music by Buxtehude, Bach, Franck, Howells, Willan, Mulet, and Mendelssohn.

VOX: A Choir for Social Change, (Scott Jones’ choir) will present UKUTHULA (oo-koo-too-la), from the Zulu word for peace, May 10, St Matthew’s United Church, 2:30 & 7 PM. Admission by donation. Proceeds to the *Youth Project* and the *Don’t Be Afraid Campaign*.

CGIT 100th Birthday will be celebrated, May 19, 4-9 PM, Fairview United Church, 3524 Dutch Village Rd. Registration forms are in the Tobin St. lobby.

Financial update. As we all know, cancelled services and fewer people on Sunday means less money in the offering plates. For the first 3 months of 2015 we had a drop of about 28%. Loose offerings dropped \$600. Actual envelope revenue for ‘M&S’ and ‘Building’ increased to \$5870 in the first 3 months of 2015. You may want to consider the advantages of PAR (Preauthorized Automatic Remittance). Your offering continues to work even when you’re not able to be here, and our Sunday counters get to spend less time in the Tellers’ Room. It’s especially helpful in the summer months. Contact *Ruth MacKenzie* 902.477.5365 to learn more. Thank you for your faithful consideration and support.