

Welcome to Fort Massey! A special welcome to our guest preacher, the Rev'd *Neale Bennet*, President of Atlantic School of Theology. We are delighted to have all **visitors** joining us today; please sign our Guest Book. If you're looking for a church home, you may fill out a **Welcome Card** (found with the guest book) leaving it with the guest book. Please join us after the Service for **lunch**, hosted by members of the *Kirk Session*.

Congratulations to *Christina Roberts* who gave birth to a baby girl.

Our sympathy to *Anne Thompson & family* on the death of her father, *W. Grant Thompson*, on Nov 29, 2015. Visitation at 1 PM followed by a Memorial Service at 2 PM, Sat, **Dec 12**, at J A Snow Funeral Home Chapel, 339 Lacewood Dr.

2016 Offering Envelopes are available in the Tobin St. lobby. Please contact our Chief Steward, *Ruth MacKenzie @ raem@ns.sympatico.ca* OR 902.477.5365 or, if you have any questions about weekly envelopes. After last winter, you may want to consider the advantages of PAR.

2016 Canadian Church Calendars for sale during C&C. \$10.

'Gifts with Vision' Catalogues are available - just in time for Christmas!

Tellers. Volunteers are needed to assist in counting the Sunday offerings.

Weekly @ the fort: Tue: 7, Yoga; Wed: 7:30, Choir; Thu: 10:30, Spirit Connectors; Fri: 9:30, Yoga

Advent~Christmas Services @ the fort, 10:30 AM. Dec 13 White Gift; Dec 20 Advent Four; Dec 24 - 7 PM Christmas Eve Service; Dec 27 Readings & Carols; Jan 3 New Year's Communion

1000 Years of Light – Getting to Know Your Muslim Neighbour, Artistic Exhibit – Lectures, Discussion Forum, International Food, Ummah Mosque, 2510 St Matthias St, Halifax, TODAY, **Dec 6**, 12-7 PM.

Taize Prayer. TODAY, **Dec 6** – 7 p.m. in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use St. Mathias Lane entrance. Hosted by St. John's United Church.

Winter Term Course Offerings at AST: Register for a class this winter and expand your knowledge. Explore online courses in the comfort of your own home; or on campus in a traditional classroom setting. Space is limited, registration deadline is **Dec 7**. www.astheology.ns.ca or 902.425.3691

RCCO Carol Fest, Monday, **Dec 7**, 7 PM (Organ Preludes), 7:30 PM Choirs. Cathedral Church of All Saints. Free Will Offering.

Joe Howe Christmas Gathering, Tue, **Dec 8**, 2 PM. All welcome.

Women's coffee group, Wed, **Dec 9th**. Lunch at *Smitty's-Bayers Lake*, 11:30 AM. Please note the day and time change. "This will be our pre-Christmas UCW/Coffee Group get together."

Breakfast. Join us Sat, **Dec 12**, 8:30-9:30 AM, Fort Massey Lower Hall, for a breakfast in support of our *Refugee Committee*. Admission by suggested donation (\$10 adult, \$20 family, or offer what you can).

Decorating of the Sanctuary. All are welcome to assist *Peter & Stephanie Coulthard* decorate the sanctuary, Sat, **Dec 12**, 9:30-10:30 AM.

White Gift Bags are available today. Please return on **Dec 13** filled with non-perishable goods for the Brunswick Street Mission Food Pantry.

Next Men's Breakfast, Fri, **Dec 18**, 9:30 AM, Athens on Quinpool.

Mission to Seafarers Boxes/Bags. Start filling them with toiletry items, winter accessories, treats, etc.. We will be collecting them until **Dec 20**.

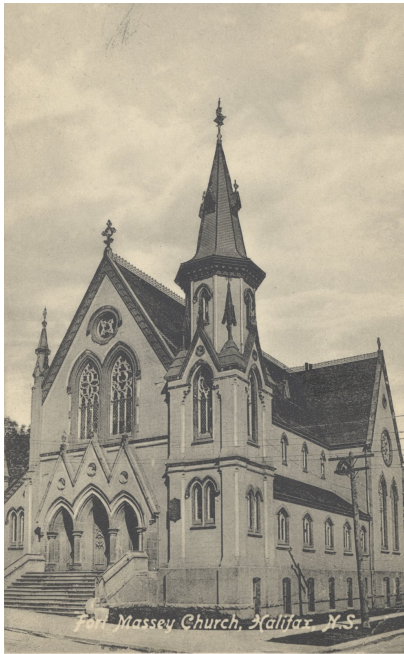
It's baby shower time! We are delighted to welcome new babies into the life of our church family. We are once again collecting money to host a baby shower Sunday, **Dec 20th** during C&C; please place in the offering plate marking it "Baby Shower".

Fort Massey, St. Matthew's & St. David's Refugee Committee: Three churches have banded together to sponsor a refugee family. We will need to raise \$30,000.00 to support our family for a year. A volunteer group met last week to begin writing the application. Through a local family and their contacts we have a specific family in mind to sponsor. We would like to invite everyone to support our fund-raising campaign. In order to begin the fundraising at each of the three participating churches the Fundraising Committee proposes three possibilities: (1) mark your special contribution to your church "for refugees;" (2) consider making a contribution to the refugee fund in lieu of Christmas gifts, either from you or to you; (3) Sign a pledge card available during the coffee hour for a monthly amount for one year. Information and gift cards will be available after the Service.

Door Fund. Give a special gift to Fort Massey this year (Anniversary or Christmas) for the purchase of new Tobin St. doors. We'll be warmer, safer, richer and more environmentally friendly. Mark it DOORS on your envelope.

36th Halifax Scout Group Annual Christmas Tree Sale: The 36th Halifax Scout Group is selling fresh, locally-grown, Musquodoboit Valley balsam fir trees to support our Scouts and their activities. Trees are available in two sizes: Small 5 1/2–7 feet (\$35) and Large 8 or 9 feet (\$40). Please see Jake or *Simon Janson* for more info.

Spirit Connectors. In lieu of our annual Christmas lunch we are inviting all this who have been part of the Thursday morning group to give to the *Refugee Fund* this year.



Fort Massey

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*A Congregation of
The United Church of
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T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Daniel MacDonald, Student Minister
Simon Abbott, Director of Music
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus
Nancy E. Riggs, Treasurer
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
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WARNING! To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter Christ's soul challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?



**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015
10:30 AM**

The Sunday Gathering

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE	Choral Prelude on <i>Veni Emmanuel</i>	
* PROCESSIONAL	Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending	VU 25
SILENT REFLECTION	Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.	
GATHERING WORDS	The Lord's Prayer	VU 914
INTROIT	"How the world longs for your birth" — Music by Johann Walther, harm. J.S. Bach	
THE PEACE	<i>The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.</i>	
WELCOME & THE NOTICES		
MINUTE FOR MISSION	"Peace with Love" – <i>Simon Abbott</i>	
OFFERINGS	Offertory	
*	Response: Hope is a star that shines in the night	VU 7, v. 1
TIME WITH THE SUNDAY'S COOL CROWD		
* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING		INSERT
* ADVENT CAROL	Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth	VU 7, v. 2
PRESENTATION	William S. Fong Volunteer Award	
PASTORAL PRAYER		
ANTHEM	<i>What sweeter music</i> — John Rutter	
READINGS	An excerpt from "Little Gidding" by T. S. Eliot Luke 1:26-38 <i>Offered as wisdom for the journey.</i> May we walk in its light.	
* CAROL	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	VU 8
SERMON	" <u>Arriving where we started.</u> " – <i>The Rev'd Neale Bennet</i>	
* CLOSING HYMN	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	VU 1
* PARTING WORDS	<i>Amen. May it be so.</i>	
POSTLUDE	<i>O Tannenbaum</i> — trad. German	

Please be seated after the ministers have left the nave of the sanctuary;
after which you may rise and exit, or remain for part or all of the Postlude.