The Observer, our United Church national award winning magazine, is available for only \$20/year. Place in the offering plate with your envelope or name & address by Feb 8, indicating "Observer renewal /subscription". To receive or cancel, please contact Irene Parks at 902.422.7996, after 7 PM, or the Church Office.

Spirit Seekers: We're reading Matthew Fox's book, *Meister Eckhart: A Mystic-Warrior for Our Times*, Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Meeting at the Berkeley on Green St.

Outreach:

- Shelter Cooking Group Wed, Feb 25, at 1:30 PM in the church kitchen.

Recipe - JAMBAYALA

Down Home Saturday Night at Grace United Church Saturday, March 7 4:30-6:30pm (Drop in any time!) Musical Treats! Enjoy your favourite tunes and sing along with entertainment provided by Groovin', Greg Hatcher and Brian Hennen.

Mighty Fine Eats! Homemade baked beans, sausages, brown bread, and gingerbread with lemon sauce. Hot dogs for the kids. Tickets \$8/person, and \$20/family.

Sunday Storm Cancellations, call 902.423.4294 after 9:30 AM.

African Fest,

February 28, Sat @ 6 PM, Fort Massey Church Hall. African & Caribbean Dish, Songs, Dance, Poetry, Tamborines. To reserve tickets, go online at www.ccgh.ca/billetterie \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12. Limited seating.





Our Leadership

T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor Daniel MacDonald. Student Minister 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

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2015, *Year of the Evangelist* – YOU! It is a well-known fact the best way for a church to grow is by invitation. This year we commit ourselves to growing a vibrant presence in the community.



Sunday Gathering @ 10:30 am February 22, 2015

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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE Largo from Xerxes — Handel

The Trinity Bell is rung & the Community Candle is lit.

OPENING WORDS The Lord' Prayer VU 921

*OPENING HYMN We Praise You, O God VU 218

THE PEACE Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Haida Language Renewal" - Simon Abbott

OFFERING Offertory: Still wie die Nacht (Calm as the Night) Carl Bohm

Kevin Robarts, flute; Leah Collins Lipsett, piano

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow; VU 541

Praise God all creatures high and low; Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen

TIME WITH THE SUNDAY'S COOL CROWD

*HVMN And on This Path MV 8

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Daisy Lynn Janson

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*BAPTISMAL HYMN Like a Healing Stream MV 144

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Prayer of Richard de Castre — Setting by Sir Richard Terry

READINGS "Condensed Chicken Soup for the Soul" (excerpt)

by Nadine Stairs (85 yrs old); Matthew 6:25-34 (The Bible) Offered as wisdom for the journey. May we walk in its light.

SERMON <u>Living Today</u> – Rev. Trent

*CLOSING HYMN All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

*PARTING WORDS ...Amen. May it be so.

POSTLUDE Sinfonies de Fanfares — Jean-Joseph Mouret

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<u>Welcome</u> to Fort Massey. A special welcome to the family of *Daisy Janson* and to our **visitors**. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday Gathering. You are invited to sign our Guest Book; if you're looking for a church home, please fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the **guest book**.

Annual Meeting, TODAY, Feb 22, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall. Brown bag lunch.

2014 Annual Reports (& corrected pages) are available in the Tobin St. lobby.

Coffee & Conversation sign-up sheet is on the easel in the Tobin St. lobby.

<u>Two 'comfy' chairs</u> in the Sanctuary are for those who are unable to sit in pews for any length of time. Please contact the Church Office for reservations.

2015 Canadian Church Calendars are on sale today. Half-price, \$5.

Thank You to all those who helped with the success of the Feb 14 Valentine Tea. Congratulations to the UCW who raised \$683.50.

<u>Our Sympathy</u> to *Joanne & Alan Hayman* and family as they mourn the death of Joanne's mother, Olivia Marie Cox, on February 9th. Funeral Service will be held March 7th at the Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Shelburne.

Happenings @ the fort ...

- Next Women's Coffee Group, Tue, Mar 3, 10 AM, Mary Carmichael's
- YOGA with Jenny, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- Kirk Session, Tue, 7:30 PM, Parlour
- Spirit Seekers, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley
- Choir Practice, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Next Men's Breakfast, Fri, Mar 6, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant

Holy Grounds: Coffee House Church Service & Communion, Sunday, March 1, 10:30 AM, Fort Massey Church Lower Hall. Talent offerings (musical, etc.), please see Daniel (902) 322-1010 macdonald.dan.c@gmail.com or Simon. Potluck finger foods will be most welcome. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Juice will be served.

Fun Auction & Flea Market. A short planning meeting will be held after the March 1st Gathering, at 11:30 AM, in the Lower Hall. Anyone with ideas or suggestions are most welcome to attend.

World Wide Day of Prayer —at Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 6032 Normandy Drive, March 6, 7PM. Learn about the culture and heritage of the Bahamas. Refreshments after the service.

<u>Think Green</u>. March 15 we'll be celebrating St Patrick with a potluck lunch & auction after the Sunday Gathering. Food can be green in colour or spirit!