

**Thank You** to all those... who gave a record number of gift bags for the Mission to Seafarers campaign and to the White Gift bags for the Brunswick Street Mission Food Party; and who assisted with the *Sunday Gathering* on Dec 28.

**Sunday Storm Cancellations** will be recorded on the church office phone 902.423.4294 by 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings.

**Chili Take-out/Eat-in.** Order your chili lunch (\$10 includes bun and a yummy treat) for Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, (Jan 25 is our snow date) in support of Scouting (1<sup>st</sup> Woodlawn). You can take it home or join your friends in the lower hall. Sign-up sheets are located in both lobbies. Thank you. – *Madeline & Sarah Dorey*

**An Evening @ the Fireside.** 1500 Brunswick St, Thu, Jan 29, 7:30-9 PM. Topic: “My New Year’s Resolution(s)”.

**Hockey Night with FMC.** Fri, Jan 30, 7 PM, *Scotiabank Centre*. Cape Breton Screaming Eagles vs Halifax Mooseheads. Sign-up in Tobin St. lobby.

**Annual Reports** are due Jan 25 and should be sent to the church office at [ftmassey@eastlink.ca](mailto:ftmassey@eastlink.ca); OR in writing by Jan 22 if you need them typed.

**Spirit Connectors:** We’ll be reading Matthew Fox’s book, *Meister Eckhart: A Mystic-Warrior for Our Times*, beginning Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign up in the Tobin St. lobby to order your copy (\$20).

**Outreach:**  
- The *Shelter Cooking Group* will gather on Wed, Jan 21, at 1:30 PM in

the church kitchen. We’ll be making *chili & corn muffins*. Needed ingredients is posted on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby. For the month of January, we are collecting *underwear* for the shelter. Please leave in the box in the Tobin St. lobby.

- Our next *Joe Howe Hymn Sing & Fellowship* will take place Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

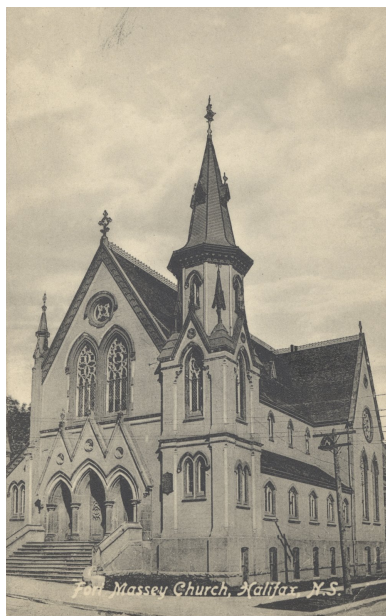
- **Hope Cottage Casseroles** are always appreciated. Thank you to our coordinator, *Heather Wills*. Please contact the church office if you’d like to help with this ministry in 2015.

**Xara Youth Ensemble** is holding auditions for its new show *Here I Stand*, inspired by Nobel Peace Prize winner *Malala Yousafzai*. This exciting choral theatre ensemble is for girls ages 14-18 in grades 9-12. Singers receive training in music, movement, and theatre. Auditions will be held on January 6 & 13. Xara rehearses on Tuesday evenings 6:15–8:45pm. To register or get more information, email [info@xara.ca](mailto:info@xara.ca).

**Taizé Prayer** at St. John’s United Church, Halifax, TODAY, Jan. 11, 7 PM, in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd., St. Mathias Lane entrance.

**2014 receipts** are available today in the Tobin St. lobby. Thank you to *Ruth MacKenzie*, Chief Steward.





# *Fort Massey by-the-Sea*

*Watching over Halifax  
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## **Our Leadership**

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John Walter, Assistant Organist  
Kevin Robarts, Flutist  
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher  
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator  
Elaine Janson, Nursery  
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons  
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Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session  
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus  
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Presbytery Representatives:  
Elliott Prouty, Ian MacDonald

**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,  
January 11, 2015

The Baptism of the Lord  
Season of Epiphany

# ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

## PRELUDE

The Trinity Bell is rung.

## OPENING WORDS

– *Daniel MacDonald*

## PRAYER OF JESUS

## \*OPENING HYMN

The First Nowell

VU 91

## THE PEACE

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

## ANTHEM

*Three kings from Persian lands* — Peter Cornelius

## WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

“Sacred Circle” – *Angus McDonald*

## OFFERINGS

\* Offertory Hymn: As With Gladness Men of Old (seated) VU 81  
Standing on v. 5 as the offering plates are brought forward.

## CHILDREN’S TIME

“Swaddling Clothes”

## LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE – *The Wise Ones*

All candles on Advent Wreath are lit.

**Congregation: Wise Ones, what gift do you bring to us this Epiphany?**

*Three Children dressed as kings: We bring the gift of treasure,  
treasure that is better than gold, frankincense, and myrrh;  
God-given treasure found within each of us  
so that we may change the world.*

**Congregation: Thank you, Wise Ones, for your gift of treasure.**

The Community candle is lit with flame from the white candle in the Advent wreath.

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.**

## READINGS

“The Good Book” by the Rev’d Peter Gomes; Titus 2:6-10

## SERMON

Je suis Human – *Rev. Trent*

## PRAYER

## \*A NEW CREED

VU 918

## \*CLOSING HYMN

When Heaven’s Bright with Mystery

VU 93

## \*PARTING WORDS

## POSTLUDE

**Holy Communion** by *intinction* (dipping the bread into the cup) will be observed in the Chancel immediately following the Service; otherwise you may exit the sanctuary **during** the Postlude.

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**Welcome** to Fort Massey. A special welcome 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**. Join us for **Coffee & Conversation** after the Service in the Lower Hall. Our host is *Irene Parks*.

**UCW Annual Meeting**, TODAY, Jan 11, after the Service. Plans for upcoming events and dates will be decided. All women are welcome.

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

**Two 'comfy' chairs**, located in the Queen St. lobby, are placed for those who need to get a break from the pew during the Service.

**In Hospital**: *Elizabeth Durling* (Infirmary)

**Moved**: *Nance North* has moved to Yarmouth as of Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will be missed by her Church community. Please contact the Church Office for her new address.

**2015 Offering Envelopes** are in the Tobin St. lobby.

**Devotional** "These Days" Jan-Feb-Mar 2015 is available in the Tobin St. lobby. \$4 optional in the offering plate.

**@ the fort ...**

- Next *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, Jan 20, 10 AM, Sharon Ross'
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall – winter start schedule TBA
- *Halifax Presbytery*, Tue, 7 PM, Bedford United Church
- Next *Shelter Cooking*, Wed, Jan 21, 1:30 PM, Church Kitchen
- *Spirit Connectors Coffee & Conversation*, Thu, 10:30 AM, Lower Hall
- *Wedding Rehearsal*, Thu, 7 – 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Next *Men's Breakfast*, Fri, Jan 23, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- *Wedding*, Sat, 4 PM, Sanctuary

**Public Lecture**, *The Lost Churches of Halifax*, by *Glenn Taylor*, Thu, Jan 15, 7:30 PM, Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer St., Halifax.

**Annual Meeting Working Lunch**, Sunday, Feb 15, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall. Storm date is Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Nominating Committee**. Positions available - chair Membership Development Committee; serve on the Nominating Committee. Contact the Church Office.