

**Thank You** to all those who assisted with the *Sunday Gathering* last week (Dec 28) whilst the minister was off.

**Sunday Storm Cancellations** will be recorded on the church office phone 902.423.4294 by 9 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*

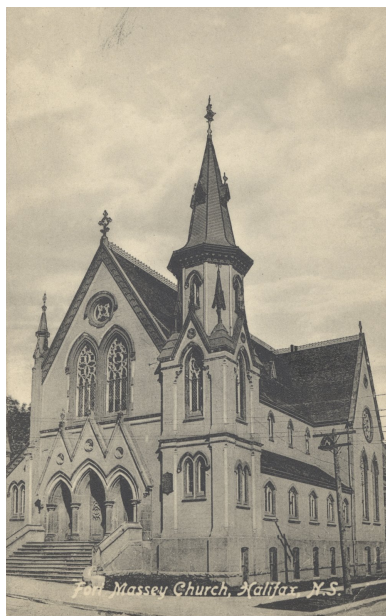
**An Evening @ the Fireside,** 1500 Brunswick St, Thu, Jan 29, 7:30-9 PM. Topic: “My New Year’s Resolution(s)”.

**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 Jan18 and can be sent to [ftmassey@eastlink.ca](mailto:ftmassey@eastlink.ca); OR January 15 if you want them typed.



Your gifts to the **Mission & Service Fund** of *The United Church of Canada* in 2015 help people at home and around the world. Thank you.



# *Fort Massey by-the-Sea*

*Watching over Halifax  
Harbour since 1871  
Creating Community*

*A Congregation of  
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## **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

**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.



10:30 am, January 4, 2015

The Gathering on Epiphany Sunday

# ORDER of SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

## PRELUDE

The Trinity Bell is rung.

## OPENING WORDS

## PRAYER OF JESUS

\*OPENING HYMN The First Nowell VU 91

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

## WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Finding Home” – Nancy E. Riggs

## 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 Christmas?**

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.

READING Matthew 2:1-12 (NEB)

ANTHEM *Three kings from Persian lands* — Peter Cornelius

SERMON A Time to Reflect and A Time to Dream – Rev. Trent

\*A NEW CREED VU 918

\*COMMUNION HYMN In the Darkness Shines the Splendour VU 92

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN When Heaven’s Bright with Mystery VU 93

## PARTING WORDS

## POSTLUDE

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**Welcome** to Fort Massey. **Happy New Year!** 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 hosts are *Ian & Linda MacDonald*.

**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 January 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.

**This Week @ the fort ...**

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, 10 AM, Jean Cudmore's
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue at 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Nominating Committee*, Tue, 7 PM, Minister's Study
- *Board of Management*, Tue, 7:30 PM, Parlour
- *Spirit Connectors*, Thu, 10:30 AM, Lower Hall
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Men's Breakfast*, Fri, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant

**UCW Annual Meeting**, Sunday, Jan 11, after the Sunday Gathering. Brown Bag Lunch. Plans for upcoming events and dates will be decided. All women are welcome.

**Annual Meeting Working Lunch**, Sunday, Feb 15, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall.