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**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. (Mar 5 - Chapter two).

**Outreach**:

- *Shelter Cooking Group* Wed, Mar 4, 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.

**Spring Ahead!** Next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, the time changes. Set your clocks ahead one hour and lose an hour's sleep.

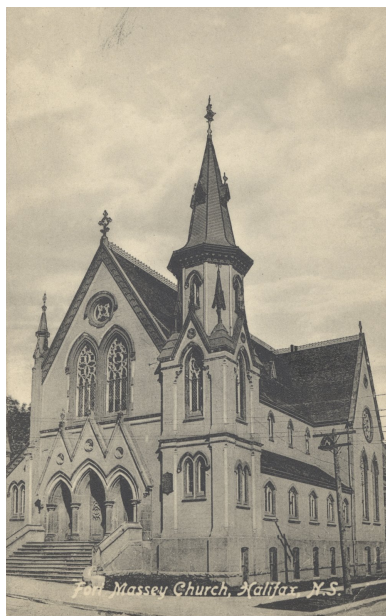
**Living the Questions 2.0** begins April 5, 9:15 AM, for 7 Sundays. DVD Topics include: Taking the Bible Seriously, Thinking Theologically, Stories of Creation, Lives of Jesus, A Passion for Christ: Paul, Challenges facing Christians. This

course will also qualify as a Confirmation program for those who want to become a member and be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Taize Prayer Service** tonight (Mar 1) @ 7, at St. John's United Church, Halifax, in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use St. Matthias Lane entrance.

**ETHICAL ISSUES – MAKING CHOICES** is the last of three discussions on Life and Death Issues at St. Matthew's United Church to be held there at 12:00 noon on Sunday, April 12, 2015. A panel of experts will cover topics such as organ donation, pacemakers and other medical technologies, euthanasia and assisted death. Everyone is welcome to bring a bag lunch and join in on the discussion in the church parlour on that day.





# *Fort Massey by the Sea*

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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  
March 1, 2015

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# ORDER *of* SERVICE

\* indicates standing for those who are able

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**OPENING SCRIPTURE** Psalm 22

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**LITURGICAL DANCE** Jonathan Livingston Seagull “Dear Father” by Neil Diamond  
*Elizabeth Dorey, dancer*

**OPENING WORDS** *We ask for strength*  
**instead we receive challenges that make us strong.**  
*We ask for wisdom*  
**instead we receive problems to solve that make us wise.**  
*We ask for prosperity*  
**instead we receive brain and brawn that help us get ahead.**  
*We ask for courage*  
**instead we receive dangers to overcome that make us courageous.**  
*We ask for love*  
**instead we receive people who teach us what love is.**  
*We ask for favours*  
**instead we receive opportunities.**

**OPENING PRAYER** **God give us rain when we expect sun.**  
**Give us music when we expect trouble.**  
**Give us tears when we expect breakfast.**  
**Give us dreams when we expect a storm.**  
**Give us a stray dog when we expect congratulations.**  
**God play with us, turn us sideways and around.**  
**Amen.** by Michael Leunig

**LECTIO DIVINA** (Divine Reading) Mark 8: 33-38

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 4: 13-25

**REFLECTION** – *Daniel MacDonald*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**PRAYER** “Catch Me in My Scurrying” by Ted Loder, *Guerillas of Grace*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** “Brighter Futures” – *Colleen Estabrooks*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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**COMMUNION** Still wie die Nacht (Calm as the Night) by Carl Bohm  
*Kevin Roberts, flute; Leah Collins Lipsett, piano*

\*BLESSING

**MUSIC FOR GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD**

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**Welcome** to Holy Grounds @ Fort Massey. We are delighted to have you joining us at our Sunday Gathering. **Visitors** 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. Thank you to *Daniel & Simon* for organizing today's Service, and to *Irene Parks* for organizing the coffee shop. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Juice are available throughout the Service.

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

**Happenings @ the fort ...**

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, **Mar 3**, 10 AM, Mary Carmichael's
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Board of Management*, Tue, 7:30 PM, Parlour
- *Shelter Cooking*, Wed, 1:30 PM, Church Kitchen
- *Spirit Seekers*, Thu, 10:30 AM, **The Berkeley** (chapter 2)
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Men's Breakfast*, Fri, **Mar 6**, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant

**Planning Meeting** for the *Fun Auction & Flea Market* will be held after today's Gathering, at 11:45 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.

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

**Anything and Everything Fun Auction March 15<sup>th</sup>**, from apple pie to brownies, 'just like mom used to make!' Are you known for a special pie, cake, or jam, perhaps made from a secret recipe? Do you have a favourite book, craft, CD, DVD, jewellery, that you would like to donate? Can you offer a service or a meal? Auctioneer Margie James is known for getting a fair price for your treasures and making it fun to spend your last dollar. Last year items of food were a big hit bringing high prices. Honey sold for \$17, bottles of jam for \$10. Small items are needed for the children with coins burning in their pockets. The comment heard as people left was "I had no idea it could be so much fun." Come and bring your friends.