

Newsletter deadline Please have in to the office by noon, March 20th.

Fair Trade Coffee. We are in need of replenishing our cupboard. Donations may be dropped off in the church kitchen. Thank you.

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, May 24th.

Easter Flowers. Easter arrives on April 5th. Let's celebrate 'new life' in an abundance of flowers in our chancel this year. Donations and memorial donations are now being accepted. Please contact Carol Robinson 902.429.5954 or Mary Carmichael 902.405.0950 for details.

Transferring Membership. Please contact the minister if you'd like your church membership transferred.

Finance Committee reports that our 2015 offerings are down partly due to the cancellation of two Services and the weather. Please consider your givings to date or contact *Ruth MacKenzie* 902.477.5365 regarding the convenience of Preauthorized Automatic Remittance (PAR).

Counters Needed. It has been our custom to reconcile the Sunday offering after the Service. You also have the option of counting immediately after the offering has been received during the Service. We need 6 to 8 new people to be counters. Please contact *Jim Janson* 902.425.5678.

In The Community...

Lunch and Learn, TODAY (Mar 8) & Apr 19, 12 Noon, St. Matthew's UC Halifax. This will be the first in a two-part series on the United Church's efforts to promote peace between Palestine and Israel. The sessions will be in the form of a workshop and will include information, readings and time for discussion. Oil, soap, and herbs from Palestine will also be for sale.

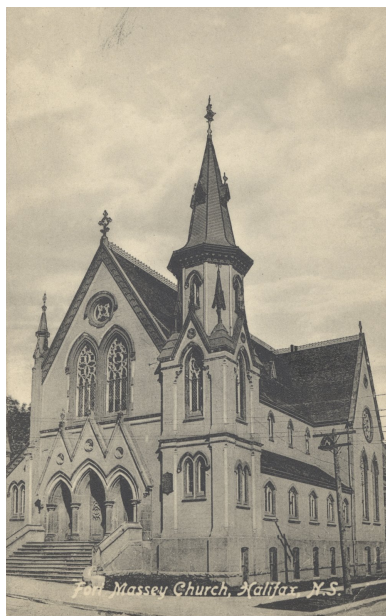
Spring Fair Trade Festival with Ten Thousand Villages being hosted by Bedford United Church, March 21, 10 am - 4 pm.

Easter Cantata featuring the combined choirs of Edgewood Oxford & Port Wallis UCs, with special guests NoteWorthy, March 29, 2 PM at Edgewood Oxford UC, Halifax. Free Will offering.

Ethical Issues – Making Choices a discussion on Life and Death Issues, Matthew's UC, 12 Noon, April 12. A panel of experts will cover topics such as organ donation, pacemakers and other medical technologies, euthanasia and assisted death.

Camp Kidston job application forms for summer camp 2015 are available on the Welcome Table in the Tobin St. lobby.





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During Lent 2015,
we are supporting our Presbytery
camp, *Camp Kidston*. We will be
accepting donations in your offer-
ing envelopes for the camp until
March 29th. Thank you.

Sunday Gathering @ 10:30 am
March 8, 2015

LENT III

ORDER *of* SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

GATHERING MUSIC

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

OPENING WORDS The Lord's Prayer VU 921

***OPENING HYMN** Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100) VU 820

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

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Second Chances" – *John Beveridge*

OFFERING Offertory:

***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 "A Messy Church" (John 2:13-22)

***HYMN** Jesus Christ Is Waiting VU 117

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Daisy Lynn Janson INSERT

***BAPTISMAL HYMN** Like a Healing Stream MV 144

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

READINGS "A Christianity Worth Believing" by Doug Pagitt (excerpt)
Gospel of John 20:30-31 (The Bible)
Offered as wisdom for the journey. May we walk in its light.

SERMON White & Gold? – *Rev. Trent*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686
Alternate Tune: Cwm Rhondda (VU 651)

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

MUSIC FOR GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

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Welcome to 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, and join us in the lower hall for Coffee & Conversation after the Service. Your hosts today are *Rachel, Simon, and friends*.

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

Winter Travellers. We are delighted to hear from our folk as they literally travel the globe. Postcards from *Angus & Mary McDonald*, visiting their son & family in New Zealand; and from *Tim & Linda Dean*, visiting their son in England; are placed on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby.

Exercise your body, mind, and spirit...

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, **Mar 17**, 10 AM, Sharon Ross'
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Halifax Presbytery*, Tue, 7 PM, Stairs Memorial UC, Dartmouth
- *Spirit Seekers*, Thu, 10:30 AM, **The Berkeley** (chapter 3)
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *Men's Breakfast*, Fri, **Mar 20**, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant

Think Green. NEXT SUNDAY, 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 15th, 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.

SOAR (Sending Orphans of AIDS Relief) On March 10, 7 PM, Spatz Theatre, Citadel High School, LGen Dallaire (ret'd) will discuss his ultimate mission, to end the use and recruitment of child soldiers. General Dallaire is achieving his mission through the organization he founded, The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative at Dalhousie University. The Dallaire Initiative has created the world's first prevention-oriented, security sector focused approach to ending the use of child soldiers in conflicts. \$15 adult; \$8 student.

Holy Week & Easter Services – March 29, 10:30, Palm Sunday Service; April 2, 6 pm, Maundy Thursday Potluck & "The Last Supper" Communion; April 3, 10:30 am, Good Friday Service; April 5, 10:30 am, Easter Communion Service.

Chili Takeout, Coming again on March 29th, after the 10:30 Service.