

In the community...

VOX: A Choir for Social Change, (Scott Jones' choir) will present UKUTHULA (oo-koo-too-la), from the Zulu word for peace, May 10, St Matthew's United Church, 2:30 & 7 PM. Admission by donation. Proceeds to the *Youth Project* and the *Don't Be Afraid Campaign*.

Justice Tour 2015. May 11, 7-9 PM, St. Agnes Parish, 6903 Mumford Rd. Come to pray, engage and learn what faith communities are saying and doing about climate change and poverty. Find out how your voice can help! Church Leader Participants: the Rev'd Dr. Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; the Rev'd Dr. Willard Metzger, Executive Director of the Mennonite Church of Canada; the Rev'd. Dr. Karen Hamilton, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches. Special Guests: Jennifer Watts, Halifax City Councillor; Valerie Getson, The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul; Donna Geernaert, Sisters of Charity.

Rhapsody Quintet, "with a little help from our friends", Wed, May 13, 7:30 PM, Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. \$34 (plus service fees) at the DAL Box Office (902.494.3820). In support of the QEII Health Science Centre.

CGIT 100th Birthday will be celebrated, May 19, 4-9 PM, Fairview United Church, 3524 Dutch Village Rd. Registration forms are in the Tobin St. lobby.

Camp Kidston invites everyone to CAMP DAY ON THE COMMONS - May 24 - 10 to 3 at the Emera Oval in Halifax. Enjoy the following: sports & games, arts & crafts, scavenger hunt, camp fire, and more!

Nepal Earthquake Relief. The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, donations to registered Canadian charities (including the United Church) made between April 25 and May 25. Send a cheque, making it out to *The United Church of Canada*, and indicating on the cheque: "Emergency Response—Nepal Earthquake Relief". Mail to: Philanthropy Unit—Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

The Sunday Gathering

10:30 am, May 10, 2015 ~ Easter 6

Christian Family Sunday – Mother’s Day

Fort Massey by-the-Sea

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
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Leah Collins-Lipsett, Pianist/Jr. Choir
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Sancia Knorr, Church School
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
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Ian MacDonald, Elliott Prouty, Presbytery

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE:

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

GATHERING WORDS

***OPENING HYMN** Make a Joyful Noise VU 820

WELCOME & THE NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Miracles of Community” – *Alison McDonald*

OFFERING

Offertory:

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen VU 541

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

TIME WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD “Mothers in The Bible”

***HYMN** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families VU 556
Alternate Tune VU 232 *HYMN TO JOY*

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM:

READINGS

“It was on fire when I lay down on it” by Robert Fulghum
Proverbs 31: 10-20; 28-31
*Offered as wisdom for the journey. **May we walk in its light.***

SERMON

Love Them and Let Them Go – Rev. Trent

AFFIRMATION

A New Creed

VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN**

God Made from One Blood
Alternate Tune VU 223 *ST DENIO*

VU 554

***PARTING WORDS**

*Amen. **May it be so.***

POSTLUDE:

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Welcome to Fort Massey! We are delighted to have you joining us today. **Happy Mother’s Day** to all our moms. A special welcome to our **visitors**, the *Berwick Girl Guides*; you 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. Join us after the Service in the lower hall for **coffee & conversation**. Our **host** today is *Irene Parks*. Next Sunday is the Bluenose Marathon – give yourself some extra time when coming to church.

The flowers in the chancel today are placed in loving memory of *Margaret Ritcey*, by son, *Andrew Ritcey*.

Our Sympathy to *Carol & Alasdair Sinclair & Family* on the death of Carol’s sister-in-law, Margaret Anne Vincent, May 3rd, Halifax; and to *Mike & Sharon Jewell-Duffy* on the death of Mike’s brother, George, on May 6th.

Givings. Summer is coming! Please review your envelope givings for this year; or you may want to consider the advantages of PAR (Preauthorized Automatic Remittance). Your offering continues to work even when you’re not able to be here. Contact *Ruth MacKenzie* @ 902.477.5365. Thank you.

May Birthdays – *Heather Wills* (3), *Jean Lawley* (5), *Jean Brown* (7), *Saul Janson* (7), *Sharon Ross* (8), and *Lilli Knorr* (31).
Happy Birthday!

This week

- *South-end Playgroup*, Mon, 11:30 AM, Nursery & Lower Hall
- *Acupuncture*, Mon, 3:30-4:30 PM, Lower Hall
- *CA Group*, Mon, 7-8 PM, Lower Hall
- *Women's Coffee Gp*, Tue, 10 AM, *Sharon Ross'*
- *Voice Lessons with Jennifer Farrell*, Tue, 2:15-6 PM, Sanctuary
- *Karate-Do*, Tue, 5:3-6:30 PM, Lower Hall
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Halifax Presbytery*, Tue, 7 PM, Woodlawn UC, Dartmouth
- *Acupuncture*, Wed, 3:30-4:30 PM, Lower Hall
- *NEXT Spirit Seekers*, Jun 4, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley, Green St. (Meister Eckhart – remaining chapters)
- *Voices Lessons*, Thu, 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM, 4:15-7 PM, Sanctuary
- *Memorial Service* for the late Margaret H. Grant, Thu, 2 PM, Sanctuary; reception to follow in the lower hall
- *Karate-Do*, Thu, 5:30-6:30 PM, Lower Hall
- *VOX Choir Rehearsal*, Thu, 5:30-8:30 PM, Lower Hall
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *NEXT Men's Breakfast*, May 22, Fri, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant
- *Muslim Prayers*, Fri, 1-2:30 PM, Lower Hall
- *Voice Lessons*, Fri, 2-3 PM, Sanctuary
- *Tea & Tango*, Sat, 1:45-4 PM, Lower Hall

Upcoming

- Music show rehearsals - for Stewart Legere's solo show with Accidental Mechanics Group, May 4-17, Gym.
- OBEY music convention evening concerts, May 21-23, Sanctuary
- Victorian Tea, May 24, 11:30 AM, Lower Hall.
Food sign-up sheets are located on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby
Contact conveners, Mary Carmichael or Irene Parks, for more info.
- Lay Sunday with a Celtic flavour, May 31, 10:30 AM, Sanctuary
- Farewell Gathering for Leah, June 7, 11:30 AM, Music Room
- 50th Anniversary Celebration for *Richard & Carol Robinson*, 2-4 PM, June 7, Lower Hall
- Lunch out at Pete's Vineyard, June 11, Annapolis Valley
- Next Communion, June 14, 10:30 AM, Sanctuary
- Church School Closing Exercises, June 21, 10:30 AM, Sanctuary;
Ice Cream Social to follow in the Lower Hall