

The Sunday Gathering

10:30 am, May 24, 2015



Fort Massey by-the-Sea

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada
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ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE *Prélude à cinq parties* — Lemmens

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

GATHERING WORDS

***OPENING HYMN** On Pentecost They Gathered VU 195
Alt. Tune: Aurelia (VU 331)

WELCOME & THE NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY HYMN Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow VU 196
* Standing on v. 3 as the offering is brought forward.

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

TIME WITH THE SUNDAY'S COOL CROWD

***HYMN** Come, O Holy Spirit MV 23

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF JESUS – *Elliott Prouty*

ANTHEM *Trust in the Lord* — John Carter

READINGS John 7:3739; Acts 2:14
Offered as wisdom for the journey. May we walk in its light.

SERMON PENTECOST: The Geese That Saw Red – *Rev. Trent*

AFFIRMATION A New Creed VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN** I Feel the Winds of God VU 625

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

POSTLUDE

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Today is *Pentecost Sunday*. **Pentecost** (Ancient Greek: Πεντηκοστή [ἡμέρα], *Pentēkostē [hēmera]*, "the Fiftieth [day]") is the Greek name for the Feast of Weeks, a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai. This feast is still celebrated as Shavuot. Later, in the Christian liturgical year, it is also a feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the twelve Apostles of Christ.

Welcome to Fort Massey! We are delighted to have you joining us today. A special welcome to our **visitors**; 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 our annual **Victorian Tea**. Thank you to all those who helped in the preparation, including conveners, *Mary Carmichael* and *Irene Parks*.

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.

Nepal Earthquake Relief. The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, donations to registered Canadian charities (including the United Church) until 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

This week

- *Women's Coffee Group*, Tue, 10 AM, *Jean Cudmore's*
- *YOGA with Jenny*, Tue, 7 PM, Lower Hall
- *Outreach Committee*, Tue, 6:30 PM, Minister's Study
- *Kirk Session*, Tue, 7:30 PM, Parlour
- *NEXT Spirit Seekers*, Jun 4, Thu, 10:30 AM, The Berkeley, Green St. (Meister Eckhart – remaining chapters)
- *Choir Practice*, Thu, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- *NEXT Men's Breakfast*, Fri, June 5, 9:30 AM, Athens Restaurant

Upcoming...

- *VOX & Phoenix Choirs Sing!* May 29, 7 PM, Sanctuary
- *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
- *65th Birthday, Mary (Ritcey) MacLeod*, June 7, 2-6PM, 11 Capri Ct, Dartmouth
- *Lunch out at Pete's Vineyard*, June 11, Annapolis Valley
Sign-up to reserve. Let us know if you need/can offer a ride.
- *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

In the community...

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!

Halifax Presbyterial UCW Spring Rally, Monday, May 25, 6 PM, Rockingham United Church, 12 Flamingo Dr., Halifax. Pot Luck Supper. (dishes, cutlery, etc. will be provided.) Speaker: Rev. *Kevin Little* will talk about the local food banks and Brunswick St. Mission.

Men's Retreat, *We Are Not Alone*, June 2-4, evenings 6:30-9:30.
Registration: \$100 or \$35/night. Port Wallis United Church, 263 Waverly Rd, Dartmouth. 902.435.3644

TRC Closing Celebrations. Please save this date: June 2, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Across the country aboriginal and non-aboriginal folks will be coming together to mark the closing of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. One of these events will be at the Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre on Gottingen Street. All are welcome.