

Welcome to Fort Massey! We are delighted to have you joining us today; 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. Please join us after the Service for **Coffee & Conversation**. Today's hosts are

It's a girl! Our congratulations to *Steven & Candice (Hayman) Maynard* on the arrival of **Madeline Joanne** on Nov 23/15 at the IWK Halifax, a sister for Luke. Grandparents are *Alan & Joanne Hayman*, and *Paul & Cynthia Maynard*, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Stewardship. Please contact our Chief Steward, *Ruth MacKenzie @ 902.477.5365* or <raem@ns.sympatico.ca>, if you have any questions about weekly envelopes; you may want to consider the advantages of PAR.

2016 Canadian Church Calendars for sale during C&C. \$10.

New 'Gifts with Vision' Catalogues are available - just in time for Christmas!

Tellers. Volunteers are needed to assist in counting the Sunday offerings.

This week: Tue: 7, Yoga; Wed: 7:30, Choir; Thu: 10:30, Spirit Connectors; Fri: 9:30, Yoga.

Advent-Christmas Services @ the fort. Dec 6 Anniversary; Dec 13 White Gift; Dec 20 Advent Four; Dec 24 - 7 PM Christmas Eve Service; Dec 27 Readings & Carols Service; Jan 3 New Year's Communion

An Evening Advent Retreat, Thursday, **Dec 3**, 7-9 PM, at the *Atlantica Hotel Lounge*, Quinpool & Pepperall. Join us for supper or dessert. Mark it in your calendar.

Men's Breakfast is **Dec 4, 9:30 AM**, at *Athens* on Quinpool.

Evening Concert, **Dec 5**, Fort Massey, with VOX~Phoenix~ECO Choirs.

Anniversary Sunday, **Dec 6**, 10:30 AM Gathering, with the Rev'd *Neale Bennet*, President of AST, as our guest preacher. Lunch to follow.

1000 Years of Light – Getting to Know Your Muslim Neighbour, Artistic Exhibit – Lectures, Discussion Forum, International Food, Ummah Mosque, 2510 St Matthias St, Halifax, **Dec 6**, 12-7 PM.

RCCO CarolFEST, Monday, **Dec 7**, 7 PM (Organ Preludes), 7:30 PM Choirs. Free Will Offering.

The next ladies' coffee will be held on WED, **Dec 9th**. We will be having lunch at *Smitty's in Bayers Lake* at 11:30 AM. Please note the day and time change. This will be our pre-Christmas UCW/Coffee Group get together.

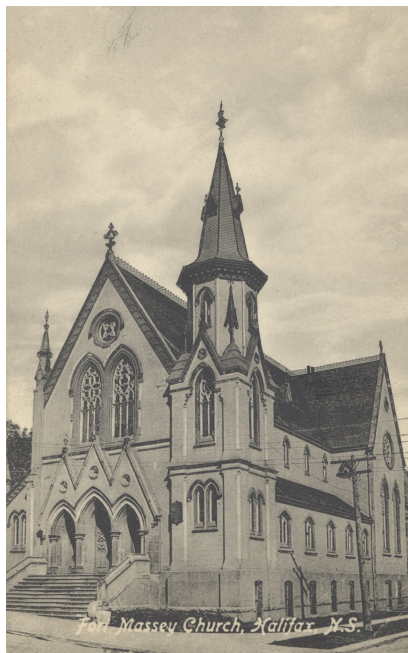
White Gift Bags are available today. Please return on **Dec 13** filled with non-perishable goods for the Brunswick Street Mission Food Pantry.

Mission to Seafarers Boxes/Bags. Start filling them with toiletry items, winter accessories, treats, etc.. We will collecting them until **Dec 20**.

It's baby shower time! We are delighted to welcome new babies into the life of our church family. We are once again collecting money to host a baby shower Sunday, **Dec 20th** during C&C; please place in the offering plate marking it "Baby Shower".

Fort Massey, St. Matthew's & St. David's Refugee Committee: Three churches are banding together to sponsor a refugee family. Two major steps are under way already. First a small volunteer group are launching our fund raising. We will need to raise \$30,000.00 to support our family for a year. Secondly another volunteer group is meeting this week to begin writing the application. Through a local family and their contacts we have a specific family in mind to sponsor. We would like to invite everyone to support our fund-raising campaign. In order to begin the fundraising at each of the three participating churches the Fundraising Committee proposes three possibilities: (1) mark your special contribution to your church "for refugees;" (2) consider making a contribution to the refugee fund in lieu of Christmas gifts, either from you or to you; (3) Sign a pledge card available during the coffee hour for a monthly amount for one year. Information and gift cards will be available during coffee hour during Advent at all three churches.

Winter Term Course Offerings at AST: Register for a class this winter and expand your knowledge. You can be outside the Halifax area - explore our online courses in the comfort of your own home. For those who live close by, we also offer classes on campus in a traditional classroom setting. Space is limited, so apply now to avoid disappointment. The registration deadline is extended to Monday, **December 7** Graduate Studies Options – Courses for Academic Credit Biblical Foundations – New Testament: Matthew and Method BF 1002 – OC or OL; God, Ethics & Social Media ET 2108 – OC; Theologies of Play: Creative Play in Pastoral Ministry PT 2128 – OL; The Art of Theology: From Ancient to Contemporary Mysticism ST/CH 2133 – OC; Adult Education – Non-Credit Courses Introduction to Christian Theology – OL. Note: OL=Online OC=On Campus



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A Congregation of
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T. D. Cleveland-Thompson, Pastor
Daniel MacDonald, Student Minister
Simon Abbott, Director of Music
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Elliott Prouty, Head Usher
Alison McDonald, Clerk of Session
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk Emeritus
Nancy E. Riggs, Treasurer
Ruth MacKenzie, Chief Steward
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WARNING! To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter Christ's soul challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?

1st Sunday of Advent
HOPE
November 29, 2015
10:30 AM

The Sunday Gathering

* indicates standing for those who are able; Silent Reflection begins with the Prelude.

PRELUDE	<i>Greensleeves</i>	
SILENT REFLECTION	Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.	
GATHERING WORDS		
*OPENING HYMN	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	VU 2
*THE PEACE	<i>The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.</i>	
WELCOME & THE NOTICES		
MINUTE FOR MISSION	“Future Lives” – <i>Colleen Estabrooks</i>	
OFFERINGS	Offertory “Amazing Grace” – <i>Kevin Roberts</i> , flute	
*	Response: Hope is a star that shines in the night, Leading us on till the morning is bright. When God is a child there’s joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.	VU 7
TIME WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD		
*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONG		INSERT
PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS	The Lord’s Prayer	VU 914
ANTHEM	<i>Dona nobis pacem</i> , composer unknown	
READINGS	Excerpt from “A simple Christmas” by Jo Robinson & Jean Coppock	
Stacheli	Luke 2:1-6 <i>Offered as wisdom for the journey. May we walk in its light.</i>	
SERMON	<u>Without All The Trimmings</u> – <i>Rev. Trent</i>	
*COMMUNION HYMN	Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness	VU 28
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
INSERT		
*AFFIRMATION	A New Creed	VU 918
*CLOSING HYMN	On Jordan's Bank	VU 20
*PARTING WORDS	<i>Amen. May it be so.</i>	
POSTLUDE	<i>Nimrod</i> , from the <i>Enigma Variations</i> — Edward Elgar	

Please be seated after the ministers have left the nave of the sanctuary;
after which you may rise and exit, or remain for part or all of the Postlude.