

The Sunday Gathering

10:30 AM

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** Let Us Build a House MV 1

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

WELCOME & THE NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Go!” – *Sally DeWolf*

OFFERINGS Offertory
*** Response: 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

A MOMENT WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD

BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS VU 921

***HYMN** One More Step Along the World I Go VU 639

READINGS Matthew 6:19-21; 22:36-40 – *Daniel MacDonald*
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

SERMON Packing for Life – *Rev. Trent*

PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION** A New Creed VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU 563

***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. We welcome back our *Church School scholars* and *Sancia & Elaine*, as well as our student minister, *Daniel*. 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. Please join us after the Service for **lemonade & conversation** in the lower hall.

Farewell to *Brian & Darlene Read* who are moving to Ottawa this month. We are grateful for their time with us and wish them well in their new home.

Our sympathy to *Ted Grant & Rosalyn Hayman & family* on the death of Ted's mother, *Deborah Ann Dewar Grant Douglas*, on Sep 4 in Sydney; and to *Holly MacIntosh & Alan Benninger & family* on the death of Holly's uncle, *Anthony Russo*, in New Hampshire, last week.

Stewardship. We are grateful for your support over the year. As we begin another 'year' of activity, fall can also be the time that we review our financial commitment to our Church. Please contact our Chief Steward, *Ruth MacKenzie @ 902.477.5365* or <raem@ns.sympatico.ca>, if you have any questions about weekly envelopes; or you may want to consider the advantages of PAR (Preauthorized Automatic Remittance). *Thank you*.

Atlantic Fringe Festival 2015. Fort Massey completes hosting 98 shows from Sep 3rd to 13th. Check on line for a complete list of performances.

Taizé Prayer at St. John's United Church, Halifax, Sunday, September 13, 7 PM, in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. All welcome. Please use the St. Matthias Lane entrance.

Candlelight Vigil for Refugees, 8 PM, Sunday, Sept 13, Victoria Park, Halifax. A silent vigil to remember those refugees who have lost their lives trying to reach safety - and to light candles of hope for those refugees seeking security and support at this time. Hosted by *Refugees Welcome (Maritimes)*, *Kairos -Halifax*, *Halifax Peace & Social Justice Committee* and *Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ)*

South End Playgroup gathers Mondays, 11 to 1, in the Church Hall.

YOGA is offered with *Jenny* on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM; and with *Alison* on Fridays, 9:30-10:30 AM. Fees or pay as you can apply.

RCCO Halifax invites you to their Opening Season Organ Recital: Wed. Sept. 16, 12:15 pm, at St. Matthew's United Church, 1479 Barrington St. Associate Organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, *Sharon Pond*, presents an Organ Concert of works by J.S. Bach, Dupré, Schumann,

Duruflé and more. This concert precedes her European tour, and is open to the public. Donation at door. <rccohalifax.com>

Installation Service for AST President, the Rev'd *Neale Bennett* will be held at Fort Massey Church on Thursday, Sep 17, 12 noon. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. Rehearsal, Wed, 1-3 PM, in the sanctuary.

Halifax Presbytery Pastoral Over-Sight & Pastoral Relations Committees meeting Wed, Sep 17, 2:30 PM in the Music Room.

Choir. Rehearsals start this Thursday, Sep 17, at 7:30 PM, in the sanctuary. New songsters are welcome! See Simon TODAY, or show up this Thursday.

Welcome Back Sunday BBQ is Sep 20. Potluck salads and desserts are welcome! Volunteers needed to set-up, barbecue, and clean-up.

Men's Breakfasts start on Friday, Sep 25, 9:30 AM, at *Athens* on Quinpool.

Women's Coffee Group Tue, Sep 29, 10 AM, at *Mary Carmichael's*.

World Communion Sunday will be observed on Oct 4, 10:30 AM.

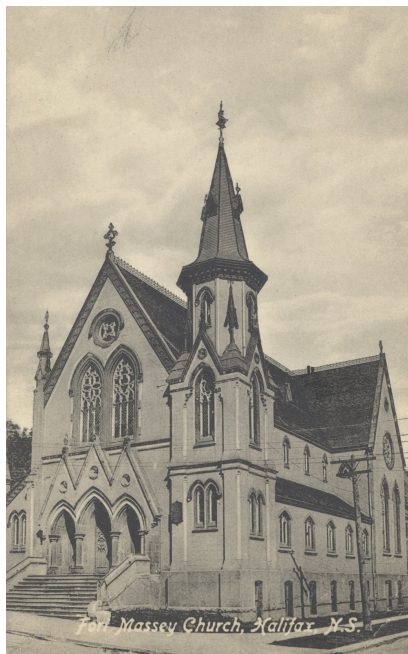
2015 Mission Breakfast, Oct. 15 at 7:30 AM. World Trade & Convention Centre. Hear inspirational educator, *Stacey Bess*, who taught homeless children in a small shed known as *The School with No Name* for 11 years. During that time she discovered by teaching and modeling love, self-worth and courage she could reach children with home and little hope. Her memoir from that time was adapted into a Hallmark Fame movie *Beyond the Blackboard*. Sign-up in Tobin St. lobby. \$100.

Nocturne – art at night will be held on Sat, Oct 17, 6 PM til mid-night, throughout Halifax, including Fort Massey Church. We need volunteers to take turns hosting an hour. A sign-up sheet is in the Tobin St. lobby on the easel board. Thank you.

TEA. Harvest Tea, Oct 17, 2-4 PM; Christmas Tea & Sale, Nov 14, 10:30-12:30.

Phantoms of the Pipes, Friday, Oct 30, Fort Massey Church.

Masquerade Gala & Dinner in support of Camp Kidston, Fri, Oct 30, 7 PM, St. Mary's Boat Club, 1641 Fairfield Rd, Halifax. Featuring Chef *Richard Julien*. Read more on the poster in the kitchen lobby.



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***16th Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time***

September 13, 2015