



Fort Massey

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*A Congregation of
The United Church of
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Community ~**



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season of
creation

September 27, 2015

18th Sunday after Pentecost

WARNING! To enter into the life of this people of God is to encounter God's soul challenging, life-changing, radicalizing love. Will you join us? Do you dare?

The Sunday Gathering

10:30 AM

ORDER of SERVICE

* indicates standing for those who are able

PRELUDE A selection of *magnificats* and *hymnes* — Jehan Titelouze (16th c. French)

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

GATHERING WORDS

***OPENING HYMN** O Beautiful Gaia MV 41

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

ANTHEM *Irish Blessing* — Bob Chilcott

WELCOME & THE NOTICES

MINUTE FOR BRUNSWICK STREET MISSION – *Anne Peltekian*

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Bridges to Hope” – *Elizabeth Dorey*

OFFERINGS Offertory

* Response: **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 “I will make you fishers of tuna?”

PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS VU 921

***HYMN** Jesus Saw Them Fishing MV 113

READINGS Colossians 3:12-17
Offered as wisdom for the journey.
May we walk in its light.

SERMON Putting On Your Garments – *Rev. Trent*

PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION** A New Creed VU 918

*CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

VU 509

*PARTING WORDS

Amen. May it be so.

POSTLUDE

Rondeau from Symphonies de Fanfares

— Jean-Joseph Mouret

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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. Please join us after the Service for Juice & Conversation. Host today is *Irene Parks*.

Our Sunday Church School is growing. Thank you to our staff and volunteers.

Wedding Congrats to choir member, *Rachel Backa*, who was married over the summer in Iceland.

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; you may want to consider the advantages of PAR (Preauthorized Automatic Remittance). *Thank you.*

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

YOGA is offered – 3 X a week - with *Jessica* on Tuesdays, 12-1 PM; with *Jenny* on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM; and with *Alison* on Fridays, 9:30-10:30 AM. Fees apply.

Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:30 PM, and Sundays 10 AM, in the sanctuary. New choristers are welcome! Contact Simon for more info.

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

Outreach Committee. Tue, Sep 29, at 6:30 PM in the minister's study.

Kirk Session will meet this Tue, Sep 29, at 7:30 PM, in the parlour.

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

Next Men's Breakfast is Fri, Oct 9, 9:30 AM, at *Athens* on Quinpool.

Adam Bucko (www.adambucko.com) works with homeless youth in New York as an activist and spiritual director. He co-wrote "Occupy Spirituality" with Matthew Fox and is the founder of The Reciprocity Project that works with youth at risk. With a background in many faith traditions, he will be offering time for conversation and spiritual practice at the Dalhousie Multifaith Centre on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 30th. The evening is open to Dal students and our neighbours.

100 year celebration of CGIT. Please come and join us for an afternoon tea in the hall at Woodlawn United Church on October 3rd at 2 pm to celebrate the 100th anniversary of CGIT. Former leaders, girls and all women of the congregation are welcome to attend and share memories and stories. Admission is by donation to Mission and Service Fund. In order to prepare for the tea, please respond by September 28th to *Ruth Boutilier* at <ruth.b@ns.sympatico.ca> or call 902 462 7727.

Ten Thousand Villages. Bedford United Church, 1200 Bedford Hwy. Sat, Oct. 3. As well, there will be local artisans/craftsman, a café complete with a wandering minstrel for your relaxation pleasure, and silent auction items.

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.

Harvest Tea, Sat, Oct 17, 2-4 PM, Fort Massey Church, Lower Hall.

The Annual Fall Rally and Fellowship of the Least Coin service of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Halifax-Metro will be held at Edgewood-Oxford United Church on Oct 19, 7PM. The theme for the service is "*Fishers of Humankind*" and guest speaker will be Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Seafarer Coordinator of the Halifax Mission to Seafarers, a Canadian non-profit organization offering seafarers help and support when their ships arrive in port. A free-will offering will be received for the Mission to Seamen as well. Reception to follow.

Spirit Connectors begins Thursday, Oct 22, 10:30 AM, Lower Hall. This fall we'll be viewing and discussing the *Living the Questions*, a 7-part series *Honouring Creation*. In the winter, we'll be reading Eric Elnes new book, *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Sceptics*. Books are @ \$21. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

Phantoms of the Pipes, 7:30 PM, 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.

Christmas Tea & Sale, Nov 14, 10:30-12:30, Fort Massey Church.

An Evening Advent Retreat, Thursday, Dec 3, 7-9 PM, at the *new Fireside* on Birmingham Street. Join us for supper or dessert. Mark it in your calendar.