

The Sunday Gathering

* indicates standing for those who are able; silent reflection begins with the Prelude

PRELUDE	<i>Caitlyn Bowers</i> , supply organist	
SILENT REFLECTION	Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.	
GATHERING WORDS		
PRAYER OF JESUS	The Lord's Prayer	VU 921
* OPENING HYMN	Make a Joyful Noise (Psalm 100)	VU 820
THE PEACE	<i>The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.</i>	
WELCOME & THE NOTICES		
MINUTE FOR MISSION	"People Helping People" – <i>Elizabeth Dorey</i>	
OFFERING		
* DOXOLOGY	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	VU 541
TIME WITH THE SUNDAY'S COOL CROWD		
* HYMN	I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry	VU 644
PRAYER		
ANTHEM	<i>Blest are they, the poor in spirit</i> — David Haas	
READINGS	Nehemiah 5:6-9 <i>Offered has wisdom for the journey.</i> May we walk in its light.	
SERMON	<u>I Can See You</u> – <i>Rev. Trent</i>	
* AFFIRMATION	A New Creed	VU 918
* CLOSING HYMN	Songs of Thankfulness and Praise Hymn Tune VU 516, St George's, Windsor	VU 101
* PARTING WORDS	<i>Amen. Blessed be!</i>	
POSTLUDE		

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.

Welcome to Fort Massey! We are always delighted to have **visitors** among us; please sign our Guest Book. Children are invited to join our **Church School & Nursery**. If you're looking for a church home, you may fill out a **Welcome Card** (found with the guest book) leaving it with the guest book. Please join us in the lower hall for **Coffee & Conversation** after our Gathering. **Host** today: *Irene Parks*. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

2015 tax receipts and 2016 Offering Envelopes are available in the Tobin St. lobby. Please contact our Chief Steward, *Ruth MacKenzie @ raem@ns.sympatico.ca*, 902.477.5365, if you have questions about weekly envelopes or the advantages of PAR.

Daily Devotional, *These Days Jan/Feb/Mar*, is in the Tobin St. lobby.

Observer Renewal/Order. \$25. Please enclose in your offering envelope or an envelope with your name and address, marking it "*Observer Renewal*" by **Feb 7**. Contact the church office to cancel.

2016 Canadian Church Calendars for sale during C&C. \$5.

Taizé Prayer, today, **Jan. 10**, 7 PM, St. John's United Church, in the *Judith Grant Room* at the Maritime Conservatory, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use St. Mathias Lane entrance.

Tune in to *The Current* (CBC Radio One) between 9 & 10 AM, Monday, **Jan 11th**, for an interview with UCC minister, the Rev'd *Gretta Vosper*.

Halifax Presbytery meets at Bedford UC, **Jan 12**, 5:30 PM (supper).

Spirit Connectors will be reading *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (And Other Wanderers)* by Eric Elnes. Next gathering is Thursday, **Jan 28**, 10:30 AM, Green St. Berkeley. The minister will be at AST on Jan 14 & 21 meeting with the candidates for the position of the Homiletics Professor.

Next Men's Breakfast, Fri, **Jan 15**, 9:30 AM, Athens on Quinpool.

UCW Annual Meeting (Brown bag lunch) will be held after the Sunday Gathering on **Jan 17** in the lower hall. Storm date Jan 24. Agenda includes planning events and 2016 budget. All women welcome.

Chili Take-out, after our Sunday Gathering, **Jan 17**. (Storm date 24th) Eat with your pew mates in the lower hall or take it home. Order an extra for a family member or friend, and maybe another one for yourself. In support of our youth in Scouting. Sign-up! Meal includes chili, buttered bun, brownie, and napkin & spoon. Coffee & Tea provided by C&C.

The Dalhousie Music Department and the Dalhousie Women's Alumni will present the 25th Student Musicale at 3 p.m in the MacAloney room, Dalhousie Arts Centre, on Sunday January 17th. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds go to provide student bursaries. The concert is followed by refreshments in room 401.

Next Women's Coffee Group will be Tue, **Jan 19**, 10 AM, at the new home of *Mary Carmichael*.

Nova Sinfonia Concert, 7:30 PM, **Jan 25**, St. Andrew's UC.

Annual Reports are due **Jan 27**.

Mooseheads vs CB Hockey Game, Sunday, **Jan 31**, 3 PM. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

Congregational Annual Meeting (working lunch) will follow the Sunday Gathering on **Feb 21** in the lower hall. Storm date Feb 28.

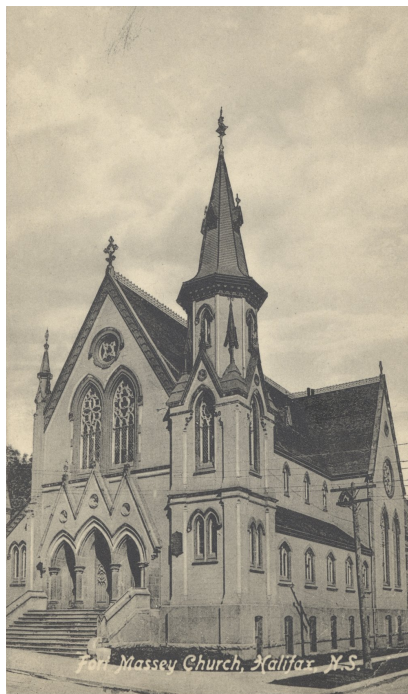
Chinese New Year Supper, *Canton Garden Restaurant*, 30 Farnham Gate Rd., Clayton Park West, 6 PM, Sat, **Feb 6**. Sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

Valentine Tea, Sat, **Feb 13**, 2-4 PM, Fort Massey Lower Hall.

Refugee Committee Update:

A second meeting of the full sponsorship committee, *Fort Massey ~ St. David's ~ St. Matthew's ~ & Friends* takes place today, **Jan 10th**, at *St. Matthew's United Church* gym, at @ 12:15 PM. The agenda will include the following items:

- 1.) Establishing an executive committee representative of the constituent churches and friends who make up the committee.
- 2.) Organizing working groups to plan for and carry out the different aspects of the project. This is an important starting point as it will enable us to fill out the "Settlement Plan" forms. The settlement plan is an essential aspect of the application to sponsor a refugee family.
- 3.) A discussion of the fund raising goal. Perhaps an additional \$15,000 – \$20,000 that would be a contribution to the United Nations Refugee Agency. The work to sponsor one family is vitally important, but we also need to remember there are millions of refugees who will not be invited to live in Canada. They need our assistance too.



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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?

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Services
12:15-12:45 pm
TUESDAY, January 19
St. Matthews United (Rev. Betsy Hogan)
Rev. Paul Friesen (preacher)
WEDNESDAY, January 20
St. David's (Rev. Kenn Stright)
Archbishop Anthony Mancini (preacher)
THURSDAY, January 21
First Baptist (Rev. Jenny Csinos)
Rev. Kenn Stright (preacher)



**The Baptism of the
Lord**
January 10, 2016
10:30 AM