

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*. To be a host/sponsor, sign-up in the Tobin St. lobby.

Chili Take-out, after our Sunday Gathering TODAY, **Jan 17**. In support of our youth *Elizabeth Dorey's* Pathfinders (Guiding). Meal includes chilli, buttered bun, brownie, and napkin & spoon.

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.

Thank you to *Ian MacDonald* for the new Sign-up board in the Tobin St. lobby.

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

Membership Development, minister's study, TODAY, **Jan 17**, 11:45.

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 TODAY, **Jan 17**. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds go to provide student bursaries. The concert is followed by refreshments in room 401.

Jackie Torrens' documentary *My Week on Welfare*, **Jan 18**, 6.30 PM, preceded by a light buffet supper at 5.30 at the Local Council of Women's House, Young Avenue and Inglis. Includes a panel discussion about why the welfare system needs to change. All are welcome, but space is limited so please rsvp to Kathryn Patterson at <info@lcwhalifax.org>. Sponsored by the Local Council of Women and CFUW Halifax.

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

Music Committee will meet Wed, **Jan 20**, at 6:45 PM in the Music Room.

Next Men's Breakfast, Fri, **Jan 22**, 9:30 AM, Athens on Quinpool.

Final Moving Sale at United Memorial Church, 5350 Young St., Sat, **Jan 23**, from 9 AM to noon. All proceeds to *Camp Kidston*.

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

Annual Reports are due **Jan 27**.

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 21, meeting with the candidates for the position of the Homiletics Professor.

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.

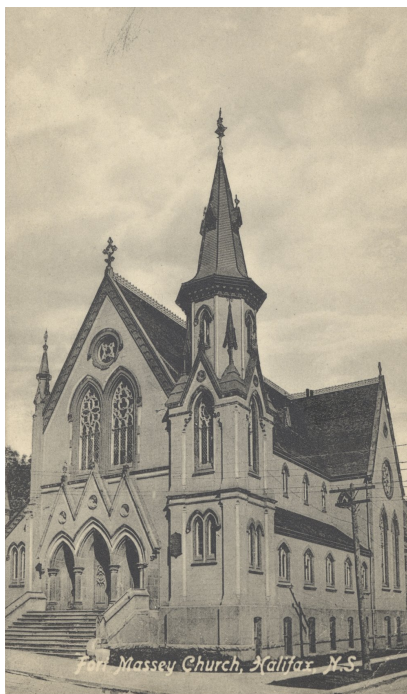
Observer Renewal/Order. \$25. Please enclose in your offering envelope or an envelope with your name and address, marking it "*Observer Renewal*" by **Feb 7**. Contact the church office to cancel.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, **Feb 9**, 4:30-6:30 PM, Fort Massey Lower Hall. \$10/adult, \$20/family - in support of the *Refugee Fund*. We need grills to cook the pancakes on, plus a list in ingredients needed is posted on the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby.

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

Refugee Update: Fort Massey~St. David's~St. Matthew's~& Friends As of Jan 10, @ \$37,500 has been raised in total. Fort Massey committee members will be collecting furnishings which will be stored in the Music Room. Stephanie Coulthard & Kathy Evans are co-ordinating the Committee's efforts on this project. Anyone who will be working with the family and children will be required to have a police record check.

Petition. KAIROS has a petition to the NS Government to implement a curriculum in our schools that tells the story of our Aboriginal peoples. Located in the Tobin St. lobby



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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
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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)

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2016

10:30 AM

The Sunday Gathering

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

PRELUDE	Offertoire sur les grands jeux (Francois Couperin 1668-1733) <i>John Walter, organist</i>	
SILENT REFLECTION	Trinity Bell is rung. Community Candle is lit.	
GATHERING WORDS	– <i>Daniel MacDonald</i>	
PRAYER OF JESUS	The Lord’s Prayer	VU 921
* OPENING HYMN	Part of the Family	VU 395
THE PEACE	<i>The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.</i>	
WELCOME & THE NOTICES		
MINUTE FOR MISSION	“A Safe Place” – <i>John Beveridge</i>	
OFFERING	Offertory:	
*	Doxology: Praise God...	VU 541
TIME WITH THE SUNDAY’S COOL CROWD	– <i>Daniel MacDonald</i>	
* HYMN	Oh a Song Must Rise	MV 142
PRAYER	– <i>Daniel MacDonald</i>	
ANTHEM	<i>God, when I stand</i> — Norwegian folk melody	
READINGS	“Dark Age Ahead” (excerpt) by Jane Jacobs Gospel according to Luke 2:41-49 <i>Offered has wisdom for the journey.</i> May we walk in its light.	
SERMON	<u><i>A Family Lighting Our World</i></u> – <i>Rev. Trent</i>	
* HYMN	Joyful, Joyful We Adore You	VU 232
HALIFAX PRESBYTERY REPORT	– <i>Elliott Prouty</i>	
* AFFIRMATION	A New Creed	VU 918
* CLOSING HYMN	May the God of Hope	VU 424
* PARTING WORDS	<i>Amen. Blessed be!</i>	
POSTLUDE	Hommage to David Bowie	

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.