

FORT MASSEY AT WORK

Today is also Rural Life Sunday on the Church calendar. We remember our rural communities and the struggles many are facing in an urbanized Canada.

Maritime Conference, featuring rural ministries, concludes today, in Sackville, NB, with the Service of Ordination at 10 am. Our minister returns this afternoon via the train.

This past week our church was used as a practice space for the play Tompkinsville, presented at Maritime Conference on May 27, followed by a regional tour.

Staffed Nursery is located in the Church Hall off the Tobin Street lobby.

Camp Kidston applications are located on the table in the area outside the kitchen.

Roof Appeal: A reminder that the campaign ends May 31st. Thank you for your support!

Women's Coffee Group this Tuesday, May 31, 10 am, at the home of Sharon Ross. The *season closing* of the Ladies' Coffee group and UCW will be held on Thursday June 16 at the cottage of Carol Sinclair. We'll leave town at noon with plans to return at 5 PM after a pot-luck meal. Any one needing a ride should speak to Carol Sinclair or Kathy Evans.

Thursday Morning Study Group this week will involve putting together a banner for KAIROS "The Land, Our Life" Campaign to Implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on June 20, which will join other banners on the train to Ottawa from June 14th to 19th. Join us in the parlour at 10:30 am, June 2nd.

Membership. We will be receiving new members on June 12. Please contact the minister at 423-4294 or fmminister@eastlink.ca if you are interested in membership transfer, baptism or confirmation.

Newsletter deadline, summer edition, is due June 13th, 4 pm. Please send to Holly MacIntosh at dundee@seasidehighspeed.com or have in to the church office by noon on Friday, June 10th.

Up-coming Sunday Services @ the fort, 10:30 am.

June 5, Holy Communion, 86th Anniversary of The UCC

June 12, Pentecost, Confirmation & Welcoming of new members

June 19, Father's Day

June 24, Church School Closing & Acknowledgement of Graduates

July 3-31, Services led by AST Graduate, Ruth McArthur

Minister's Vacation is the month of July. For emergencies, please contact Alasdair Sinclair @ 422-6185 or 852-3123 (cottage), or Ruth MacKenzie @ 477-5365.

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A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

10:30 a.m., 29th May 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

F O R T M A S S E Y A T W O R S H I P

We matter to God. We must matter to each other!

PRELUDE Récit from "Suite du premier ton" Denis Bédard

***ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION** - *The bell is sounded three times*

***LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE** - *The candle is lit*

***OPENING HYMN** "In Loving Partnership We Come" VU 603

***OPENING SENTENCES**

People of God, look around and see the faces of those we know and love — a community of kindred hearts. Look around and see the faces of those we hardly know — the ones who need an outstretched hand. Look around and see all the images of God assembled here. In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

We bring all that we are, and all that we are yet to be, to this safe and holy place.

***PRAYER OF AWARENESS**

We pray: We feel your welcome, God. Make the door of this sanctuary wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy and pride. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn away negative influences. Open our hearts that we might pray with honesty and may our praise and our worship be unrestrained. Amen

DRAMATIC READINGS

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION – *Jean Cudmore*

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** VU 541

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** "Praise Our Maker" VU 316

SILENCE ~ PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL REFLECTION All Through the Night Welsh Melody
Kevin Roberts, flute

DRAMATIC READINGS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ANTHEM Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple
Arranged by Mark Barnard

DRAMATIC READINGS

***THE PEACE** *You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed VU 918

***CLOSING HYMN** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" VU 602

***WORDS OF MISSION**

*In this place we have met the God who will never abandon us...
The community candle is extinguished*

As our worship ends, our service continues, so we go out, committed to supporting and caring for family, friend, and neighbour.

We go to serve, but we do not serve alone! Thanks be to God!

***BLESSING WORDS**

POSTLUDE Fantaisie sur "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" Denis Bédard
"A Might Fortress Is Our God"

** indicates standing for those who are able*

Welcome to Fort Massey by-the-sea. Greeting you at the door today was the MacDougall family. Visitors are welcome to sign our Guest Book and fill out a Welcome Card at the left of the main doors upon exiting. Join us in the lower hall after worship for Coffee & Conversation. Our appreciation to members of the Membership Development Committee (Joanne Hayman, Susan Lidstone, Angie Ngu) and their convener, Alison McDonald, for organizing today's annual Lay Service and hosting C & C; and to Colleen Estabrooks, David Griffiths, Ruth MacKenzie, Nancy Riggs, and Anne Thompson for their participation. A special 'Note of Thanks' to Holly MacIntosh Benninger, creator of today's liturgy and message.