

*Welcome to Fort Massey by-the-Sea
~ where life and faith meet ~*

Welcome. Happy Thanksgiving! Thank You to *Carol Robinson* for our Thanksgiving display. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a Welcome Card at the left of the main doors upon exiting, leaving it with the guest book. Join us in the lower hall after worship for **coffee & conversation**; your host is *Irene Parks*. *Sign-up* in the Tobin St. lobby to be a host. Our **Church School** meets in the lower hall after the children's story. **The Nursery**, located off the Tobin St. lobby, is staffed and available for pre-school children.

Congratulations to Jason & Erin (O'Reilley) Barkhouse who were married yesterday at Fort Massey Church.

Newsletter. The fall edition of The Star is available today. Thank you to all our contributors and to our editor, *Holly MacIntosh Benninger*.

Brunswick St. Mission is looking for coffee mugs. Place in container outside the minister's office. Thank you. It is also in need of a volunteer receptionist(s) for Tuesday and Fridays, 9:00-2:00, as well as a person with experience in working with excel data bases for 1/2 day a week. **Also, looking for people to make sandwiches for the Mission on Tuesday morning (Oct 11), at 10 am, in the Fort Massey kitchen.**

Food Fight. FEED NOVA SCOTIA is asking for your support in the Great Canadian Food Fight, a cross-country food drive where cities compete to see who can collect and weight the most food in 48 hours, October 13-15. **We will be collecting food in our special brown paper bags today during the offering.**

The Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada meets in Halifax Oct 26-29. Organizers are looking for financial contributions for the breakfasts at the World Trade & Convention Centre. They expect to feed between 500 and 700 people at \$15 a breakfast for 3 to 4 days. Also, they are looking for people to be listeners of the stories of victims. Check out their web site <trc.ca> to see how you can be involved!

Phoenix House Snack Program. Fort Massey will be sponsoring the week of Nov 28 to Dec 2. We will need \$175, plus food items. List to follow.

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada



Creation Time ~ Thanksgiving

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m., 9th October 2011

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister
Robert Bossler, Student Minister
Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator
Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session
Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee
Irene Parks, UCW President
Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
Linda Dean, Nominating Chair

Pierre Perron, Music Director
John Walter, Assistant Organist
Kevin Robarts, Flutist
Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist
Elaine Janson, Nursery
Kevork Peltekian, Board Chair
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FORT MASSEY AT WORSHIP

* indicates standing for those who are able

THE FORT MASSEY CHIMES

*ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION

The bell is sounded three times

*LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

The candle is lit

*OPENING SENTENCES

In the beginning, God made the world:

WN *Made it and mothered it,*

MN *Shaped it and fathered it,*

WN *Filled it with seed and signs of fertility,*

MN *Filled it with love and its folk with ability.*

All that is green, blue, deep and growing,

ALL *God's is the hand that created you.*

All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silent,

ALL *God's is the hand that created you.*

The world belongs to Creativity God.

ALL *The earth and all its people.*

*PRAYER OF AWARENESS

We pray:

We are gathered here in community.

A place has been made for each of us.

Let what we say and do here be real for us

in preparation for a life of gratitude in this world.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

O Beautiful Gaia

MV 41

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Angus McDonald

OFFERING

Offertory Prayer

Responsive Prayer on back cover

Offertory Music

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Offertory Response

We Plough the Fields, v. 3

VU 520

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THEIR MINISTER

PRAYER & JESUS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

VU 921

*HYMN

Praise God for the Harvest

VU 517

Children leave for Church School during the hymn

SILENCE

NATIVE AMERICAN THANKSGIVING ADDRESS

Each prayer will conclude with the following...

*Now our minds are one. **Our minds are one.***

ANTHEM

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Old Dutch Melody arr. by David Dick Slayter

READINGS

The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin; Nehemiah 12:27-30

CONTEMPORARY WORD

"Happiness is a Grateful Spirit" – Rev. Trent

*CLOSING HYMN

Give Thanks, My Soul for Harvest

VU 522

Alternate Tune: DAY OF REST

*WORDS OF MISSION

As we prepare to leave this sacred space where we have celebrated together, let us return to our lives with thankful hearts...

The candle is extinguished

Go into the world:

dance, laugh, sing and create.

We go with the encouragement of God.

Go into the world:

risk, explore, discover and love.

We go with the empowerment of God.

Go into the world:

believe, hope, struggle and remember.

We go with the assurance of the love of God.

*BLESSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Cologne 1623

At the Kirk...

Mon	11-1	Church Hall/Cornwallis Park	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Tue	10 am, Oct 18	TBA	Next Women's Coffee Group
Tue	5-7 pm	St. Andrew's UC	University Student Suppers
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Tue	10 am	Kitchen	Outreach Sandwich Brigade
Tue	2 pm	Joe Howe Manor	Song Service & Tea
Tue	7 pm	Music Room	Music Committee
Wed	9:30-11:30 am	Lower Hall	Breastfeeding Support
	(2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays of the month) in partnership with		Public Health
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Thu	10:30 am	Minister's Study	Spirit Connectors
Thu	11am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor hockey
Thu	7 pm	Minister's Study	Nominating Committee
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Fri	9:30 am	Cousin's Restaurant	Men's Breakfast
Fri	10-11:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Fri	6-7 pm	Gym	Choi Kwang Do
Fri-Sun		Church Hall, Berwick Pathfinders	will be lodging two nights
Sat	2-4 pm	Lower Hall	Harvest Tea
Sun	10 am	Sanctuary	Choir Practice
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship
Sun	10:45 am	Lower Hall & Nursery	Church School & Nursery
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Coffee & Conversation
Sun	3-4 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do

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Fort Massey Choir welcomes new singers. Rehearsals are **Thursdays**, 7:30-9pm, and **Sundays** at 10. Contact Pierre at pperron@dal.ca or 425-5205.

Our Spirit Connectors group is reading Harvey Cox's book, *The Future of Faith*, and Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *An Altar in the World*, this fall/winter on **Thursdays** at 10:30 am, beginning **THIS THURSDAY**. Can be purchased or ordered at any bookstore, or on-line, and are available in paperback.

Annual Harvest Tea, Sat, Oct 15, 2-4 pm. Bake Table. Entertainment by Kevin Robarts. Free will offering. Need 12 people to make sandwiches (double loaves), 8 people to make squares, and 5 people to make 2 doz. cookies each. *No nuts, please*. Sign-up sheet is in the Tobin St. lobby on the easel board.

Phantoms of the Pipes XIV coming to FMC on Sat, Oct 29, 7:30 PM. *The scariest show in town with some of the scariest people*. \$10 Adults, \$5 Seniors, \$15 Family, Children are free.

In the Community...

Public discussion on "Israeli Settlements and the Palestinian Bid for Statehood: A Report from the Ground" by Lia Tarachansky, an Israeli-Canadian journalist on Tuesday, Oct 11 at 7:30 pm at the McNally Theatre Auditorium, Saint Mary's University, 923 Robie St. Tarachansky is a video-journalist and Middle East correspondent for The Real News Network. For more information, visit: www.halifaxpeacecoalition.ca

Organ Concert. On Wednesday, October 12, at 7:30 PM, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, the acclaimed French organist Frederic Champion presents the opening concert in the Fordham Memorial Series. Winner of the First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2008 Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC) in Montreal, Champion has been hailed as "one of the finest young organist you'll ever hear!" (Choir & Organ, UK), and of possessing "a vast reservoir of technical strength that enables him to surmount every challenge and penetrate the substance of the music." (The American Organist, USA).

Cards & Games Social - October 15, 12:30 to 3pm. Lunch & Prizes. United Memorial Church, 5350 Young St., Halifax. Tickets \$6.00 per person. Elevator available. Please bring your own cards and games. 454.5554

Writing the Sacred, a Psalm-writing workshop, Rockingham UC, Oct 19, 7-9 pm. \$15. Call 443-2947 for more info.

Carolyn McDade, author of the hymns, "This Ancient Love" and "Spirit of Life", invites you to join her and the Atlantic Gaia singers to launch her new CD, *Widening Embrace*. The evening includes a fibre art exhibit. Doors open at 7pm, Friday October 21st, at St. Margarets of Scotland Church, 3751 Robie St. Admission is free. Reception to follow. All proceeds from CD sales at the launch will go to projects for the wellbeing of the earth.

Attention all Crafters! October 29th from 9:00 - 2:00 there will be a craft show at Bedford United Church in support of Camp Kidston. Table Rentals are \$25.00 (you keep your sale profits). Tables are going fast so if you are interested please contact Michelle Pottie at mapottie@yahoo.ca as soon as possible!

Mission Breakfast is Nov 17, 7-9 am, \$1000/table. Speaker: Stuart McInnes, QC, "Poverty, Is It Good For Business?" We need nine people to buy a ticket so that our minister does not have to sit alone. Income tax receipts are available for part of the price of the ticket. Did you know that the Brunswick St. Mission is a ministry of Fort Massey, and that presently Leslie McLean (our Outreach Chair) is Chair of the Mission Board?