

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
January 6, 2017

Upcoming Events:

Epiphany Sunday	January 8	10:30 AM
Elsie Aitken Unit Meeting	January 12	1:30 PM in parlour
UCW Executive Meeting	January 15	planning meeting (following Sunday worship)
Unified Board Meeting	January 19	7:45 PM
Book Discussion	February 9	12 Noon



Fair Trade seeks to change the terms of trade for the products we buy - to ensure the farmers and artisans behind those products get a better deal. Fair Trade products are available for purchase during coffee time most Sundays.

Church Offering

Offering, January 1 \$693.

Online giving: If you prefer to give online, there is a "donation" button available on the Stairs website: www.stairsmemorial.ca

We are trying to be environmentally conscious. If you read the announcements online, please don't take a paper copy on Sunday. Also, please only take one copy per family. Thank you.

Upcoming Worship Hosts

January 8 Christine Eidt January 15 Cherry Gauthier January 22 Bruce Fraser

A new worship host list will be available at the next board meeting for sign up.

The first Sunday of each month is designated *Canned Milk Sunday*. Those who are able are asked to bring in canned milk for the foodbank on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you.

There are a number of people who worship among us who are quite sensitive to scents. For the comfort of those around you, please avoid using perfumes, colognes or heavily scented products when coming to the church. Thank you.

Spirit Cafe - a non-traditional spiritual gathering sponsored by Dartmouth United Churches. Drop by Ma Belle's Cafe, 44 Ochterloney St, 5:30 on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, starting in January. First Tuesday: faith-based discussion. Third Tuesday: music and fellowship. Menu of soup, sandwiches, sweets available.

Stairs' Contact Information:

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Emergency Contact: In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call 902 469 4472 or 902 466 4053.

Building Security

Please be sure to check that all exterior doors are locked when leaving the building.

Our next book discussion will take place on **Thursday, February 9** at noon, bring a bagged lunch. The book is *The Orenda*, by Joseph Boyden.

Storm cancellations: If worship is cancelled due to weather, we will put an announcement on the Stairs answering machine before 8:00AM. If there is no announcement, assume we are gathering as usual. We will also put the announcement on the internet on the CBC Storm Centre (at <http://www.cbc.ca/stormcentre/ns/>).

Please remember to submit your year-end reports and statements to the church office for the annual report. When possible, please submit electronically (stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca). Thank you.

The Observer subscription is up for renewal on February 1. If you would like to be added or removed from the list, please contact the church office. Cost: \$25/year.
