

Stairs Memorial United Church  
"Rising Together in Faith"  
**Weekly Announcements**

January 27, 2017

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**Upcoming Events:**

UCW AGM	February 5	11:45 AM in parlour
Book Discussion	February 9	12 Noon
Unified Board Meeting	February 16	7:45 PM



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.

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**Church Offering**

Offering, January 22                      \$1507.

**Online giving:** If you prefer to give online, there is a "donation" button available on the Stairs website: [www.stairsmemorial.ca](http://www.stairsmemorial.ca)

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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.

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**Upcoming Worship Hosts**

January 29 Jim Bauld                      February 5 Christine Eidt                      February 12 Kathleen Cameron

We are in need of worship hosts for 2017, a new signup sheet has been posted in the church office, please drop by or call Wendy with your available dates.

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**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.

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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.

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**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. First Tuesday: faith-based discussion. Third Tuesday: music and fellowship. Menu of soup, sandwiches, sweets available.

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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.

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The Stairs Memorial UCW are having a bakeless bake sale fund raiser in the month of February. Instead of baking, we ask that you drop an envelope containing your contribution and marked "bakeless bake sale" into the collection plate on any Sunday in February. This is a great way to support the church without donning your oven mitts.

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**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.

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**Building Security**

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

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**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/>).

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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.

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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.

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**VALENTINE TEA & SALE** - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Saturday, Feb. 11th from 11:30 to 1:30. Admission \$6. Enjoy - turkey-a-la-king luncheon, books/games/puzzles, bake table, fudge, raffles, white elephant, crafts, etc.

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The You Gotta Sing! Chorus is holding a benefit concert for the Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network, a long-term partner of the Maritime Conference Church in Action Committee on Sunday, January 29th, 4pm at St. Luke's United Church.

Support Breaking the Silence human rights solidarity work by coming out to this benefit concert. Enjoy joyful, uplifting music by Paul Simon, Coco Love Alcorn, David Brunner, and much more! YGS will accept a freewill offering at the door, with 100% of net concert proceeds to be donated to BTS. At the intermission, BTS will also be selling crafts from a women's cooperative in Guatemala, Just Gold honey, Breaking the Silence coffee and Guatemalan paintings!

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