

Stairs Memorial United Church  
"Rising Together in Faith"  
**Weekly Announcements**  
February 3, 2017

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**Upcoming Events:**

UCW AGM	February 5	11:45 AM in parlour
Book Discussion	February 9	12 Noon
Bertha Dillman '78 Unit Mtg.	February 13	7PM in parlour
Unified Board Meeting	February 16	7:45 PM
Turkey Soup Takeout	February 25	3:30 – 4:30 Saturday and after church on Sunday the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Transfiguration Sunday	February 26	Communion Service
Ash Wednesday	March 1	7PM Service
<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	March 5	Following worship

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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 29	\$1031.80
Wishing Well for January	145.50

**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**

February 5 Christine Eidt      February 12 Kathleen Cameron      February 19 Sandra Jamieson

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

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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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**Stairs' Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on March 5 following Sunday worship.

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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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**UCW Turkey Soup Take-out Meal**

Pick-up February 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 4:30 PM or February 26 after church.

**Menu:** 12 ounces hearty turkey soup, homemade roll & tea biscuit and carrot cake for dessert. Cost: \$10. Tickets are available now.

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**Stairs' Contact Information:**

Rev. Sarah Reaburn: sreaburn@eastlink.ca  
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Office Phone No.: 902-466-4389  
Facebook: Stairs Memorial United Church  
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Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, February 6 for training..

**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 by 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). The Congregational Meeting will take place on March 5 following Sunday worship.

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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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St. John's United Church, Halifax, would like to invite you to its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, Feb.5th at 7 PM, in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use St. Matthias Lane entrance.

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