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

March 3, 2017

All are invited to a World Day of Prayer 2017 service being held at 7PM tonight, Friday, March 3, at St. Anthony's, Courtney Road, Dartmouth.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place this Sunday, March 5 immediately following Sunday worship.

**Upcoming Events:** 

Congregational MeetingMarch 5following worshipBertha Dillman '78 UnitMarch 6in kitchen/hallMen's ServiceMarch 1210:30 AM

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.

#### RISEN

with Joseph Fiennes
A MOVIE ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
Screening, 2:30PM, Sunday April 2, 2017 at the Woodlawn Public Library
31 Eisener Boulevard

This is the full length movie with a PG rating, some violence.

### **Church Offering**

Offering, February 26 \$1002.00 Wishing Well for February 158.52

<u>Online giving</u>: 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**

March 5 Bruce Fraser March 12 Jim Bauld & Lorna Randall March 19 Betty Kemp

We are in need of worship hosts! If you can help please drop by or call Wendy with your available dates. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church office. Thank you.

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

### Big Thank You

The UCW of Stairs Memorial would like to thank very much everyone who made a donation to our Bakeless Bake Sale in February. With your donations we were able to raise \$560.

Again the UCW would like to give a very hearty thank you to everyone who donated vegetables, rolls, biscuits and carrot cakes to our very successful turkey soup take out this past Saturday. The success of this take out meal is attributed to the 195 meals sold and we realized about \$1900. This is about \$200 more than last year.

Without all the support given to us by the congregation of Stairs, we would never be able to succeed as we have with both of these events. We always know that we can count on you all for anything that we ask and we really do appreciate everything you have done. Thank you! Thank you!

### **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.

<u>Storm cancellations</u>: 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/).

Anyone who wants to be confirmed, or to transfer your membership from another church, please either see Sarah or contact the office.

The Sham-Rocks in Concert at Rockingham United Church, 12 Flamingo Dr, Halifax on Friday, Mar 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. This group features Irish, Scottish and Newfoundland Music. Tickets are \$10 each (Under 14 Free). CDs will be available at event, \$5 from each CD sale go to support the church. For tickets, please contact Rockingham Church at 902-443-2947, or email <a href="mailto:events@rockinghamunited.org">events@rockinghamunited.org</a>. Tickets will also be available at the door. Refreshments will be served.

Readers' Circle - Our next book will be "Amazing Grace" by Lesley Crewe, May 11 over lunch.

HOLY TRINITY EMMANUEL CHURCH, 30 Alfred St - SPAGHETTI SUPPER March 18th 3-5pm - Adults: \$10. - Child (10 & under) & Seniors: \$5.

Menu: Spaghetti & Meat or Vegetable Sauce, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Tea/Coffee.

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE. For tickets or information: 902-464-5697

Lenten folders are available in the narthex for anyone who would like one.

St. John's United Church Choir and Handbell Ensemble presents "Winter In Song" – a program of music celebrating the winter season, on Sunday, March 5th – 7PM, in the Lilian Piercey Concert Hall at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts. Admission \$10 – Reception to follow. Please note that our monthly Taize Prayer will be held on March 12 – 7 PM.

Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference - anyone in junior high (IAC) or high school (YF) is welcome at these high energy faith gatherings happening in Sackville, NB, May 25-28. Applications are open online at http://marconf.ca/youth-forum-registration/ until March 31.

Come to our Down Home Saturday Night "Ham Jam" on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Grace United Church, 70 King St., Dartmouth (lower hall)! Drop in any time from 4:30–6:30 pm. Join us for some musical treats and mighty fine eats. There's baked ham and scalloped potatoes with brown bread, and, gingerbread with lemon sauce for dessert. Music will be provided by Greg Hatcher and Lester Atkinson, and, Andrew, Simon and Marcel. There will also be a special Beatles treat. Tickets are \$15 each (\$5 for 12 and under). For more information please contact the church office at (902) 466-3329.