

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
April 7, 2017

Upcoming Events:

Palm Sunday	April 9	10:30 AM
Maundy Thursday	April 13	7PM – Communion Service
Easter Sunday	April 16	10:30 AM – Communion Service
Sunday School Book & Bake Sale	April 23	during coffee time
Alternative Service	April 30	10:30 AM
Mothers' Day Tea	May 6	2PM
Reader's Circle	May 11	12 Noon (see below)

Victoria Road United Baptist Church is blessed to be hosting the Dartmouth Area Churches Ecumenical Good Friday service on Friday, April 14, 2017 at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. They are located at 36 Victoria Road in Dartmouth and their Church contact number is 902-469-8576.

April 14th, Good Friday Men's Breakfast, 8 AM, followed by Morning Prayer at 9 AM, Port Wallis United Church, 263 Waverley Rd. Please call Larry MacDonald at 902 462 3010 by Tuesday, April 11 if you are planning on attending.

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



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, April 2 \$1215.00
Wishing Well for March 167.29

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

Apr 9 Bruce Fraser Apr 13 (Maundy Thurs) Larry MacDonald & L J Roche Apr 16 Krista Duffy

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church office.

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.

Confirmation/Adult Baptism

There will be a confirmation seminar (2 sessions) beginning in May. If you are interested in being confirmed or baptised, or in renewing your baptismal faith, please let the office know.

April 30 is an alternative service. The service will be almost entirely music. If you would like to suggest a hymn that you find meaningful, and if you would be willing to talk about what makes this piece of music powerful for you, please fill out a form. They are pinned to the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. The first 7 hymn requests we receive will be used in worship on April 30.

Once again the congregation of Stairs Memorial has come through for the Bertha Dillman 78 Unit. Who knew that a Bean Take-Out Supper would be so popular that we could raise \$1,141 with this endeavour! With your constant support we are able to do that. This money allows us to continue to assist our foster child, the last couple of years we have given 200 mosquito nets to areas that need them, made meat loaves twice a year and gave apple juice monthly to FOOD, donated to our own Food Bank as well as to the church and other charities. Without the congregation always being there for us none of this would be possible. We know we can count on you always. Thank you! Thank you!

Card Campaign - Cash cards can be purchased during coffee time on Sunday or at the church office with one day's notice.

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.

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.

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/>).

Grace United Church Lobster and Ham Supper

Join us for a Lobster and ham supper on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Grace United Church, 70 King Street from 4:30-6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 for lobster and \$15 for baked ham (with rolls, potato salad and dessert). For children under 12 the ham supper is \$5. Eat in, take out or delivery within downtown Dartmouth and the Baker Drive area. Contact the church office for tickets at (902) 466-3329.

Christ Church is once again hosting a one-week day camp from August 14-18, 2017, for children ages 8-12. This camp, led by Music Director, Nick Veltmeyer, gives young children the opportunity to learn and perform a wide range of styles of music from ancient to contemporary. The camp features amazing guest artists, bringing together different styles and backgrounds, making the camp a truly unique opportunity. The camp staff consists of young professional singers with backgrounds in music, theatre, education and sports. Cost for the camp is \$150 for the week, although there is an early bird registration fee of \$125, if registered before June 1 (hours are drop off: 8-9:00 a.m./pick up: 4-5:00 p.m.). Final concert date is August 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Candace Vieira, Camp Administrator, at cvieira@gardnerpinfold.ca if you have any questions. Register early as the camp will fill up quickly!