

Stairs Memorial United Church  
"Rising Together in Faith"  
**Weekly Announcements**  
April 13, 2017

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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>7PM – Communion Service</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>10:30 AM – Communion Service</b>
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)

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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.

Accessibility at Victoria Road Baptist: There are about seven steps with railings to enter the church, but there is also a side door to the left side of the church in front with only one step.

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April 14th, Good Friday Men's Breakfast, 8 AM, followed by Morning Prayer at 9 AM, Port Wallis United Church, 263 Waverley Rd.

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**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.

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**Church Offering**

Offering, April 9     \$ 1479.

**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**

Maundy Thurs. Larry MacDonald & L J Roche   Apr 16 Krista Duffy   Apr 23 Dave Atkinson

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

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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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### **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.

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**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.

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

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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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### **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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### **Holy Trinity Emmanuel Church Pancake & Sausage Brunch**

(Pancakes, Sausages, Hash browns, Juice, Tea, Coffee & Dessert)

Saturday April 22nd 11am-1pm, 30 Alfred St Dartmouth (Hall)

Free will offering at the door. TAKEOUT AVAILABLE.

There will also be a bake/craft table. For further info please phone 902-464-5697

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### **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.

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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](mailto:cvieira@gardnerpinfold.ca) if you have any questions. Register early as the camp will fill up quickly!

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LOONIE-TOONIE COFFEE HOUSE - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Wed., April 26 from 7:00-9:00. Admission \$2. Music by the Sham-Rocks, the I-Chix and there is an open mic.

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