

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

April 21, 2017

This Sunday's theme is "Holy Joy." Come dressed in bright colours as we take a lighthearted look at the resurrection and what it means.

Be: The next gathering of Be will happen at NSCC Waterfront Campus on April 22. Doors will open at 5:45pm for some food to share in community, 6:30pm the experience will begin with uplifting modern music, a time to be with each other, prayer time, a message and some more music. Everyone, no matter who they are, is welcome at Be.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday School Book & Bake Sale	April 23	during coffee time
Executive Meeting	April 24	7PM
Alternative Service	April 30	10:30 AM
Mothers' Day Tea	May 6	2PM
Reader's Circle	May 11	12 Noon (see below)
Oakwood Terrace Service	May 14	2:30 PM Everyone welcome

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 16 \$1757.25

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 23 Dave Atkinson

April 30 Christine Eidt

May 7 Bruce Fraser

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.

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.

North Dartmouth Outreach is in need of clean grocery bags. If you have any you can donate, please drop them off to the church hall.

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.

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Emergency Contact: In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call 902 469 4472 or 902 466 4053.

Sarah will be away on a week of study leave beginning Tuesday. She is going to a Common Life retreat and to a workshop (Fishing Tips with John Pentland) with several other members of the congregation, and will be reading John Pentland's book. Next Sunday's hymn sing will be led by Annette Gilroy.

Building Security

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

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

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.

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.
