

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
April 28, 2017

Attention All UCW Members – There will be a short meeting in the parlour following Sunday's service. We need to discuss our upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

Alternative Service	April 30	10:30 AM	
Elsie Aitken Unit	May 4	1:30 PM in parlour	
Mothers' Day Tea	May 6	2:00 PM	
Exec. Grounding Meeting	May 8	7:00 PM	
Clean/Spruce Up	May 9	8:30 AM	
Reader's Circle	May 11	12 Noon (see below)	
UCW visits Oakwood (Music)	May 11	2:30 PM	
Clean/Spruce Up	May 13	8:30 AM	
Oakwood Terrace Service	May 14	2:30 PM	Everyone welcome
Exec. Business Meeting	May 15	7:00 PM	
Spring Dessert Bridge	May 18	1:00 PM	
UCW Thankoffering Service	May 28	10:30 AM	

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 23 \$1596.

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

April 30 Christine Eidt May 7 Bruce Fraser May 14 Trudy VanRooyen
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.

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.

Cleanup/Spruce-up Day

We are having this event again on Tuesday 9 May and Saturday 13 May (for those not able to come on Tuesday), between 8:30 am and 12:00 noon. Please begin thinking of things that need to be done around our church. Ideas: clean pews; paint office windows; remove, wash, and re-hang curtains on south (ramp side) hall windows; vacuum other curtains, clean window panes; re-paint lines in parking lot, sort items hung on walls, such as "keep" and "recycle"; refresh flower bed near parking lot. Your help would be appreciated. If there is a job that you can do or plan, alone or with others, please discuss your ideas with me. Bruce Fraser, Chair, T&P Committee 902-404-6598. See the display in the hall at fellowship time after the service on Sunday, 30 April.

Sunday School Book & Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who contributed and bought baking and books for our sale last Sunday. \$360 was raised to support our Sunday School. Wow!

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.

Building Security

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

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.
