

Stairs Memorial United Church  
"Rising Together in Faith"  
**Weekly Announcements**  
May 5, 2017

Stairs Memorial UCW invites you to join them for their annual Mothers' Day Tea on tomorrow, May 6th, from 2:00 - 4:00PM.

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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Mothers' Day Tea</b>	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)	
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	

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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 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 30                      \$1597.

**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**

May 7 Bruce Fraser                      May 14 Trudy VanRooyen                      May 21 Helen MacCallum  
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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**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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The United Church of Canada has launched an **Extreme Hunger Appeal** as the humanitarian crisis in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen reaches grave levels. Starvation and extreme hunger are rapidly reaching a scale the world has not seen before in most of these countries. Vulnerable people are most impacted, including children.

Climate change has created a devastating and prolonged drought, resulting in both water and food shortages. Ongoing conflict is also contributing to the crisis as many families are forced to flee their homes, farms, and livelihoods.

All donations for this appeal will go to our long-term Mission & Service partners, including ACT Alliance, which is saving lives in the region. The Canada Food Grains Bank is also providing emergency food relief.

Please give now: on line/UCC website; by phone; by cheque, VISA or Master Card; or by cheque to your local church. **Be sure to write: "Emergency Response - Extreme Hunger Appeal" on front of cheques.**

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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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**COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW**  
**FRANK GRANDY & THE BAND CUTE AS BUTTON**  
(Classic Country, Gospel & Rock & Roll)  
**PLACE: Holy Trinity Emmanuel Church Hall**  
**30 Alfred St., Dartmouth**  
**DATE: May 14, 2017**  
**TIME: 1:30-4:30 PM**  
**Free will offering at the door.**

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St. John's United Church (HFX) is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, May 7th – 7PM, at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. All welcome. Please use St. Matthias' Lane entrance.

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## **Cleanup/Spruce-up Day**

Your help would be appreciated 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 cobwebs and 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. 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 5 May.