

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
May 12, 2017

Upcoming Events:

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 visit to Oakwood	May 25	2:00 PM	
UCW Thankoffering Service	May 28	10:30 AM	
Faith 101	June 1	7:00 PM	
Sunday School Closing & Picnic	June 4		
Trivia Night	June 5	7:00 PM	in hall
BD' 78 Unit Spring Breakfast	June 10	8:00 – 9:30 AM	in hall



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.

Church Offering

Offering, May 7 \$916.

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

May 14 Trudy VanRooyen May 21 Helen MacCallum May 28 UCW

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.

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.

Trivia Night - June 5 at 7PM in the hall

Just for fun - come and join us for some laughs and some good company. You will be put in teams after you arrive, and the teams will be mixed up throughout the evening. All are welcome - feel free to bring friends.

Faith 101- Join us for a 3 week discussion on the basics of our faith. Topics will include God, Christ, Spirit, church, worship, discipleship, mission, and more. This is open for anyone who enjoys talking about their faith. It also meets the requirements for confirmation, so if are interested in being confirmed with other adults, this is a good chance.

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.**

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.

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

The Men's Prayer B'fast will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 7AM in the Dartmouth Seniors' Service Centre when the guest speaker will be Charlene Dill, Director of Store Development for Bibles for Missions Thrift Stores. All men are invited to attend and are asked to register first on the website (<http://www.dcmfpb.ca>) by 10 AM, Monday, May 15, or call Bob @ 902-434-3438. Cost is \$10.

FINAL LOONIE-TOONIE COFFEE HOUSE of the season - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Wed. May 31 from 7:00 - 9:00. Entertainment by the Sham-Rocks, the I-Chix, and open mic. Admission only \$2.
