

Stairs Memorial United Church  
"Rising Together in Faith"  
Weekly Announcements  
May 19, 2017

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**Upcoming Events:**

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
Shared Ministry Gathering	June 11	following worship (see below for more info)
Exec. Grounding Meeting	June 12	7:00 PM

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**Shared Ministry Gathering** - Join us after church on June 11 for a light lunch followed by an open gathering to find out what is happening these days at Stairs and to give input to the Executive.

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**Communication Center** - At the back of the sanctuary is a board where we will try to communicate everything that is going on. This is where you can sign up to indicate your interest in events. If you would like to initiate an activity of any kind at Stairs, you are welcome to fill out one of the forms on the bulletin board and put it in the envelope, and an elder will be in touch with you shortly.

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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, May 14                    \$1028.

**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 21 Helen MacCallum                    May 28 Susan Thorpe                    June 4 Betty Kemp

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

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**Card Campaign** - Cash cards will not be available to purchase this Sunday but you can purchase them from the office with one day's notice.

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Items were selected during our Spruce Up/Clean Up Days on 9 and 13 May, for possible recycling. These are piled in the space near the washrooms in the hall. Please check on Sunday 21 May for any items that belong to you or can be used by you, and take them with you. Also, any suggestions as to how any of them can be used again by Stairs would be welcome. Things that are left over will be re-cycled after 22 May.

Bruce Fraser, Co-Chair, Property Committee 404-6598

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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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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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**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.

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**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.

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The Readers' Circle will gather again in the Fall. Our next novel will be "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. All are welcome to read the book and join us for discussion.

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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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**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.

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**Perennial Sale, Bake Sale and Flea Market** on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Grace United Church, 70 King Street from 8:00am - 12:00pm. Come early for the best selection and don't miss the free draw for two gardening gift baskets. Rain or shine!