

Stairs Memorial United Church  
"Rising Together in Faith"  
Weekly Announcements  
May 26, 2017

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**Upcoming Events:**

UCW Thankoffering Service	May 28	10:30 AM
Elsie Aitken Unit Closing	June 1	12 Noon at Boondocks
<b>Faith 101</b>	June 1	7:00 PM
Sunday School closing & picnic	June 4	
Trivia Night	June 5	7:00 PM in hall
<b>Faith 101</b>	June 8	7:00 PM
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
<b>Faith 101</b>	June 15	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 21                      \$874.

**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 28 Susan Thorpe                      June 4 Betty Kemp                      June 11 Annette Gilroy

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

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**Tickets can now be purchased for the Bertha Dillman '78 Unit Breakfast happening on June 10. Joanne Thornton will have them at coffeetime on Sunday.**

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**Card Campaign** - Cash cards will be available to purchase this Sunday at coffeetime and you can purchase them from the office with one day's notice.

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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, starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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: 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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**Blessing Field Trips**

**Hope for Wildlife, June 17<sup>th</sup> 11 am.** Come bless the animals, staff, grounds and barns. After the blessing if you like, have tea and lunch at the Heron's Nest Tea Room in the MacDonald House at Lawrencetown beach.

**Cole Harbor Heritage Farm, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm, 471 Poplar Drive**

Come bless the animals and have some strawberry shortcake!

"Our famous, super-sized strawberry shortcake, fresh local strawberries and real cream served with homemade lemonade and enjoyed in the farmyard. Live musical entertainment."

This event requires ticket purchase. **Advance and Walk-In Tickets.** Pre-purchase tickets will be available to the public on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Main: 902-434-0222 - Tearoom: 902-462-0154.

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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!

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St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Saturday, June 10 from 10:00-NOON. Free admission, coffee and tea. Thousands of healthy plants, gardening books, tools, etc. Info - Jan - 463-5962.

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