

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
June 9, 2017

The Bertha Dillman '78 Unit will be holding their June Breakfast tomorrow, June 10 from 8 – 9:30 AM. Tickets available at the door.

Starting in July, for the summer months, we will have our coffee time before service in the narthex area. Coffee time will begin at 10:15 and will last 30 minutes with service commencing at 10:45 and will end at 11:30 AM.

Upcoming Events:

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
Bertha Dillman Unit Dinner outing	June 13	6:15 PM Palladium Restaurant, Cole Harbour Rd.
Faith 101	June 15	7:00 PM

Shared Ministry Gathering** - Join us after church this Sunday, 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.

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.



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, June 4 \$1184.

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

June 11	Annette Gilroy	June 18	Christine Eidt	June 25	Annette Gilroy
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Holy Trinity Emmanuel Anglican Church on Alfred Street will be holding their monthly concert on Sunday, June 11 from 1:30 - 4:30. Frank Grandy & Cute As A Button will be the musical entertainment for the afternoon. Free will offering, canteen goodies available.

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.

New Gambian Refugees: Amadou is helping out with 7 young men who arrived from the Gambia earlier this month. They are Government sponsored, which means that they get minimal support. They are currently living with next to nothing in their apartments. These are not people that Stairs have sponsored, but they are in need. There is a list of items on the bulletin board at the back. If you think you might have lamps, furniture, bedding and household items that you no longer use, please take a copy of the list and bring your donations in to the parlour. Thank you for caring.

You are invited to "Walk with Refugees" on Saturday June 17 at 2pm. The route starts at the Garrison Grounds and ends with refreshments at the central library in Halifax. For more information speak to L.J. Roche or Larry MacDonald.

A Children's Choir Camp is being held at Christ Church Hall, Dartmouth, from August 14-18, 2017, for children ages 8-12. This week long day camp is for young singers who want to learn and perform a wide range of styles of choral music from the ancient to the contemporary. The camp staff are young professional singers with expertise in music, theatre and education, providing for a different and unique learning environment featuring rehearsals, workshops, crafts, games and much more. The week's highlight is the final concert on the evening of August 18 at 7:00 which features the children with the professional singers and musicians they have worked with throughout the week. That in itself is going to be an amazing experience! It's a camp that is unlike any other choral camp you'll find in Nova Scotia this summer! The cost is \$125/child, \$100/child for siblings, hours are 9:00-4:00 with early drop-off/late pick-up available. Open to all denominations. There is still room available! For more information and to register, visit <http://www.christchurchdartmouth.com> or email the Camp Administrator, Candace Vieira, at cvieira@gardnerpinfold.ca or call 902-430-6118.

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.

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.

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.

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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Emergency Contact: In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call 902 469 4472 or 902 466 4053.

Blessing Field Trips

Hope for Wildlife, June 17th 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 8th 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 8th. Main: 902-434-0222 - Tearoom: 902-462-0154.

Building Security

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

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.
