

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
August 25, 2017

For the summer months, we will be hosting 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 ending at 11:30 AM.

Upcoming Services:

Communion Service: Sunday, August 27
Oakwood Service Sunday, September 10 – 2:30 PM

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Upcoming Events:

Bertha Dillman Fall Breakfast – Saturday, September 23

Spirit Cafe:

Spirit Cafe welcomes Luke Fage who will share some of his story as a transgender man as we talk about the connection between our faith and our gender identity. Bring your respectful questions and join us for a time of good food, good company and thought provoking conversation. Ma Belle's Cafe, 44 Ochterloney St. Sept 5 at 5:30.

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.

Contemplative Walk - Every Thursday when it's not actively raining, we'll gather 10am at the picnic tables at Shubie Park by the Fairbanks Centre at the end of Locks Road. We'll start with prayer, and contemplative conversation, and then we'll walk in the park. Those who prefer can sit on a bench by the duck pond. Feel free to bring a friend. It's open to anyone. We'll do this every Thursday until the end of September.

Church Offering

Offering, August 20 \$787.

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.

The Executive will meet for a Business Meeting on Monday, September 11 at 7PM.

Upcoming Worship Hosts

August 27 Lorna Randall & Jim Bauld Sept 3 Susan Thorpe Sept 10 Larry MacDonald &
L J Roche

Upcoming Tech Schedule

August 27 Bruce Fraser Sept 3 Susan Burns Sept 10 Susan Kolesar

Card Campaign - Cash cards will be available to purchase this Sunday at coffee time.

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 on October 12 at 12 noon over a bagged lunch. Our next novel will be "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. All are welcome to read the book and join us for discussion.

Building Security

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

Your garden vegetables for our food bank

Any excess home garden vegetables which you do not need would be appreciated by the NDORC. The vegetables could be brought to Stairs on Sundays, and placed in the cooler on the stage. Alternately, they could be brought to Stairs on Tuesday mornings before 9:00, when volunteers are preparing food parcels. Further information: please call the church office, 466-4389.
