

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
September 3, 2017

Coffee time continues at 10:15 on Sunday mornings followed by our Sunday worship at 10:45.

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Upcoming:

Oakwood Terrace Service	Sunday, September 10 – 2:30 PM – Everyone welcome.
Executive Business Meeting	Monday, September 11 – 7PM
Sunday School begins	Sunday, September 17
Bertha Dillman Fall Breakfast	Saturday, September 23 – tickets can now be purchased from any unit member or at the church office. Cost: \$8/adult; \$4/under 10.

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.

On Sunday, September 17 the 15th Wave Metro New Horizons band program will begin with an instrument demonstration and experimentation session above the Long & McQuade store in Dartmouth starting at 1:00 PM. All are welcome and no previous experience is necessary.

Congratulations to our former student minister Mary Lynne Whyte on her appointment to an 11 month term position at Woodlawn United.

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 27	\$1060.35
Wishing Well for August	\$ 148.62

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

Sept 3 Susan Thorpe Sept 10 Larry MacDonald & L J Roche Sept. 17 Susan Howe Rodriguez

Upcoming Tech Schedule

Sept 3 Susan Burns Sept 10 Susan Kolesar Sept. 17 Marlene Kemp

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.

Christ Church Girls' Choir is starting this September and is open to girls ages 8-16. This after-school music program will expose girls to a range of music - from ancient to contemporary. There is no fee and is open to all denominations. The choir will be under the direction of Christ Church's Interim Music Director, Dominique Saulnier. Dominique has been directing the Probationers Program with the Capella Regalis Men and Boys Choir in Halifax for approximately two years. She is a King's student and a Choral Scholar with the King's Chapel Choir. Practices will be held on Mondays at 4:30 starting September 11. To register, please go to <http://www.christchurchdartmouth.com> or call Candace Vieira, Choir Administrator, at 902-430-6118 or email cvieira@gardnerpinfold.ca.

On Saturday, September 9 at 2:00pm in the Little Dutch Church (2393 Brunswick Street), Garry Shutlak will present a lecture on the history of the building and the community that built it in celebration of the recently-completed restoration.

On Saturday, September 16 at 2:00pm in the Round Church (2222 Brunswick Street), Matthew MacDonald will share the fruits of his research project into the life of the only man buried beneath the Round Church in a lecture entitled "Averting the Malignity of Slander: Treason, Murder, and a Conspiracy of Weak and Deluded Men."

On Saturday, September 30 at 2:00pm in the Round Church (2222 Brunswick Street), Matthew Vanderkwaak will share the fruits of his summer research project into the architecture of the Round Church entitled: "Sacred Geometry: the Architecture of the Round Church, 1800-1827."

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.
