

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
September 29, 2017

Potluck October 1 - Bring some food to share if you can and enjoy some time with new friends and old. We will wish Alex well as he leaves us, and also bless our newly renovated kitchen.

Upcoming:

Fall Bridge/Dessert	October 5	1PM
For the Death of Me	October 10	10AM – 5 week study on Death and Dying
Reader's Circle	October 12	12 noon
Shared Ministry Gathering	October 15	following worship *see below for more info
Executive Business Meeting	October 16	7PM
Stairs' Anniversary Service	October 22	with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jody Clarke
Woodlawn Public Library	October 22	2:30 PM - Tom Shadyac's documentary, I Am
Alternative Service	October 29	

***Shared Ministry Gathering** - Plan to stay after church on October 15 for a light lunch and a chance to hear what the executive and committees of the church have been doing. There will also be an opportunity to give the executive input.

A Huge Thank You!

Once again the Bertha Dillman '78 Unit would like to thank the congregation for their continued support when it comes to our various endeavours. In this case it was our breakfast last Saturday. With your support we are able to continue donations to the Food Bank, our foster child, to the church, the snack program at Ian Forsythe school and whatever comes along during the year. Thank you again so much!

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.



The Fair Trade community includes individual citizens, schools, academics, unions, activists, religious organizations, and more, all unified in their desire to make the world a better place. Fair Trade products are available for purchase during coffee time most Sundays.

Oct 22, at 2:30 Stairs Memorial will be hosting a screening of a movie at the Woodlawn Library, Tom Shadyac's documentary, I Am. Everyone welcome.

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

October 17 is the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**. Come join us for a Lunch on Learn on Food Security and the Food Centre Model on October 17 from **12 noon to 1:30 PM** at the **Dartmouth North Community Food Centre**, located at **6 Primrose Street**. The Centre is an accessible building with ample free parking. Bring your own lunch and learn about food security and this model. Tea and coffee will be provided. This event is co-sponsored by the Dartmouth North Community Food Centre and The FACE of Poverty Consultation. Inquiries can be directed to **902 446 0184**.

Worship Planning - Would you like to take part in planning one of the special services in October? We are looking for up to 4 volunteers to help plan each of the services below. Please make sure you can attend the planning meeting before signing up.

Anniversary (Oct 22),

Planning meeting is Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7pm

Alternative service marking 500 years since Martin Luther launched the reformation (Oct 29).

Planning meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 10am.

For the Death of Me: A Study on Death and Dying - 5 weeks beginning Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 10AM.

Church Offering

Offering, September 24 \$1158.

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

Oct. 1 Krista Duffy October 8 Larry MacDonald/ L J Roche October 15 Bruce & Franci Fraser

Card Campaign - Cash cards will be available to purchase this Sunday at coffee time or at the church office with one day's notice.

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.

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, 902-466-4389.

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting their monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, Oct. 1 @ 7PM in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use the St. Matthias' Lane entrance. All welcome.
