

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
September 8, 2017

Coffee time continues this week at 10:15 followed by our Sunday worship at 10:45. Next Sunday, September 17, we revert back to our normal Sunday service hours with service beginning at 10:30 followed by coffee time in the church hall.

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Upcoming:

Oakwood Terrace Service	Sunday, September 10 – 2:30 PM – Everyone welcome.
Executive Business Meeting	Monday, September 11 – 7PM
Sunday Worship:	September 17 – 10:30 AM
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.

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.

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.

Our student minister from last spring, Roxanne Sperry, has decided to delay the remainder of her time in a pastoral charge in order to pursue other interests. She is still a student at AST, but due to a heavy load she will not be joining us this fall. Please welcome our new student minister, Brian Thompson.

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.

World Communion (Oct 1)

Planning meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 10am.

Thanksgiving (Oct 8),

Planning meeting is Monday, Sept. 18 at 4pm.

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 Monday, Oct. 9 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 3 \$1304.

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 10 Larry MacDonald & L J Roche-Sept. 17 Susan Howe Rodriguez-Sept. 24 David Atkinson

Upcoming Tech Schedule

Sept 10 Susan Kolesar

Sept. 17 Marlene Kemp

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 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.

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is resuming its monthly Taize Prayers this Sunday, Sept. 10th @ 7 p.m., in the Judith Grant Room, at the Maritime Conservatory, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use the St. Matthias Lane entrance. All welcome.

Would you like to participate in a 19 day 1st Class tour of England and Wales from May 28 – June 15, 2018 with a group of United Church folks from across Canada? If so here is your opportunity. Just contact the tour hosts, Rev. Dr. Bob & Fay Jackson at bandfjackson65@gmail.com for all the fabulous details. Early booking discounts apply so respond as soon as possible.
