

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
October 13, 2017

Shared Ministry Gathering - Plan to stay after church this Sunday, 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.

Upcoming:

Shared Ministry Gathering	October 15	following worship see below for more info
For the Death of Me	October 17	1PM – study on Death and Dying (week 2 of 5)
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
Executive Business Meeting	October 23	7PM
For the Death of Me	October 24	1PM – study on Death and Dying (week 3 of 5)
Alternative Service	October 29	10:30 am
Executive Grounding Mtg.	October 30	7PM

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.

The new music minister is interested in talking to a range of musicians from our congregation for one-time team-ups (or more, depending). We are embarking on new works and are interested in percussion or guitar especially, but there are also opportunities for solo instruments e.g. violin, flute, etc. Please see Emanuel after service for more information.

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**.

Church Offering

Offering, October 8 \$1249.

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 15 Bruce & Franci Fraser Oct. 22 Susan Thorpe Oct. 29 Krista Duffy

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.

Building Security

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

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.

Spirit Cafe is a series of non-traditional spiritual gatherings sponsored by Dartmouth United Churches, and the next one is on Tuesday, October 17th. Sing along with Adam Johnson, music director of Port Wallis United Church, and of the Inclusive Choir. It is held at Ma Belle's Cafe, 44 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth, at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. First Tuesday: faith-based discussion. Third Tuesday: music in a sing-along format. A limited menu is available. Further information: 902-466-4389.

Grace United Church is holding their "Fall into Christmas" Tea and Sale on Saturday, October 28 at 70 King Street, Dartmouth. The bake table, Christmas table, New-to-You table and book sale begin at 10:00 am in the upper hall. Lunch is served from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the lower hall. Tickets are \$10 per person. Children under 12 are \$3. Gluten-free is available. Take out service is available. For more information call their church office at (902) 466-3329.

Trevor Baker, Christian singer/songwriter, will be in concert on Friday, October 20 at 7PM at the First Church of The Nazarene, 3 Henry Street. Free Admission (A free will offering will be received). CD's will be available for purchase. Please call 902 489 9276.

The Dartmouth Christian Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast (DCMFPB) will meet Tuesday, Oct. 17 @ 7AM at the Dartmouth Seniors' Centre, 45 Ochterloney St. The guest speaker will be Rev. Shant Manuel who ministers at First Baptist Church, Hammonds Plains. All interested men are invited to share in the fellowship and register early - by 10AM Mon, Oct.16 on the website <http://www.dcmfpb.ca> or call Bob at 902-434-3438. Cost is \$10.

Oil-fired hot water heater

The heater which has been sitting in the Stairs furnace room, unused, since the heating system was converted to natural gas, has been advertised for sale on Kijiji. A bid of \$200 has been received. It will be open for bids for a few more days. Please call B Fraser, 902-404-6596 if interested.
