

Stairs Memorial United Church
"Rising Together in Faith"
Weekly Announcements
October 27, 2017

All UCW members will meet after church on Sunday to discuss the Fall Bazaar.

Upcoming:

Alternative Service	October 29	10:30 AM
UCW Meeting	October 29	following worship
Executive Grounding Mtg.	October 30	7PM
For the Death of Me	October 31	1PM – study on Death and Dying
Peace Sunday	November 12	
UCW Fall Bazaar	November 18	2 – 4PM

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.

Stairs' Contact Information:

Rev. Sarah Reaburn: sreaburn@eastlink.ca
Church Office: stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca
Office Phone No.: 902-466-4389
Facebook: Stairs Memorial United Church
Website: www.stairsmemorial.ca

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.

Donations of Cookies and Juice for Sunday fellowship would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in the church kitchen. Thank you.

The Bertha Dillman '78 Unit is in need of medium sized cookie tins (not Quality Street) for the upcoming bazaar. Please drop off to the church kitchen by November 12.

Spirit Cafe is a series of non-traditional spiritual gatherings sponsored by Dartmouth United Churches and 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. Everyone welcome!

Church Finances:

Offering, October 22 \$1571. .

Online giving: If you prefer to give online, there is a "donation" button available on the Stairs website: www.stairsmemorial.ca

Readers' Circle will meet again January 18 at noon. Our book will be The Birthday Lunch by Joan Clark. Joan grew up in Nova Scotia.

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. 29 Krista Duffy

Nov. 5 Kathleen Cameron

Nov. 12 Krista Duffy

Dartmouth First Church of the Nazarene is celebrating 64 years of ministry in North/Central Dartmouth on Sunday, October 29th, 2017. Simultaneously, they are also celebrating the completion of the major phase of our renovation program with a "Renovation Celebration". (You won't recognize the Fellowship Hall when you see it if you remember the old one.) Here is the schedule of the day should you wish to take in part of the activities after your service, of course, at your pleasure.

Sunday, October 29th, All Day in Father's House: starting at 11:00AM with Old Fashioned Sunday School, Open Session, with songs, sword drill, and lots of fun for everyone. At noon we will have a "Brown Bag Luncheon" together and following that we will prepare the Fellowship Hall for the 'Renovation Celebration Thanksgiving Dinner' which will be held following the Celebration Service.

There will be singing and worship time starting at approximately 2:00PM and then at 3:00PM we will hold our Celebration Service and re-dedicate our renovated facility to the Lord's work.

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.

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.

Discerning our Values - join us Saturday, Nov 4 for a morning workshop with Rev. Debbie Aitken that will help Stairs to name 3 values on which to stand in the coming few years. Coffee at 9:30. Workshop at 10. The more who come, the better. See you there.

In preparation for this work, on Sunday we will be asking the congregation to name up to 5 values that they believe are central to Stairs. If you are planning to be here on Oct 29, you are encouraged to let us know what values you see at work by sending us back the form (or just an e-mail with your top 5 values) by e-mail (see attachment). Thanks.

Mental Health in the Church – November 4th

Register Now!

This is an invitation to any who have an interest in or a passion for dealing with mental health concerns in churches and the community at large. The Mental Health Working Group of the Church in Action Committee of Maritime Conference is hosting a gathering on November 4th to move its work forward. Mark your calendar!

The gathering will be held at the Maritime Conference Centre in Sackville, NB starting at 10:00 am and windup by 3:30 pm. Light lunch provided.

For more information and to register: <https://marconf.ca/mental-health-work-moving-forward/>

Christmas Tea & Sale

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Ladies Guild
216 SCHOOL STREET, DARTMOUTH
(ACROSS FROM BRIGHTWOOD GOLF CLUB)

Saturday, November 4, 2017

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Bake & Craft Tables
