

Stairs Memorial United Church  
"Rising Together in Faith"  
Weekly Announcements  
October 6, 2017

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**Upcoming:**

For the Death of Me	<b>October 10 1PM</b> – 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
<b>Woodlawn Public Library</b>	October 22 2:30 PM - Tom Shadyac's documentary, I Am
Alternative Service	October 29 10:30 am
Executive Grounding Mtg.	October 30 7PM

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\***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.

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**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.

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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.

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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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**Stairs' Contact Information:**

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

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**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**.

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**For the Death of Me:** A Study on Death and Dying - 5 weeks beginning **Tuesday, Oct. 1PM.**

Church Offering

Offering, October 1           \$836.10

**Online giving:** If you prefer to give online, there is a "donation" button available on the Stairs website: [www.stairsmemorial.ca](http://www.stairsmemorial.ca)

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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.

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**Upcoming Worship Hosts**

Oct 8 Larry MacDonald/ L J Roche    Oct 15 Bruce & Franci Fraser    Oct. 22 Susan Thorpe

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

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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.

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Building Security

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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