

# Stairs Memorial United Church

*Faith that Matters*

*Love that Matters*

*Community that Matters*

## Weekly Announcements

November 10, 2017

### Upcoming:

Peace Sunday	November 12	10:30 AM
UCW Fall Bazaar	November 18	2 – 4PM
Food Bank Sunday	November 19	10:30 AM
Trivia Night	November 23	7PM
Advent 1	December 3	
UCW Vesper Service	December 3	4PM
Auction	December 9	
Memory Tree Service	December 10	7PM

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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.



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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### 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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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.

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

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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.

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### **Trivia Night – November 23 at 7PM in the hall**

Just for fun - come and join us for some laughs and some good company. You will be put in teams after you arrive, and the teams will be mixed up throughout the evening. All are welcome - feel free to bring friends.

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### **UCW Autumn Bazaar**

Our UCW Autumn Bazaar and Tea will be held Saturday, November 18 (2-4 PM) and it will include tables of baking, fudge, knitting, gift baskets, jewellery, Christmas items and much more. Come and enjoy! Tickets are available from any UCW member. Our Christmas Hamper will be on display during coffeetime.

We would like to invite anyone from the congregation to help in any way - donations of baking, fudge, crafts, etc. would be much appreciated.

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The Stairs Memory Tree Lighting Service will be **Sunday, December 10th**, 2017 at 7PM. If you would like to have lights on the tree dedicated to loved ones cards are available from anyone on the Mission and Outreach committee.

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**Spirit Café** - On Tuesday, November 21st, sing along with Adam Johnson, music director of both Port Wallis United Church, and of the Inclusive Choir of Grace United Church. Spirit Cafe is a series of non-traditional spiritual gatherings sponsored by Dartmouth United Churches. 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 menu is available. Further information: 902-466-4389.

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### **Church Finances:**

Church offering, November 5	\$1190.
PAR for month of October	\$4308.
Total offerings for month of October	\$6444.
M&S October	\$ 354.

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**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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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.

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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**

Nov. 12 Krista Duffy      Nov. 19 Trudy VanRooyen      November 26 Susan Howe Rodriguez

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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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Rockingham United Church is selling some very nice lapel pins to complete fundraising for refugee sponsorship. See Susan Kolesar for a sample pin. Cost is \$5.

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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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At this time of year the food bank (North Dartmouth Outreach Resource Centre - NDORC) begins its preparations for the Christmas food hamper and gift bag program. Registration is underway and we expect to distribute 225-230 hampers and gift bags on Tuesday, December 19. The food hampers are provided by Feed Nova Scotia. The gift bags, given to adult men and women are provided through donations. We need your help with donations of full-size personal care items for men and women such as – bars of soap, deodorant, razors, shaving foam, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, facecloths, hair brushes and individually wrapped treats. All donations are most appreciated and can be left in the box in the narthex no later than December 3.

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Tickets are on sale for the **Christ Church Steak & Beer Pub-Style Dinner**, Saturday, November 18. Drop in anytime from 5 - 7PM and we will grill a steak to your liking. Come for a quick meal or stay as long as you wish. The Property Committee is putting on this casual event to fundraise for the side entrance to the church. Please contact Cathy Connors at 902.229.6905 for tickets which are \$20 per person.

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Loonie-Toonie Coffee House - TRIBUTE TO BILL McCALLUM - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Wed., Nov. 29th from 7:00-9:00. Admission \$2.

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Giant Book Sale at Grace United Church, 70 King St, on Saturday, November 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00pm. Books are \$5 a bag!!! There is a Christmas table, and Cafe Darrell for your refreshment needs (upper hall 11 am – 1 pm). Come early for the best selection and stay for a bite to eat.

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