

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

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Weekly Announcements

November 17, 2017

Our UCW Autumn Bazaar and Tea will be held tomorrow, 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! Items can be dropped off to the hall Friday evening (6-8) or Saturday morning (9 – 11.)

Upcoming:

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	
Advent 2	December 10	10:30 AM Pageant
Memory Tree Service	December 10	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. Personalized Fair Trade Christmas packages are available for ordering from \$15 and up. Please see Lorna or Jim.

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.

Thank you to everyone for your donations of cookies and juice. Our cupboards are full.

Upcoming Worship Hosts

Nov. 19 Trudy VanRooyen Nov 26 Susan Howe Rodriguez Dec 3 Larry MacDonald & L J Roche

We are in need of a worship host for December 10. Please contact Wendy if you are available.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) Halifax presents its annual Christmas Carolfest, Monday, December 4, 7:00pm at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Cathedral Lane, Halifax. Open to the public. Freewill Offering.

As part of the Commemoration of the Halifax Explosion - December 7th, 10AM-12 noon Homelessness and Hunger Symposium – St. Mark's Anglican Church. Some ideas on the origins of social work concepts and help and relief guidelines and ideas that that began in 1917 in the aftermath of the explosion are being considered. We will then take a look at how are methods and tactics have changed if at all and what are today's needs. This will be set up as a panel with reps from places like Shelter Nova Scotia, Feed Nova Scotia with Wendy Keen as moderator. Modest lunch follows: a very basic soup and roll or bread along the theme of what type of food would have been given as aid in 1917. St. Mark's original building was destroyed in the explosion and the rebuild was completed in 1921. The church has a strong connection to north end Halifax, an area so profoundly affected by the explosion.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 6PM - \$15. Reserve tickets by calling Bill - 464-0334.

The DCMFPB (Dartmouth Christian Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast) will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 21 @ 7AM at the Dartmouth Seniors' Service Centre, 45 Ochterloney St. The guest speakers will be Reny and Brian Vandervaart (active members of First Baptist Church, Dartmouth) who will be speaking on "Memories of Remembrance", drawing on their experiences in Holland. All interested men are invited to register their intention to attend on the website <http://www.dcmfpb.ca> by 10 AM, Mon, Nov. 20 or call Bob @ 902-434-3438. Cost is \$10 per person.
