

Stairs Memorial United Church  
"Rising Together in Faith"  
Weekly Announcements  
November 3, 2017



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**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.

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**Upcoming:**

Discerning our Values	November 4	9:30 for 10AM
Property & Finance Mtg	November 5	9:30 in parlour
For the Death of Me	November 7	1PM (final session)
Peace Sunday	November 12	10:30 AM
UCW Fall Bazaar	November 18	2 – 4PM

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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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**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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### **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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**SPIRIT CAFÉ-** This series of non-traditional spiritual gatherings is sponsored by Dartmouth United Churches, and the next one is on Tuesday, November 7th. Discussion Topic: Organized Religion: What does God want from it? We are bombarded with the mistakes that organized religion has and continues to make. What would society lose if organized religion disappeared?

You are welcome at Spirit Cafe which 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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### **Church Finances:**

Offering, October 29            \$1270.            .

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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. 5 Kathleen Cameron

Nov. 12 Krista Duffy

Nov. 19 Trudy VanRooyen

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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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**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/>

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St. John's United Church, 6199 Chebucto Rd, is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, Nov. 5th - 7 PM in the Judith Grant Room, Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts. Please use St. Matthias' Lane entrance.

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**Christmas Tea & Sale**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Ladies Guild  
216 SCHOOL STREET, DARTMOUTH  
(ACROSS FROM BRIGHTWOOD GOLF CLUB)  
Saturday, November 4 - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Bake & Craft Tables

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Blain Henshaw with friends Georges Hebert and Garth Proude will present a concert of songs and stories from the very popular CBC TV Production "Singalong Jubilee" on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2:30pm at Woodlawn United Church. Special guests will be Jo-Ann Newman and Floyd Spicer. Tickets will be \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance from the Woodlawn United church office weekdays 9:00am until 4:00pm and on Friday night 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Further info 434-7786.

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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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