

Stairs Memorial United Church
Faith that Matters
Love that Matters
Community that Matters
Weekly Announcements
December 15, 2017

On Sunday, December 17, our morning worship will be followed by a Christmas potluck lunch. Bring food to share if you can, and drop it off in the kitchen before worship. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming:

Advent 3	December 17	Potluck following service
Advent 4	December 24	10:30 AM Carol Service
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	7PM
New Year's Eve Alt. Service	December 31	10:30 AM
Epiphany Sunday	January 7	10:30 AM

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.

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.

On Sunday, December 17, the Nova New Horizons band program will present its annual Metro based Christmas Concert at the Sea King Club on CFB Shearwater in Dartmouth starting at 7:30 p.m. The admission price is \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for young children.

"Camp Kidston/ Lawtons Drugs Partnership" - Camp Kidston will receive \$2 for every prescription members of local United Churches have filled at Lawtons Drugs stores. Those who sign up for this program will receive a 5 to 10 per cent discount card for every non-drug purchase at Lawtons Drugs. Those already getting prescriptions filled at Lawtons Drugs or who would like to sign up for this excellent program are to contact Jim Bauld, Chair of Executive Committee. Please support Camp Kidston and save money at the same time!!

Spirit Cafe is a series of non-traditional spiritual gatherings sponsored by Dartmouth United Churches, and the next one is on Tuesday, December 19th. Sing Christmas music and other favourites, led by 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.

Church Finances: November

Church offering, December 10 \$1033

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

Dec 17 Susan Thorpe Dec 24 Sandra Jamieson Dec 31 Trevor & Susan Kolesar

Worship Hosts is still needed for February 25. If you can assist on any of these dates please contact the church office. I will be doing up a new schedule soon, so if you would like to book a specific Sunday ahead of time please let me know.

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.
