

Stairs Memorial United Church
Faith that Matters
Love that Matters
Community that Matters
Weekly Announcements
December 8, 2017

The Annual Auction—is scheduled for December 9. Dessert will be served at noon with the auction beginning at 1PM. Admission: \$5. All proceeds will be used to cover church expenses. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Annual Memory Tree Service-7PM Sunday, December 10 – the Mission and Outreach Committee will once again be holding this evening service of worship to remember and honour those who cannot be or are no longer with us to celebrate at this time of year. Everyone welcome to attend.

Upcoming:

Auction	December 9	Viewing/Dessert 12 Noon – Auction 1PM
Advent 2 (Pageant)	December 10	10:30 AM
Memory Tree Service	December 10	7PM
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

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.

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.

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!!

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.

Spirit Café - Spirit Cafe is a twice-monthly series of non-traditional spiritual gatherings sponsored by Dartmouth United Churches. First Tuesday: faith-based discussion. Third Tuesday: music in a sing-along format. It is held at Ma Belle's Cafe, 44 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth, at 5:30 pm. A selected menu is available. Further information: 902-466-4389.

Church Finances: November

Church offering, December 3 \$1698.

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 10 Paul Gunn Dec 17 Susan Thorpe Dec 24 Sandra Jamieson

Worship Hosts are still needed for the following dates:

February 11, 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.

There will be a Christian Men's Christmas Prayer Breakfast (DCMFPB) on SATURDAY, Dec. 9 @ 8AM to be held at WOODLAWN UC Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte, now serving on the ministry staff of Woodlawn UC. Also trained as a musician, she will sing and play her harp as part of the special program. All interested men are invited to register on the website by 10AM Friday, Dec. 8 or call Bob at 902-434-3438. Come and bring a friend - cost is \$10.
