

Stairs Memorial United Church  
*Faith that Matters*  
*Love that Matters*  
*Community that Matters*  
Weekly Announcements  
January 19, 2018

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**Upcoming at Stairs**

Executive Presbyterial UCW	January 22	1PM	parlour
Executive Grounding Meeting & Workshop	January 22	6:30 PM	parlour
UCW AGM	February 4	Following worship	parlour
Shared Ministry Gathering Meeting	February 11	Following worship	with light lunch
Ash Wednesday Service	February 14	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.

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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.

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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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**Spirit Café** 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. Further information: 902-404-6598.

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**Blessing of Prayer Shawls** will take place on Jan 28. If you have knit or crocheted a shawl that is ready to be blessed, please bring it to the office ahead of time.

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Sarah is going on sabbatical on April 9. She currently does the final preparation for the powerpoint presentations. We are looking for volunteers who might take over this task. If there are several volunteers, so much the better. You will be sent the prayers and hymns already in powerpoint form. You just need to put it together with some graphics. Speak to Sarah if this is something you're interested in.

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**Church Finances:**

Church offering, January 14                      \$1119.

**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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Please remember to submit (stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca) your year-end reports and statements to the church office once completed. Thank you.

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We are trying to be environmentally conscious. If you read the announcements online, please do not take a paper copy on Sunday. Also, only take one copy per family please. Thank you.

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**Upcoming Worship Hosts**

January 21 Annette Gilroy    January 28 Susan & Trevor Kolesar    Feb 4 Kathleen Cameron

A new sign-up sheet for worship host is on the bulletin board in the church office. Please drop by or call the office with the dates you wish to host. Thank you.

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**Card Campaign** - Cash cards will be available to purchase this Sunday at coffee time or at the church office with usually 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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