

Stairs Memorial United Church  
*Faith that Matters*  
*Love that Matters*  
*Community that Matters*  
Weekly Announcements  
February 2, 2018

Reverend Sarah is on study leave, this Sunday's service will be led by our student minister, Brian Thompson

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**Upcoming at Stairs**

Property & Finance Meeting	February 4	9:45 in parlour
UCW AGM	February 4	Following worship in parlour
Transfiguration Sunday (Communion Service)	February 11	10:30
Shared Ministry Gathering Meeting	February 11	Following worship with light lunch
Executive Meeting	February 12	7PM
Ash Wednesday Service	February 14	7PM

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**Shared Ministry Gathering** - Plan to stay after church next Sunday, February 11, for a light lunch and a chance to hear what the executive and committees of the church have been doing. There will also be an opportunity to give the executive input.

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**2017 Income Tax receipts will be available to pick up this Sunday in the narthex.**

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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.



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 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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Those subscribing to the Observer: Please have your money into the office by February 8. Subscription price: \$25. Thank you.

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**Spirit Cafe** - Please join us on Tuesday, 6 February from 5:30-6:30PM for fellowship and discussion on the topic "Tri-Unity of God - pass e or au courant? Unitarian or Trinitarian?" Spirit Cafe is a non-traditional spiritual gathering sponsored by Dartmouth area United Churches. It is held at Ma Belle's Cafe, 44 Ochterloney St, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month (weather permitting). A limited menu is available. For further information please contact Mark Hazen at 902-476-1280.

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The Stairs Memorial UCW are having a bakeless bake sale fund raiser in the month of February. Instead of baking, we ask that you drop an envelope containing your contribution and marked "bakeless bake sale" into the collection plate on any Sunday in February. This is a great way to support the church without donning your oven mitts.

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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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#### Coffeetime Supplies

The kitchen is in need of juice. Cookies are still okay.

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#### **Church Finances:**

Church offering, January 28      \$881.

**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**

Feb 4 Kathleen Cameron    Feb 11 Bruce Fraser    Feb 18 Susan Howe-Rodriguez

A 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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**63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Valentine Tea & Sale** - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Saturday, Feb. 10 from 11:30 - 1:30. Turkey a-la-king luncheon \$7. Bake tables, fudge, books/CDs/games, knitting, etc. (Contact: Jan @ 902-463-5962).

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St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, Feb. 4th- 7 p.m. in the Judith Grant Room in the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd., St. Matthias Lane entrance. All welcome.

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