

Stairs Memorial United Church
Faith that Matters
Love that Matters
Community that Matters
Weekly Announcements
February 9, 2018

Upcoming at Stairs

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
UCW Turkey Soup Take-out	February 24 & 25 (see below)*
World Day of Prayer	March 2 7PM
Annual Congregational Meeting	March 18 Following worship

Shared Ministry Gathering - Plan to stay after church this 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.

Annual Report: Please remember to submit (stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca) your year-end reports/ statements to the church office. Thank you.

2017 Income Tax receipts are available in the narthex.

***UCW Turkey Soup Take-out Meal**
Pick-up February 24th 3:30 – 4:30 pm
or February 25th after church
Menu: 12 ounces hearty turkey soup
Homemade roll & tea biscuit
Carrot cake for dessert
\$10 only

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.

This year World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Stairs Memorial on Friday, March 2 at 7PM.

Community Lenten Services will take place every Wednesday during lent beginning on February 21 at Christ Church at 12 noon. Leading the Worship are:

February 21	Christ Church Anglican
February 28	Stairs Memorial & St. James United
March 7	St. Peter's Roman Catholic
March 14	First Baptist
March 21	Grace United
March 28	Victoria Road Baptist

Tea and Coffee provided (bring a bagged lunch! Christ Church Lower Hall, 61 Dundas St.

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.

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.

Join us for our Down Home Saturday Night "Ham Jam" on Saturday, March 3 at Grace United Church, 70 King St. (lower hall)! Drop in any time from 4:30–6:30 pm. Enjoy some musical treats and mighty fine eats. There's baked ham, scalloped potatoes with brown bread and gingerbread with lemon sauce for dessert. Music will be provided by Acoustic Firefly, Greg Hatcher and Lester Atkinson. Tickets are \$15 each (\$5 for 12 and under). Tickets will be on sale in the upper hall during coffee fellowship starting on February 11. For more information please contact the church office at (902) 466-3329.

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.

Spirit Cafe - 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.

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.

Coffeetime Supplies

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

Church Finances:

Church offering, February 4 \$809.

Online giving: If you prefer to give online, there is a "donation" button available on the Stairs website: www.stairsmemorial.ca

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.

Upcoming Worship Hosts

Feb 11 Bruce Fraser Feb 18 Susan Howe-Rodriguez February 25 Sue Thorpe

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.

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.

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.

63rd 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).

LOONIE-TOONIE COFFEE HOUSE - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Wed. Feb. 28 from 7:00-9:00. Admission only \$2.

FAITH, HOPE and RECONCILIATION: Knowledge, Action and Justice. A participatory workshop on indigenous relationships, reconciliation and learning to live in community is being sponsored jointly by Christ Church and St. Alban's, Dartmouth. It will feature the Blanket Exercise and The Rev. Frances Drolet-Smith speaking on reconciliation. The workshop will be held in the hall at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 345 Pleasant St., Dartmouth on Saturday March 3 from 8:30 to 1 pm with a light lunch provided. To cover costs a donation of \$5 is suggested. Please RSVP by March 1 to 902-463-2493.

