

Stairs Memorial United Church

*Faith that Matters*

*Love that Matters*

*Community that Matters*

Weekly Announcements February 23, 2018

**\*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

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**Upcoming at Stairs**

UCW Turkey Soup Take-out	February 24 & 25*
Executive Grounding Meeting	February 26 7PM
<b>World Day of Prayer Service</b>	March 2 7PM
Property & Finance Meeting	March 4 9:45 AM
SS Book & Bake Sale	March 4 following worship
Bertha Dillman '78 Unit Meeting	March 5 6:30 PM
<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>	March 18 following worship
Maundy Thursday – Communion Service	March 29 7PM
Easter Sunday	April 1 10:30 AM

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**Annual Report: Please remember to submit ([stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca](mailto:stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca)) your year-end reports/ statements to the church office no later than February 25. Thank you.**

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**2017 Income Tax receipts are available in the narthex.**

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The kitchen is in need of a cork bulletin board approximately 20"x 25". If you have one you are willing to donate to the UCW please contact Sandra J @ 902 225 6576. Thank you.

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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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### Book and Bake Sale

There will be a book and bake sale March 4 at coffeetime in support of our Sunday School curriculum.

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The Daffodil Campaign is underway. Orders can be given to Gordon McKeen or Frances Hunter during coffeetime. Daffodils are \$8/bunch and the last day to order is March 4 – pick up date: March 25.

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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 at Christ Church - 12 noon. Leading the Worship are:

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.

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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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### **Stairs' Contact Information:**

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Website:	<a href="http://www.stairsmemorial.ca">www.stairsmemorial.ca</a>

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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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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.

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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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**Spirit Cafe** - Please join us on Tuesday, 6 March from 5:30-6:30 for fellowship and discussion on the topic "The Daily News: Hearing and Responding in Faith". 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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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, February 18 \$407.

**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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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**

February 25 Sue Thorpe

March 4 Betty Kemp

March 11 Gail Stevens

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 can be purchased during coffee time on the first and third Sunday of the month 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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**LOONIE-TOONIE COFFEE HOUSE** - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Wed., Feb. 28 from 7:00-9:00. Admission only \$2.

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**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.

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