

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

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

Upcoming at Stairs

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| World Day of Prayer Service | March 2 | 7PM |
| SS Book & Bake Sale | March 4 | following worship |
| Bertha Dillman '78 Unit Meeting | March 5 | 6:30 PM |
| Annual Congregational Meeting | March 18 | following worship |
| Maundy Thursday – Communion Service | March 29 | 7PM |
| Easter Sunday | April 1 | 10:30 AM |
| Take out Bean Supper | April 7 | |
| Flea Market | April 28 | |

Some 2017 Income Tax receipts are still in the narthex, please check on your way out on Sunday if you have not received/picked yours' up yet.

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.

Book and Bake Sale

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

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 Sunday, March 4 – pick up date: March 25.

INFORMATION SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF 18 MARCH. Large and small property projects are being considered, and congregational input is vital as priorities are being set for spending on any projects. After our service on Sunday 11 March, at coffee time some information including quotations and inspection reports will be displayed. Also L J Roche will be available to answer your questions related to his work in reviewing our financial statements.

Bruce Fraser, Co-Chair (Property) of Property and Finance Committee

Community Lenten Services will take place every Wednesday at Christ Church - 12 noon. Leading the Worship are:

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| 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.

Stairs' Contact Information:

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| Website: | www.stairsmemorial.ca |

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 - 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.

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.

Building Security

Please be sure to check that all exterior doors are locked when leaving the building. Doors have been found unlocked the previous 2 Sundays.

FLEA MARKET – APRIL 28TH, 2018

Hello everyone, we are planning to have a Flea Market on April 28th from 9:30 – 12:30. We are raising money to help purchase a new fridge for the UCW. When doing your spring cleaning please save what you don't want for the flea market. Planning is underway and we are looking for volunteers to look after tables and provide baked goods and for people to start thinking about gently used items that would be great for re-sale.

This is the format we would like to use:

Tables available for people to sell items and provide a small donation to the church – no charge to rent the tables;

People needed to look after other tables and areas as well: Book table, Bake table, We are looking to have coffee and snacks for sale at the kitchen window area but require volunteers to do so, Set up at the door for charge to get in as usual.

Looking forward to having a very successful Flea Market and look forward to hearing from you.

Any other suggestions? Thank you. Vivian and Rhonda

Burketiggerbear@outlook.com and j.v.morgan@ns.sympatico.ca

Church Finances:

Church offering, February 25 \$1175.

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

March 4 Betty Kemp

March 11 Gail Stevens

March 18 Susan 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 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.

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.

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.

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., 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.

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

Holy Trinity Emmanuel Church - 30 Alfred Street will be holding a Flea Market on Saturday, March 3rd - 9am – 12 noon. Admission – 50 cents. Flea Market Donation Drop offs welcome up to and including Friday, March 2nd. Contact Sarah @ 469-0937.