

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

Upcoming at Stairs

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	

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.

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 for the last few years.

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:

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.

CREATIVE CORNER

This is an ongoing series of displays in the narthex giving glimpses into Stairs MUC...its history and the lives of its people. A new exhibit has been placed on display, featuring work by Carole Spicer. You are welcome to see it before or after the Sunday service.

Bruce Fraser

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Emergency Contact: In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call 902 469 4472 or 902 466 4053.

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.

Building Security

Please be sure to check that all exterior doors are locked when leaving the building

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

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Church Finances:

Church offering, March 4 \$942.

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 11 Gail Stevens

March 18 Susan Thorpe

March 25 Christine Eidt

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.

LOONIE-TOONIE COFFEE HOUSE - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Wed., March 21 - 7-9. Admission only \$2.
