

Stairs Memorial United Church
Faith that Matters
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Community that Matters
Weekly Announcements
March 16, 2018

Upcoming at Stairs

Annual Congregational Meeting	March 18	immediately following worship
Reader's Circle	March 29	12 noon – The Other Side of the Bridge by Mary Lawson
Maundy Thursday – Communion Service	March 29	7PM
Easter Sunday – Communion Service	April 1	10:30 AM
Take out Bean Supper	April 7	3 – 4 PM pickup
Flea Market	April 28	9:30 AM

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.

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

March 21 **Grace United**
March 28 Victoria Road Baptist

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

This year **Good Friday Service** will be held at First Baptist Church, 100 Ochterloney Street at 10:30 AM.

Building Security

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

Bertha Dillman 78 Unit Take-Out Baked Bean Supper

Pick-up 3 - 4pm, April 7th

Menu: Baked beans with wieners
and brown bread

Coconut cake for dessert

Cost \$8

Alternate meal macaroni and cheese.

United Church Men's Spring Rally 2018

When: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Where: Trinity St. Stephen United Church, Amherst, NS

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ross Lockhart from the Vancouver School of Theology

Registration: begins at 9:00 am. Proceedings will begin at 10:00, closing at 4:30.

The cost: is \$45 and includes muffins and coffee and a full turkey dinner. Preregister before April 15 for \$40!

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.

Readers' Circle meets on March 29 at noon. The book is *The Other Side of the Bridge* by Mary Lawson. See Sarah if you need a copy - they are hard to find. Bring a bag lunch and join us for some great conversation.

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.

FLEA MARKET – APRIL 28, 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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Upcoming Worship Hosts

March 18 Susan Thorpe

March 25 Christine Eidt

March 29 Sandra Jamieson

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.

Church Finances:

Church offering, March 11	\$ 749.00
Offerings for February	3616.00
PAR for February	4308.37
Wishing Well for February	145.08

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.

Card Campaign - This Sunday cash cards will be available for purchase in the narthex before service commences.

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.

A Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast (DCMFPB) will meet Tuesday, March 20 at 7AM at the Dartmouth Seniors Centre, 45 Ochterloney St. to which all interested men are invited. Special guest speaker will be ERIC MALLOY from Winnipeg who is much involved with Bridges for Peace. Please indicate (by 10AM, Mon., Mar.19) your intention to attend via the website <http://www.dcmfpb.ca> or by calling Bob at 902-434-3438. Cost is \$10.
