

Stairs Memorial United Church  
*Faith that Matters*  
*Love that Matters*  
*Community that Matters*  
Weekly Announcements  
April 6, 2018

Coffee House Presentation after church - Paul Ingram will be speaking about his recent mission trip to Nepal with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a United Church partner that works on food security around the world.

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**Bertha Dillman 78 Unit Take-Out Baked Bean Supper**

Pick-up 3 - 4pm, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Menu: Baked beans with wieners  
and brown bread

Coconut cake for dessert

Cost \$8

Alternate meal macaroni and cheese

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**Upcoming at Stairs**

Take out Bean Supper	April 7	3 – 4 PM pickup
Executive Business Meeting	April 9	7 PM
UCW Meeting	April 15	in the parlour following worship
Flea Market	April 28	9:30 AM
Mothers' Day Tea	May 5	2 PM

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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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**Building Security**

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

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Join us for a Lobster and ham supper on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Grace United Church, 70 King Street Dartmouth from 4:30-6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 for lobster (shelled) and \$15 for baked ham (with rolls, potato salad and dessert). For children under 12 the ham supper is \$5. Eat in, take out or delivery within downtown Dartmouth and the Baker Drive area. Contact the church office for tickets at (902) 466-3329.

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Upcoming Worship Hosts

April 8 Larry MacDonald & L J Roche    April 15 Gordon McKeen    April 22 ??

A worship host is needed for the following upcoming dates: April 22, May 6 – June 17, July 22-August 5.

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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**Stairs' Contact Information:**

Rev. Sarah Reaburn:    [sreaburn@eastlink.ca](mailto:sreaburn@eastlink.ca)    (till April 8)  
Angela MacLean    [angelajeannaclean@gmail.com](mailto:angelajeannaclean@gmail.com)    (starting April 9)  
Church Office:    stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca  
Office Phone No.:    902-466-4389  
Facebook:    Stairs Memorial United Church  
Website:    [www.stairsmemorial.ca](http://www.stairsmemorial.ca)

Rev. Sarah will be on sabbatical from April 9 – August 15. Angela MacLean will be our part time worship supply during this time.

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

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Stairs Memorial United Church is working with the group “Rebuilding One Home At A Time in Gaza” to raise money to help families in the Gaza Strip whose homes have been badly damaged in the wars carried out by Israel.

We are now working on second home rebuild in Gaza. Our goal is to raise \$9000.00 in order to make this second home livable.

**JOIN US FOR DINNER**  
FEATURING PALESTINIAN CUISINE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM  
STAIRS MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
44 HESTER STREET  
DARTMOUTH  
COST \$15.00 per person  
To reserve a ticket contact  
LINDA SANTOLOCE  
[lindasantolce@eastlink.ca](mailto:lindasantolce@eastlink.ca)  
902-429-1897  
Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/events/182271115729658/?ti=icl>

If you are unable to attend, please share this e-mail and our Facebook event with your friends.

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Please refrain from phone recording the soloists without their permission.

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## FLEA MARKET – APRIL 28, 2018

Hello everyone, we are planning to have a Flea Market on April 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:j.v.morgan@ns.sympatico.ca))

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**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, Dartmouth 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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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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The next Reader's Circle will be on Thursday, September 20 at 12 noon and the book is Sylvanus Now by Donna Morrissey.

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### **Church Finances:**

Church offering, April 1	\$1550.00
Offerings for March	3108.00
PAR for March	4308.37
Wishing Well, March	184.74

**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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**Card Campaign** – Cash cards are available to purchase on the first and third Sundays of each month and from the church office with 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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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.

"**FOOD BINGO**" - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Saturday, April 14 from 2:00-4:00. Cards - \$10.00 max. Prizes - chicken, pork chops, steak, and cake. Free coffee/tea.

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### **COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW**

FRANK GRANDY & THE BAND CUTE AS A BUTTON (Classic Country, Gospel & Rock& Roll) Holy Trinity Emmanuel Church Hall - 30 Alfred St. - April 8 - 1:30-4:30 PM. Free will offering at the door.

Canteen: hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, water, tea, coffee, chocolate bars & chips. Come out for an afternoon of great entertainment & fellowship. All proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the church.

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**Mark your calendar: Sunday, April 29th, 7:00 PM!**

For three decades the Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, a former Canon of St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, and the founder of the Palestinian liberation theology movement, has been inspiring readers with his ideas about faith, justice, and the Holy Land. He has been at the forefront not only of efforts to bring the plight of Palestinian Christians to the world's attention, but also of the quest to theologically re-think the place of the Holy Land's indigenous people in Christian faith and scripture.

Hear Naim Ateek speak on "The Bible, Justice and the Palestine-Israel Conflict", Sunday, April 29th at 7:00 PM at SMU, Sobey's building, 923 Robie Street, Halifax. There will be time for questions and book purchase & signing. Sponsors: Department of Religious Studies, SMU, Anglican Diocese of NSPEI, United Network for Justice and Peace for Palestine and Israel, KAIROS Halifax and Atlantic, and Canadians, Arabs and Jews for a Just Peace. Come and invite others!

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St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, April 8th – 7 p.m., in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd. Please use St. Matthias Lane entrance.

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**CHANGING CURTAINS:** The fire inspector visited recently, and the report includes: "This is meant as a general reminder that all curtains or drapes in a place of assembly like the church hall are meant to be made of fire rated material. If not, they are to be treated or removed." There are curtains on the stage and windows. We could consider options like removing them and storing or recycling, or looking into the cost of treating. Please contact the office or me with your opinion about various options.

Bruce Fraser, Co-chair, Property & Finance Committee 404-6598.

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