

Stairs Memorial United Church
Faith that Matters
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Weekly Announcements
May 4, 2018

Stairs Memorial UCW invites you to join them for their annual Mothers' Day Tea on tomorrow, May 5th, from 2:00 - 4:00PM.

Upcoming at Stairs

Mothers' Day Tea	May 5	2 – 4 PM
Men's Service	May 6	10:30 AM
UCW Meeting	May 6	following worship in parlour
Bertha Dillman '78 Unit Meeting	May 7	7PM in parlour
Clean-Up/Spruce Up Day	May 8	8:30 AM (see announcement below)
Oakwood Terrace Service	May 13	2:30 PM – everyone welcome
Executive Business Meeting	May 14	7 PM
Spring Bridge	May 17	1PM

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.

Building Security

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

Upcoming Worship Hosts

May 6 Men's Group

May 13 Sue Thorpe

May 20 TBA

Worship hosts are needed for the following upcoming dates: May 20 – 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.

Angela MacLean will be graduating this year from the Atlantic School of Theology with her Masters of Divinity. You are invited to attend her convocation which will be held tomorrow, Saturday, May 5th at 11 am at St. Andrews United Church in Halifax.

Stairs' Contact Information:

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Rev. Sarah is presently on sabbatical until August 16. 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.

During worship please refrain from phone recording the soloists without their permission.

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.

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.

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

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 – 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.

Church Finances:

Church offering, April 29 \$1000.

Online giving: If you prefer to give online, there is a "donation" button available on the Stairs website: www.stairsmemorial.ca

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.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Flea Market last Saturday. \$750 was raised towards the new fridge for the kitchen. Another \$200 was given in donations. We will probably need at least \$1200 before we can go shopping for the fridge so we will be graciously accepting donations for this project until May 13th. A tax receipt will be issued for all donations.

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.

Cleanup/Spruce-up Day: UPDATE

This annual event is being held again on Tuesday 8 May (the planned repetition of Saturday 12 May has been CANCELLED due to another event being booked) between 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Please begin thinking of things that can be done around our church. Ideas: clean pews, baseboards; remove cobwebs; paint office windows; remove curtains (as recommended by the fire inspection); clean window panes; re-paint lines in parking lot, sort items.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Rd, Sunday, May 13 at 11:30. Price \$12. Contact Bill @ 464-0334 to order tickets. Deadline to reserve tickets - May 9. All proceeds to Birthright.

Dartmouth Choral Society is joined by the Chebucto Community Singers to present "Here's to Song" concert Sunday, May 6 @ 7:30 pm - Grace United Church (70 King St.) Tickets \$15 available from Choir members or at the door.

The concert program will include Haydn, Missa brevis St. Joannis de Deo, the German madrigal, O Music, Thou Most Lovely Art, a bit of gospel and other favourites of Director, Malcolm Bradley who will be leaving Dartmouth Choral after a decade of music leadership. The two choirs will come together for the Finale, sending you away with sounds of Toto's Africa and Allister MacGillivray's Here's to Song filling your head. (www.facebook.com/dartmouthchoral)
