

Stairs Memorial United Church  
*Faith that Matters*  
*Love that Matters*  
*Community that Matters*  
Weekly Announcements  
May 25, 2018

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**Please Note: There will be no Sunday School this Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Upcoming at Stairs**

UCW Thankoffering Service	May 27	10:30 AM
Executive Grounding Meeting	May 28	7 PM
Shared Ministry Gathering Meeting	June 3	following worship
Bertha Dillman Spring Breakfast	June 9	8 AM
Communion Sunday (93 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv of UC Union)	June 10	10:30 AM
SS Closing Picnic	June 24	in the church parking lot following worship

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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.

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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 and lights are off when leaving the building. Thank you.

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**Upcoming Worship Hosts**

May 27 UCW                      June 3 Trudy VanRooyen                      June 10 Betty Kemp

Worship hosts are still needed, a sign-up sheet 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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**Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts**

May 27 UCW                      June 3 Pastoral Care                      June 10 UCW

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**Shared Ministry Gathering-** June 3<sup>rd</sup> following the Sunday service. At the meeting members will be asked to vote by a show of hands if they are in favour, or not, of amending Stairs' governance model by including a representative of EACH of the four main standing committees on the Executive Committee. At the March Annual Congregational meeting it was agreed that this matter be reviewed by the Executive Committee and be brought to a Shared Ministry Gathering meeting in June for decision.

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### The Palestine Land Exercise

The Palestine Land Exercise is a way for participants to gain an understanding of the history and current context of Palestine and Israel. You can participate by attending the opening on Wednesday, June 6th at 7 pm at Christ Church, 61 Dundas St, Dartmouth. For more information or free tickets email Doug Rigby at [drigby@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:drigby@ns.sympatico.ca)

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### Building Poverty Solutions Workshop

The release of the United Way's Building Poverty Solutions report with 129 ideas for action is an opportunity for the United Churches of Dartmouth to assess where we can be most useful in helping the front lines of poverty relief in our community. The Workshop is open to everybody and will be held on June 2nd, from 9am-3pm, at Woodlawn United. The goal for the event is to:

- learn more about the United Way's Poverty Solutions report;
- discuss where our churches have been, and could be most useful in responding to poverty;
- develop one or two ideas for poverty-focused pilot projects that the churches, working individually or collaboratively, could launch in the coming year.

If you are interested, we ask that you:

- RSVP to [minister@gracedartmouth.ca](mailto:minister@gracedartmouth.ca) by 5pm on Friday, May 25th
- Bring a bagged lunch (beverages and muffins will be provided)

Review the Building Poverty Solutions report.

<https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standing-committees/180326cped1031.pdf> to the extent that you are able.

As long as we have sufficient interest, we will follow up with additional materials to review, as you are able, in the days before the event.

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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.

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**Please Note:** The church office will be closed on Friday, June 1 as I will be attending Christopher's graduation.

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**FLEA MARKET**  
**Holy Trinity Emmanuel Church**  
30 Alfred Street, Dartmouth  
(Across from Harbourview School)  
**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9am – 12 noon**  
Admission – 50 cents  
Flea Market Donation Drop offs  
Welcome up to and including  
Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Contact Sarah @ 469-0937**

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

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The Presbyterian Spring Rally is May 28<sup>th</sup>, at St. Andrews in Halifax. Bring food only - they will supply dishes. Time is 6 for 6:30. All UCW members are welcome.

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**Spirit Cafe** - This is a non-traditional spiritual gathering sponsored by Dartmouth area United Churches. Please join us on Tuesday, 5 June for discussion on the topic "Is Love enough? Responding to School Shootings." 5:30-6:30 at Ma Belles Cafe on Ochterloney St. A limited takeout menu from Ma Belles will be available. For further information please contact Stephen Fram at 902-466-3329.

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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 Sylvania Now by Donna Morrissey.

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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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**Church Finances:**

Church offering, May 18                      \$606.

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**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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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.

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Perennial Sale, Bake Sale and Flea Market on Saturday, May 26 at Grace United Church, 70 King Street from 8:00am - 12:00pm. Come early for the best selection and don't miss the free draw for two gardening gift baskets. Rain or shine!

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Final LOONIE-TOONIE COFFEE HOUSE of the season - Wed. May 30 - 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road. Admission \$2. Come listen to the Sham-Rocks, the I-Chix, and there is an open mic.

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