

# Stairs Memorial United Church

*Faith that Matters*

*Love that Matters*

*Community that Matters*

## Weekly Announcements

May 31, 2018

### Upcoming at Stairs

Shared Ministry Gathering Meeting	June 3	following worship
Bertha Dillman June Breakfast	June 9	8 AM – 9:30 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.



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

June 3 Trudy VanRooyen      June 10 Betty Kemp      June 17 Nellie Clyke

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

June 3 Pastoral Care      June 10 UCW      June 17 Choir

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The Bertha Dillman '78 Unit will be holding their June Breakfast on Saturday, June 9 from 8 – 9:30 AM. Cost: \$8/adults; \$4/under 10. Tickets are available from any unit member or at the church office.

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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 United Church / United Way Poverty Solutions discussion, tentatively planned for June 2nd, will be POSTPONED in order to allow more people to attend. We received an insufficient number of RSVPs and many regrets from people who wanted to attend but will be away. We intent to reschedule the event for a time in September when folks have returned from vacations.

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#### **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.

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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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**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 Sylvanus 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 20                      \$866.

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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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St Paul's United Church, 173 Old Sambro Road, Spryfield is presenting Whose Garden? - a delightful play written and directed by Eva Mae Gray, with familiar songs to sing along with. At 6 pm on Friday June 1st and Saturday June 2nd you will enjoy a delicious dinner of baked beans and fish cakes and dessert followed by our play at 7pm. Tickets for dinner and play are \$25.00, but if you wish to enjoy the play only, tickets are \$10.00. Tickets available by calling Lynne Church at 902-477-9292. Seating is limited so book early!

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65<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival is being held at St. John's United Church, Fall River on Saturday, July 7 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Cost: \$13/adults; \$5/children under 12. Menu: Baked Ham with potato salad, vegetables, roll and Strawberry shortcake. Take outs available.