

Stairs Memorial United Church
Faith that Matters
Love that Matters
Community that Matters
Weekly Announcements
August 31, 2018

Join Sarah Tuesday mornings at 10:30 at the Fairfax Centre, Shubie Park (if it's not actively raining) for a brief time of spiritual reflection and a walk in the park - August 28 through September 25. Please note change of day!

Stairs Memorial will be leading the service at Oakwood Terrance on Sunday, September 9 at 2:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming at Stairs:

September 17 7PM – Stairs Executive Meeting
September 20 Reader's Circle – 12 Noon
September 22 Bertha Dillman '78 Unit Fall Breakfast

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

Sept. 2 Sandra Jamieson Sept 9 Annette Gilroy Sept 16 Betty Kemp

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Sept. 9 UCW Sept 16 Mission & Outreach Sept. 23 UCW

Card Campaign – Cash cards will be available to purchase on the first and third Sundays in the church hall during coffeetime or at the church office with one day's notice.

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.

Church Finances:

Church offering, August 26 \$606.

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

Stairs' Contact Information:

Church Office: stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca
Office Phone No.: 902-466-4389
Facebook: Stairs Memorial United Church
Website: www.stairsmemorial.ca

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

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.

Readers' Circle: Our book is Sylvanus Now, by local author Donna Morrissey. This is the story of Sylvanus, a fisherman in a very small Newfoundland community at a time when the fishing industry was changing rapidly. Everyone is welcome. Read the book and come with a bag lunch. September 20 at noon in the parlour.

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.

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.

Spirit Cafe - Sponsored by Dartmouth area United Churches. Please join us on Tuesday, 4 September for discussion on the topic "Pilgrimage: Is it just a Journey?" 5:30-6:30 at Machum Cafe (was Ma Belles Cafe) on Ochterloney St. A limited menu from the cafe will be available. For further information please contact Mark Hazen at 902-476-1280.

"PRODUCT BINGO" - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Sat., Sept. 8 from 2:00-4:00. Price: \$10. Prizes: meats, assorted prizes, baking.

POVERTY SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP All are welcome to attend a 1-day workshop exploring opportunities for the United Churches of Dartmouth to work together to combat poverty in our communities. The purpose of the day is to identify 4 to 5 possible pilot projects that the Churches, as a group, could take on, in response to the 129 Ideas for Action and community needs identified in the United Way's Building Poverty Solutions community report. Jennifer Wilcox from United Way will be at Stairs to lead a coffee house discussion after church on this topic on Sept. 16 in preparation for the workshop. Cost: Free | When: Saturday, September 22nd, 9am-3pm | Where: Woodlawn United Church. Tea and refreshments will be served, but attendees should bring a brown-bag lunch. Please RSVP to help us plan, by emailing mhazen@ns.sympatico.ca or phoning 902 464 1240.

COFFEE HOUSE - Jennifer Wilcox from United Way will be joining us after church Sept 16 to tell us about the Building Poverty Solutions community report. It is hoped that the Dartmouth churches will work together to bring some of the ideas in this report to life. (See the announcement re: Poverty Solutions Workshop)

8th Annual STRAWBERRY SOCIAL - St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road, Sunday, Sept. 16 - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM - \$5.00 - take-out available. Home-made biscuits, local berries, real whipping cream, tea/coffee. (Contact: Jan - 463-5962)
