

Stairs Memorial United Church

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Weekly Announcements

September 14, 2018

The Bertha Dillman '78 Unit will be holding their Fall Breakfast on Saturday, September 22 from 8 – 9:30 AM. Cost: \$8/adults; \$4/children under 10. Tickets are now available from any unit member or at the church office.

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.

Upcoming at Stairs:

September 17	7PM – Stairs Executive Meeting
September 20	Reader's Circle – 12 Noon
September 22	Bertha Dillman '78 Unit Fall Breakfast 8 – 9:30 AM
September 30	Alternative Service – 10:30 AM

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 16 Betty Kemp Sept 23 Nellie Clyde Sept 30 David Atkinson

We are in need of worship hosts for October 7 and October 28. If you can help please contact the church office or add your name on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the church office.

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Sept 16 Mission & Outreach

Sept. 23 UCW

Sept 30 Worship & Faith Formation

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, September	\$ 1183.50
Wishing well for August	\$ 101.46
Offerings for August	\$ 2990.50
PAR for August	\$ 4293.87

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.

To my Stairs Memorial Family: My fiancé Brent Lackey and I (Gneid Walsh) are getting married at Stairs Memorial this October 5th at 2pm. We would be honoured (and I think it would be fitting) if you would help us celebrate our big day! You are all invited! It was a privilege to be a member of the Stairs family for my time at AST and I'd love to celebrate this milestone with you all. Although we cannot feed you all supper that day (simply due to the fact we have a huge family and a small budget), you are also invited to the "kitchen party" at 7pm (at the WO/Sgts Mess at Shearwater Airforce Base: 16+ requires an ID).

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. Tea and refreshments will be served, but attendees should bring a brown-bag lunch. Cost: Free; Child care will be available. | When: Saturday, September 22nd, 9am-3pm | Where: Woodlawn United Church. **Please RSVP to help us plan, by emailing mhazen@ns.sympatico.ca** or phoning 902 464 1240.

Spirit Cafe Music Night- Sponsored by Dartmouth area United Churches. Please join us on Tuesday, 18 September for fellowship and song, 530-630 at Machum Cafe on Ochterloney St. Adam Johnson is back to lead us in the music. A limited menu from the cafe will be available for purchase. For further information please contact Mark Hazen at 902-476-1280.

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)

Rockingham United Church, 12 Flamingo Drive presents the "Down Home Fiddlers" in concert in our church hall. Saturday, September 29th at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available through our church office or at the door. For more info, please contact 902-443-2947, events@rockinghamunited.org

NOTICE: The Dartmouth Christian Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast (DCMFPB) will hold its September meeting at 7AM Tuesday, Sep. 18 at the Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre @ 45 Ochterloney St. in downtown Dartmouth. Please register your intention to attend on the website <http://www.dcmfpb.ca> by 10AM Monday, Sep. 17 or call Bob at 902-434-3438. The guest speaker will be Allan Dwyer, well-known local businessman and active churchman. All interested men are welcome to attend, but please register! First-time attendees are always welcome!! Breakfast cost is \$10.

Upcoming events at St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road:

LOONIE-TOONIE COFFEE HOUSE - Wed. Sept. 26 - 7:00-9:00 - \$2.

PRODUCT BINGO - Sat. Sept. 29 - 2:00-4:00 - \$10.

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