

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

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Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements

September 21, 2018

The Bertha Dillman '78 Unit will be holding their Fall Breakfast tomorrow, Saturday, September 22 from 8 – 9:30 AM. Cost: \$8/adults; \$4/children under 10.

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 22	Bertha Dillman '78 Unit Fall Breakfast 8 – 9:30 AM
September 30	Alternative Service – 10:30 AM
October 4	Fall Bridge Dessert Party - 1 PM
October 7	World Communion Sunday/Thanksgiving

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 23 Nellie Clyde

Sept 30 David Atkinson

October 7 TBA

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. 23 UCW

Sept 30 Worship & Faith Formation

October 7 Pastoral Care

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 16 \$927.

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.

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.

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.

Please join us on October 14th at Stairs Memorial United Church, 1pm for a celebration of the human - animal bond. Bring your animal, the memory of your animal or the dream of having an animal in your life and receive a blessing. We will be in the parking lot or the church hall rain or shine! Bring a chair and a bagged lunch and be in community with other folks that love their animals. This is a chance to share your stories about the animals in your life.

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)

Children and adults of the Stairs church family will be putting on a musical as part of our alternative worship service for Sunday, September 30th. The Rainbow Story is an original musical first brought to Bloomfield school in Halifax by a visiting troupe in 2001 as part of an antibullying campaign, and in the city of Mokpo, South Korea in 2007 as part of a spring arts and culture festival. Please join us for a very special worship service.

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

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.

Spirit Cafe Discussion Night- Sponsored by Dartmouth area United Churches. Please join us on Tuesday, 2 October, 530-630 at Machum Cafe on Ochterloney St. for discussion on the topic of "Where is Christ in Communion". A limited menu from the cafe will be available for purchase. For further information please contact Mark Hazen at 902-476-1280.
