

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements

October 14, 2018

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

Upcoming at Stairs

October 14th Blessing of the Animals at 1pm
October 28th 105th Anniversary Service with Guest Preacher The Rev. Dr. David MacLachlan

Upcoming Worship Hosts

Oct 14 Gail Oct 21 Annette Oct 28 Bruce & Francie

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Oct 14 UCW Oct 21 Finance & Property Oct 28 UCW

Blessing of the Animals

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.

Taizé Prayer

St. John's United Church, 6199 Chebucto Road, Halifax, is hosting its monthly Taizé Prayer this Sunday, October 14th at 7pm in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts. Please use the St. Matthias' Lane entrance to the building.

Spirit Café Music Night

Plan on coming out to Machum's Café, 44 Ochterloney Street, on Tuesday, October 16th from 5:30 to 6:30pm for fellowship and song; there will be a limited menu available for purchase. Sponsored by Dartmouth area United Churches; for more information please contact Mark Hazen at 902-476-1280.

Theology 101

Good people of Port Wallis, Grace and Stairs, come join us on Tuesday nights at 7pm at Grace United Church, 70 King Street, to talk about our faith together. Bring your friends. Let's talk about:

Faith and the word of God: Where do we find God's word in 2018? The bible? Elsewhere? Let's talk about it.

God? What do we mean by that? A look at the many ways of understanding the divine, both traditional and non-traditional. Let's talk about it.

Faithful following: What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus in 2018? Let's talk about it.

Open Topic: What do you want to talk about? The topic for the last session will emerge from the group.

UCW Fall Rally

All UCW members are encouraged to attend the fall rally scheduled for Monday, October 22nd at 6pm at St. John's United in Fall River. The guest speaker will be a representative from Honey and Ginger. They offer natural wellness health food and services to support and influence holistic health.

Dartmouth United Church Event Site

You are invited to join the Facebook group, United Churches for Dartmouth if you would like to see other church events and happenings in the Dartmouth area:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UnitedChurchesforDartmouth>

Feel free to participate and share other community events or news that our friends in the other United Church congregations in Dartmouth might be interested in, or the Dartmouth community in general.

Canned Milk Sunday

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.

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 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.

Music for Worship Services

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.

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.

Announcements Paper Copy

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.

Online Giving

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

Scent Sensitive

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.

Building Security

Please be sure to check that all exterior doors are locked and lights are off when leaving the building. Thank you.

Community Events

St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road:

Product Bingo (Meats and Baked Goods)

Saturday, October 13th and Saturday, October 27th from 2 to 4pm

Cards - \$10.00 for 3 cards (max.)

Jewellery and Autumn Bake Sale

Saturday, October 20th from 10am to noon

Loonie/Toonie Coffee House with Sham-Rocks, the I-Chix and Others

Wednesday, October 24th from 7 to 9pm

Admission: \$2.00

Fall Flea Market at St. James Church Hall, 181 Portland Street

Saturday, October 27th from 8am to 12pm

Admission: \$2.00

"Fall into Christmas" Tea & Sale at Grace United Church, 70 King Street

Saturday, October 27th: sale starts at 10am, lunch from 11am to 1pm

Tickets: \$10, children under 12 \$3 with gluten-free and take-out available; for more info: 902-463-7039.