

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements

November 25th, 2018

Stairs' Contact Information

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Emergency Contact

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

Upcoming Worship Hosts

Nov 25 Trudy V. Dec 2 Annette G. Dec 16 Jim & Lorna

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Nov 25 UCW Dec 2 Worship & Faith Dec 9 UCW

Rev. Sarah will be away on a Study Week from November 25th to December 1st

*Advent begins next Sunday, December 2nd with a communion service.
Our advent theme is Angels Among Us: Flying in the Face of Fear.*

Spirit Café Discussion Night - Sponsored by Dartmouth area United Churches.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 4th for fellowship and discussion on the topic "God of Still Waiting: Exploring Advent" from 5:30 to 6:30pm at Rossetto's (was Machum Cafe) on Ochterloney Street. A limited menu from the cafe will be available for purchase. For further info please contact Mark Hazen at 902-476-1280.

Annual Auction

The auction is scheduled for December 8th. We are now accepting merchandise. Request letters are available in the church office. Dessert will be served at noon with the auction beginning at 1pm. Admission: \$5. All proceeds will be used to cover church expenses. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Donations for White Gift Bags

We need your help with donations of full-size personal care items for men and women such as bars of soap, deodorant, razors, shaving foam, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, facecloths, hair brushes and individually wrapped treats. These items will be placed in gift bags for adult men and women and will be distributed before Christmas. All donations are most appreciated and can be left in the box in the narthex until December 9th.

Memory Tree Lighting

The Stairs' Memory Tree Lighting Service will be on Sunday, December 9th at 7pm. If you would like to have lights on the tree dedicated to loved ones, cards are available in the narthex and at coffee time.

The Gifts with Vision Giving Catalogue for 2018-2019 is available to be picked up in the church narthex

Upcoming Services and Events:

UCW Vespers Service	December 2	7pm
Auction	December 8	Viewing & Dessert at noon, Auction begins at 1pm
Advent 2 - Pageant	December 9	10:30am
Memory Tree Service	December 9	7pm
Advent 3	December 16	10:30am, followed by potluck
Advent 4 – Carol Service	December 23	10:30am
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	7pm

Coffee for Christmas

The Mission & Outreach Committee has Fair Trade JustUs Holiday Blend coffee in regular (drip) for sale in 12 oz. bags, perfect for thank you, stocking, Secret Santa & host/hostess gifts. Come by our pantry window most Sundays after service. We can also order it for you in 2-lb. bags in whole bean, regular or perc grind!

Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Christmas Program

This program connects church communities and individuals with the families of inmates through the delivery of a Christmas gift on behalf of the incarcerated parent. This brings children the joy of receiving a gift, but more importantly it tells them that mom or dad is thinking about them at Christmas time. For inmates, your support helps them experience the love of God during a time marked by guilt and loneliness. Strengthening family ties improves healthy transitions into community. We need your help to bring the hope and joy of Christmas to families impacted by incarceration in Halifax area. To reach out to one child this Christmas is \$30.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please email joy.communitychaplain@gmail.com, call 778-386-1441, or go to <https://www.halifaxchaplaincy.ca/angel-tree-program> to find out more. You may also place your donation in an envelope marked Angel Tree Christmas campaign and place it in the offering box.

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.

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

*Thank you to everyone who helped to make
the UCW Bazaar a success. \$2600 was raised.*

Last year, Stairs United took me on as music director, and in addition to my church music duties, let me use the sanctuary instruments this past August to work on a large music project. Because of this, I was able to sufficiently develop my work as a composer that Arts Nova Scotia and Support4Culture program judges informed me last week that they will help me complete a new concert work by investing a grant so I can dedicate my time solely to its completion. This is a big honor. My deepest thanks to the Stairs community for your support.

- Emanuel Serra

Community Events

Giant Book Sale at Grace United Church, 70 King Street, Dartmouth

Saturday, November 24th from 9am to 3pm

Books are \$5.00 a bag, and a Christmas table and refreshments from Cafe Darrell in the upper hall

Jingle Bell Rock, Christmas Bazaar & Envelope Auction at Holy Trinity Emmanuel Church Hall, 30 Alfred Street

Saturday November 24th from 10am to 2pm

Bake, craft, new to you tables, envelope auction, and canteen; for information 902-464-5697

Turkey-a-la King Luncheon and Christmas Bazaar at St. John's United Church Hall, Fall River

Saturday, November 24th from 11am to 1pm **New This Year - Build-a-Bear Den**

Menu: Turkey-a-la King and Gingerbread, \$10

Children's Meal: Hot dogs, potato chips and ice cream, \$5

Christmas Tea & Sale and Silent Auction at St. James United Church, Dartmouth

Saturday, December 8th from Noon to 2pm

\$10 per ticket, children under 12 - \$4

St. Paul's Church Events, 197 Windmill Road:

Bingo Sponsored by the Men's Association

Saturday, November 24th from 2 to 4pm

Everything Christmas Sale Sponsored by the Women's Association

Sunday, November 18th and 25th from 11am to 12:30pm

Loonie/Toonie Coffee House

Wednesday, November 28th from 7 to 9pm

Admission: \$2; performed by the Sham-Rocks, I-Chix and others

Parish Family Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 2nd at 1pm

\$15/adults and 410/child (10 and under), 150 tickets available

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