

# Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## 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.

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*Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>;  
please remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night*

## Upcoming Worship Hosts

Nov 4 David A.                    Nov 18 Betty K.                    Nov 25 Trudy V.

## Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Nov 4 Choir                    Nov 18 Mission & Outreach    Nov 25 UCW

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## Spirit Cafe Discussion Night

Please join us on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30pm for fellowship and discussion on the topic of the "spirituality of remembrance" at Machum Café on Ochterloney Street. A limited menu from the café will be available for purchase. For further information please contact Mark Hazen at 902-476-1280. Sponsored by Dartmouth area United Churches.

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## Theology 101

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Grace United Church, 70 King Street, for the last session to talk about our faith together. This week's theme: **The Trinity**

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## Christmas Bazaar

On November 15<sup>th</sup> the cookie tins will be filled for the Christmas Bazaar at the church hall starting at 6:30 after which there will be a Berta Dillman UCW meeting. All cookies shall be delivered to the church prior to 6:30. The Christmas Bazaar will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4pm. Tickets will be \$6.00.

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## Executive Committee Meeting

The committee will meet next on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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## Trivia Night

November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the hall. This is just for fun. Bring friends - everyone is welcome.

## **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!

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

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At this time of year, the food bank (North Dartmouth Outreach Resource Centre - NDORC) begins its preparations for the Christmas Food Hamper and Gift Bag Program.

Registration is underway and we expect to distribute 220+ hampers and gift bags on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The food hampers are provided by Feed Nova Scotia. The gift bags, given to adult men and women, are provided through donations. 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. All donations are most appreciated.

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## **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.

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## **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](http://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 exterior doors are locked and lights are off when leaving the building. Thank you.

## Community Events

### **Christmas Tea & Sale at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 216 School Street**

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 4pm

Adults \$6/children under 12 \$1

### **Ham Supper, Baked Beans and Scalloped Potatoes at Hope United Church, 3055 Connaught Avenue, Halifax**

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30pm

Adults \$15 and Children \$7.50, includes tea, coffee, juice and dessert

Please call 902-455-0261 to reserve; take-out also available

### **Monthly Taizé Prayer at St. John's United Church, 6199 Chebucto Road, Halifax**

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Judith Grant Room

Please use the St. Matthias Lane entrance; all welcome

### **Paul Wattson Seminar & Lecture on November 5<sup>th</sup>: An Ecumenical Turn to the Practical**

Guest Speaker: Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina

Seminar at 2pm – Atlantic School of Theology, St. Columba Chapel

Lecture at 7pm – Saint Mary's University

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

#### **Bingo Sponsored by the Men's Association**

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4pm

#### **Everything Christmas Sale Sponsored by the Women's Association**

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to Noon

#### **Loonie/Toonie Coffee House**

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9pm

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

#### **Parish Family Christmas Dinner**

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm

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

For information: Bill Yochoff 902-464-0334 or Paul Clark 902-463-5962