

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements for December 16th, 2018

Stairs' Contact Information

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Upcoming Worship Hosts

Dec 16 David A. Dec 23 Christine E. Dec 30 Susan K.

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Dec 16 Pastoral Care Dec 23 UCW Dec 30 Finance & Property

Our advent theme this year is Angels Among Us: Flying in the Face of Fear.

There are indeed angels among us. Please take a moment to have your picture taken with the angel wings in the narthex. Then send the picture to stairsmemorial@gmail.com to be put on our facebook page and shown in church.

No phone? Someone will be around to take pictures before and after church on Sundays.

DCMFPB (Dartmouth Christian Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast)

Saturday, December 15th at 8am in Woodlawn United Church's Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend this gathering. Special guests include tenor soloist, Paul Whyte, accompanied by Rev. Mary Lynne Whyte, harpist. Program will include an inspirational message from Rev. Christopher Drew and special music selections, carol singing, prayer and breakfast prepared by Woodlawn Men; cost is \$10. **Please register in advance by noon on Friday, December 14th on the website - <http://www.dcmfpb.ca> - or phone Bob at 902-434-3438.**

Sunday, December 16th at 10:30am

Advent 3: "Do Not Be Afraid: #morejoy"

Please join us this Sunday for worship, and for a pot luck meal following service.

**If you able to bring food to share, that is wonderful,
however if you cannot, we would like you to stay anyway!**

Pictures Needed

If you have digital pictures of church events in 2018 that can be included in video of the past year, please send them to Sarah at stairsmemorial@gmail.com by December 23rd. Thank you.

Upcoming Services and Events:

Advent 4: Carol Service	December 23 rd at 10:30am
Christmas Eve Service	December 24 th at 7pm
Turning from Christmas to the New Year: An Alternative Service	December 30 th at 10:30am

Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Ley Chapman, by

David & Gloria Chapman
Robert & Jean Chapman
Jim Bauld & Lorna Randall
Kimberley Buck de Jesus
Gary & Elaine Clark
Kathleen & Ronald Colpitts
John & Gail Duffy
Fraser & Arleen Goodwin
Fran MacKnight
Lillian Randall
Laird & Carolyn Stirling
L.J. & Larry
Bertha Dillman '78 Unit
Stairs Memorial UCW

A donation has been made to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Bill Rodgers by Shirley & Family

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. 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.halifaxchaplancy.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.

Mark on Your Calendar for 2019

Readers' Circle

The Readers' Circle will meet January 17th over bag lunch to discuss Punishment by Linden McIntyre.

Hint: This would be a great gift for anyone wanting to participate in the January circle.

Knitting Group Meeting

Saturday, January 26th from 2 to 4 pm for blanket squares and prayer shawls

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

Community Events

Annual Christmas Concert at the Sea King Club, CFB Shearwater

Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30 pm

Admission: \$10 per person and \$5 for young children

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

Cookie-Square Platter Sale

Sunday, December 16th from 11am to 12:30pm

Trays of sweets ranging between \$4 and \$8, contact Jan at 902-463-5962

Christmas Loonie-Toonie Coffee House

Wednesday, December 19th from 7 to 9pm, admission: \$2

Great music by the Sham-Rocks, the I-Chix

Open mic and ugly sweater competition