

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

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Weekly Announcements for December 23rd, 2018

Stairs' Contact Information

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

Upcoming Worship Hosts

Dec 23 Christine E. Dec 30 Susan K. Jan 6 L.J. & Larry

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Dec 23 UCW Dec 30 Finance & Property Jan 6 Choir

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.

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
Star Words: Epiphany Service	January 6 th	at 10:30am

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!

Fire Inspection Follow-up

The HRM fire inspector has recommended some changes, particularly regarding flammable items, therefore some items are being considered for elimination, such as recycling, reusing, or removing. Please see an on-going list on the Communication Centre at the back of the sanctuary. Your thoughts and help would be appreciated.

B. Fraser, Co-Chair, P&F Committee, 902-404-6598

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

Bring your knitting needles, yarn and any completed blocks or your prayer shawl you have. We will be setting some goals for completing a number of blanket blocks; how many will you finish and by when. We will have a new booklet available with additional patterns in it. If you have a prayer shawl or a blanket block on your needles bring it along and join us for some tea and conversation. If you want to get started with knitting come on along and we will help you get started.

Acknowledgements

*Donations have been made to the
Memorial Fund in loving memory of:*

*The D'Arcy Family at Christmas:
Father - Bob; Mother - Helen
Brother - Rob; Sister - Carolyn*

Parents Ruth & Fred Thorton by Joanne Thorton

*Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund
in loving memory of Leyland Chapman from:*

*Earl & Dorothy Thomson
Karl & Gail Johnson
Dan & Nancy McKay
Colin & Donna Allen*

*A donation has been made to the Christian Development Fund
in loving memory of Leyland Chapman from:*

Fran MacKnight

*Angela MacLean send wishes of Advent blessings
and thanks the congregation for her time at Stairs*

**Thank you to everyone who helped to make
the Auction a success; in total \$2775 was raised.**

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