

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements for February 24th, 2019

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 Services and Events

Bakeless Bake Sale

This is February. Let's have a whale of a bake sale. This is easy. No work, no calories, just huge appreciation for whatever cash you are able to place in an envelope for this project. Please identify "bakeless bake sale". This is for the whole congregation. Many thanks, the UCW.

Trivia Night

Monday, February 25th at 7pm in the hall. This is just for fun. Bring friends - everyone is welcome.

Final Study Group Led by Rev. Ivan Gregan

Thursday, February 28th at 2pm in Stairs Memorial Church: Celtic Structure of Worship

And Jesus Wept: A Seminar Series on Grief at Stairs Memorial

Saturday, March 2nd 10am-12pm in the Parlour

An exploration of grief from a Christian perspective, living in a secularized world.

How do we live and grieve and respond to grief of the other as Christians as we occupy secular spaces?

Spirit Café Discussion Night

Tuesday, March 5th from 5:30 to 6:30pm at Grace United Church, as part of their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The discussion will be led by Rev. Ivan Gregan: "What are Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent?"

Pancake supper is \$5/adult, \$15 for a family and the entrance is via the outside basement stairs on King Street

Reorganization of Stored Items

Nine boxes are in the sump pump room, located off the kitchen. The time for looking at these and deciding what to keep and what not to keep is now ending. Please look them over by Sunday, February 24th. Details are posted in the kitchen area and the communication centre.

Bruce Fraser, Co-chair, (Property) of Property and Finance Committee, 902-404-6598

Annual Report Time

Sunday, March 31st, the date of our annual congregational meeting, is approaching so it is time to start submitting reports to the church office – thank you!

Planning for the Future of Stairs

There is still opportunity to express your thoughts concerning the future for Stairs! If you haven't already, please fill in a survey/questionnaire (printed on yellow paper) and return it to the marked box in the narthex; it is important that as many members as possible have their input.

Upcoming Worship Hosts

Feb 24 Christine E. Mar 3 Susan T. Mar 10 -----

We are in need of worship hosts from March 10th and on; if you can help, please sign up in the church office

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Feb 24 UCW Mar 3 Finance & Property Mar 10 UCW

If there is a storm and it seems unsafe or unwise to have a service, we will cancel.

You can check the phone message at the church (902-466-4389) any time after 8am on a storm day.

If Sarah has power, an email notice will also be sent out, and a message will be posted on Facebook.

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 coffee-time 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

Volunteers Needed at Dartmouth General Hospital

Dartmouth General Hospital is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our valuable volunteer team. Volunteer programs are available daytime, evenings and on weekends; there's one waiting just for you! For more information, please call us at 902-464-4805 or visit www.nshealth.ca/volunteer

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

Food Bingo

Saturday, February 23rd and Saturday, March 9th from 2 to 4pm, cards: \$10, contact Paul at 902-463-5962

Loonie-Toonie Coffee House

Wednesday, February 27th from 7 to 9pm: \$2