

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements for March 10th, 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.

Our theme for Lent will be Knit, Pray, Love
and will draw on imagery from the transformation of fleece into something lovely.
We will also be holding a congregational fast from plastic throughout Lent.

Fast from Plastic Week 1: Grocery Store Bags

As Lent begins, we are all asked to consider the holiness of the earth and our relationship with the ground and the waters as we, to the best of our ability, refrain from acquiring any plastic grocery store bags.

Knit, Pray, Love

This Lent, all of you crafters out there are invited to bring your knitting, needlework etc. to work on quietly during the church service.

Services and Events for This Week

UCW Turkey Soup Take-out Meal

Pick-up March 9th from 3 to 4pm or March 10th after church
Menu: 12 ounces turkey soup, roll, tea biscuit, carrot cake - \$10

**Please remember that on Sunday, March 10th
Daylight Savings Time begins – “Spring Ahead” one hour**

Daffodil Orders

Please note that orders will be taken for daffodils until **Sunday, March 10th**; each bunch will be \$8.00.

Annual Report Time

Please submit your reports to the church office no later than **Sunday, March 10th** – thank you!

Acknowledgement

*A donation has been made to the Memorial Fund
in memory of Lillian Randall by
Gordon & Mona MacAskill*

Upcoming Services and Events

Worship Service Led by the Men

Sunday, March 17th

Alternative Service and Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 31st

Shovels Needed

Our present 24" snow shovel is showing its age. We could use a replacement, and also a smaller shovel, about 11" wide. Anyone with one that is not needed, please contact Bruce.

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

Upcoming Worship Hosts

Mar 10 -----

Mar 17 Men's Group

Mar 24 -----

We are in need of a worship host for March 10th and 24th; if you can help, please sign up in the church office

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Mar 3 Finance & Property

Mar 10 UCW

Mar 17 Choir

Register Now for Intermediates @ Conference and Youth Forum

May 23rd to 26th in Sackville, New Brunswick

Grades 7 to 9 (I@C): <https://form.jotform.com/90225024164244>

Grade 10 to age 19 (YF): <https://form.jotform.com/90224670995262>

I@C and YF meet as two separate groups. Each group creates an inclusive, diverse and safe community of over a hundred youth in the name of Christ. Each provides a place for youth to explore their faith and to learn more about the United Church while sharing in music, worship and fun in a spirit-filled community.

Camp Kidston Registration Is Now Open

Early Bird Pricing in effect until April 15th

Check out the Summer Programs for Children, Youth, and Families: www.campkidston.com/summer-camps

Questions? Contact: registrar@campkidston.com

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

Community Events

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

Music at Grace presents Nova Scotia Pianist Cindy Thong in a Piano Recital

Sunday, March 10th at 3pm at Grace United Church

Tickets are \$10 and available from the church office - 902-466-3329 or at the door

Cindy is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in piano performance at the University of Montreal

Men's Prayer Breakfast (DCMFPB)

Tuesday, March 12th at 7am at the Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre at 45 Ochterloney Street

The guest speaker is Mike Brownlow, a retired educator and active church layman

Please indicate your plan to attend via this website <http://www.dcmfpb.ca>

or call Bob at 902-434-3438 by 10am on Monday, March 10th

Cost is \$10; first-timers always welcome!!

End of Life Conversations Workshop

Saturday, March 23rd from 9am to 12pm at Fairview United Church

Led by Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke; open to the public and free will offering at the door

Pre-register by March 16th: contact Gayle Heisler at 902-443-5485 or gayleheisler3@hotmail.com

Allie Fulford is a member of Dalhousie Collegium Cantorum. The choir is performing J. S. Bach: St. John Passion

Monday, April 1st at 7:30pm at St. Andrew's United Church, Coburg & Robie Streets, Halifax

Tickets: \$25 regular /\$20 for students available at Dalhousie's Fountain School of Performing Arts, from choristers, online at brownpapertickets.com, or at the door.

Feature soloists: Jennifer Farrell (soprano), Paula Rockwell (alto), Jason Davis (tenor), Michael Donovan (bass) and Jon-Paul Decosse (bass). The Halifax early music ensemble Réjouissance will provide accompaniment, with Hilary Brown (cello) and Garth MacPhee (organ). Tara Scott is the accompanist for Dalhousie Collegium Cantorum, and the performance will be conducted by Gary Ewer.

Celebration of an Affirming Ministry

Cole Harbour Woodside United Church, 15 Bissett Road, Dartmouth

Sunday, April 7th at 7pm – all are welcome!

St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road

Food Bingo

Saturday, March 9th & 23rd and April 6th and 27th from 2 to 4pm, cards: \$10, contact Paul at 902-463-5962

Loonie/Toonie Coffee House

Wednesday, March 27th (all Irish evening) and April 24th from 7 to 9pm

Admission: \$2