

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements for March 17th, 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 2: Plastic Water Bottles

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 using plastic water bottles.

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.

Upcoming Services and Events

Spirit Café Music Night

Tuesday, March 19th from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Wooden Monkey Restaurant in Alderney Place
Please come out and join us for food and song.

Alternative Service and Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 31st

Spirit Café Discussion Night

Tuesday, April 2nd from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Wooden Monkey Restaurant in Alderney Place
The discussion topic will be "Standing up to Empire". Please come and join us for food and lively discussion.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 18th at 7pm

Good Friday, April 19th

Men's Breakfast at 8am and Morning Prayer at 9am at Port Wallis United Church
(RSVP by April 16th at 902-435-3644 or port.wallis.uc@ns.sympatico.ca)

Ecumenical Service at 10:30am at Grace United Church

Easter Communion Service

Sunday, April 21st at 10:30am

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Upcoming Worship Hosts

Mar 17 Men's Group Mar 24 ----- Mar 31 -----

We are in need of a worship host for March 24th and 31st; if you can help, please sign up in the church office

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Mar 17 Choir Mar 24 UCW Mar 31 Mission & Outreach

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>

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.

If you are finished with a nice chair or two, something still in good condition, not too huge and easily movable, please consider donating it to the church for the conversation area at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

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

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 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