

## Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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### Stairs' Contact Information

Church Office	Office Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays 9am to 3pm 902-466-4389, stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca
Facebook	Stairs Memorial United Church
Website	www.stairsmemorial.ca

### Emergency Contact

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

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

### Fast from Plastic Week 5: Plastic Around Us

As Lent comes to an end, 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, be mindful of other plastic around us.

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### 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.

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### Upcoming Services and Events

**Palm Sunday Service:** Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Daffodils purchased in support of the Canadian Cancer Society will be available for pick-up

**Executive Committee Meeting:** April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Bertha Dillman 78 Unit Take-Out Baked Bean Supper**

Pick-up: April 13<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4pm or after church on the 14<sup>th</sup>

Menu: Baked beans with wieners and brown bread, with coconut cake for dessert

Cost \$8, alternate meal: macaroni and cheese

**Maunder Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Men's Breakfast at 8am and Morning Prayer at 9am at Port Wallis United Church

*(RSVP by April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am



## **Congratulations to Jack Godfrey and the Students of Sunrise Yoga**

Please check out page 5 of the April edition of Snapd Dartmouth for colour photos and an article about the pyramid of canned soup that was collected for the North Dartmouth Outreach Resource Centre. Their goal was to collect 1000 cans and that was surpassed in March – thank you for all your efforts!!

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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.

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## **Camp Kidston Registration Is Now Open**

Early Bird Pricing in effect until April 15<sup>th</sup>; Questions? Contact: registrar@campkidston.com

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

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## **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](http://www.stairsmemorial.ca)

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## **Urgent Appeal**

Cyclone Idai hit Southern Africa March 4, causing severe flooding and devastation that has affected an estimated 2.6 million people in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The United Church sent an initial contribution of \$20,000 to partners and is launching a church-wide appeal to respond to massive emergency needs and support eventual rehabilitation and rebuilding. Donate online at <https://www.united-church.ca/cyclone-idai>, or phone 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard, or send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response  
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200  
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Cyclone Idai" on the face of your cheque.

## 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](http://www.nshealth.ca/volunteer)

### **A Good Death: A potential role for medical assistance in dying (MAID)**

An informal session with The Rev. Cathy Simpson

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12:30pm at Christ Church Parish Hall, Dundas Street

Cost: \$5 lunch included; please register with Lorraine Frauzel at 902-464-7539 or [lfrauzel@gmail.com](mailto:lfrauzel@gmail.com)

### **Celebration of an Affirming Ministry**

Cole Harbour Woodside United Church, 15 Bissett Road, Dartmouth

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – all are welcome!

### **Spring Tea & Sale**

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Adults: \$6, children under 12: \$1

### **Music Matters 2019, presented by Music United**

April 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews United Church, Halifax

Learning event: April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, worship and AGM: April 28<sup>th</sup>

On-line cost: \$120 (all days) or \$70 per day, and cost at the door: \$140

For information: [www.eventbrite.ca/e/music-matters-2019-tickets-52098669523](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/music-matters-2019-tickets-52098669523)

### **Fabric & Yarn Sale in Support of Grandmothers to Grandmothers**

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm at Saint Vincent De Paul Church, Dartmouth

To drop off donations prior to April 19<sup>th</sup>:

- ❖ 569 Portland Street (Penhorn Plaza), Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm
- ❖ Patch at 2571 Robie Street, from 10 am to 5pm
- ❖ Seam Work at 60A Queen Street

For more information, please contact [g2gbj@yahoo.com](mailto:g2gbj@yahoo.com) or 902-266-5188

### **St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road**

#### **Food Bingo**

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4pm, cards: \$10, contact Paul at 902-463-5962

#### **Loonie/Toonie Coffee House**

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9pm, admission: \$2