

Stairs Memorial United Church
Faith that Matters
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Community that Matters

Weekly Announcements for September 15th, 2019

Stairs' Contact Information

Church Office	Office Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays 9am to 3pm 902-466-4389, stairsmemorial@eastlink.ca
Website	www.stairsmemorial.ca
Facebook	Stairs Memorial United Church If you want to post to Facebook, please contact Trudy Van Rooyen.

Emergency Contact

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

Upcoming Services and Events

Worship Committee Meeting: Following service on September 15th

Spirit Café Music Night with Adam Johnson

Tuesday, September 17th from 5:30 to 6:45 pm
Wooden Monkey Restaurant, Alderney Place
All are welcome; for more information: 902-476-1280

A Creation-Time Email Retreat Series

September 21st & 28th & October 5th
Receive three retreats by email. Read and reflect on your own time.
A Seed. Leaven. A Pearl. Three powerful wisdom teachings.
Three parables. Three small things to teach and inspire us.
Three spiritual practices to deepen who we really are as beloved ones of the Creator.
Please email Rev. Catherine at: reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet on the Communication Centre Bulletin Board.

Readers' Circle

Will meet September 26th at noon in the parlour to discuss the book "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult.

Next Executive Meeting: Monday, September 23rd at 7pm

Favourite Hymns

Rev. Catherine is wondering about your favourite hymns and you are invited to submit via email to reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com

Upcoming Worship Hosts

Sept 15th Betty K.

Sept 22nd -----

Sept 29th Breann & David A.

We will need a worship host on September 22nd; if you can help, please sign up in the church office.

Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts

Sept 15th Finance & Property

Sept 22nd UCW

Sept 29th Choir

Fall Flea Market

We are holding a Fall Flea Market on October 5th from 9am to 12pm and are looking for gently used items to be donated please. Set up will begin Thursday and Friday from noon on. Please check for items, ask your family, friends and neighbours for donations! We have the following tables in mind:

- books
- baked goods/fudge
- coffee/tea/snacks
- jewelry
- craft supplies
- Christmas items
- "free" items
- household items
- clothing
- kids' stuff

**last year's and this past April's flea market selling of assortments of partially used bottles was successful – we all from time to time have bottles of items that never end up getting using for whatever reason (shampoo, conditioner, hand creams, cleaners, etc.) Instead of throwing them out, we could sell them.

There will be tables available to sell items with a small donation to be made to the church. We also require volunteers to man tables. Any questions, please get in touch with Vivian, Rhonda or the church office. With your help, here's to a very successful flea market! Thank you!

Hurricane Dorian, a powerful category 5 hurricane, landed in the Bahamas in early September 2019 and left a trail of destruction. The slow-moving storm destroyed thousands of homes and left approximately 60,000 people without shelter.

As the scale of the destruction unfolds, The United Church of Canada is accepting funds to help with relief and reconstruction efforts, working with global partners the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA) and ACT Alliance (ACT). ACT's regional office in El Salvador is mobilizing a rapid assessment team in the Bahamas to assess humanitarian needs.

Please include the people of the Bahamas in your prayers as they face the long and difficult journey from emergency response to reconstruction and recovery. For donations in response, you can:

- Donate now online via our secure donation page: visit www.united-church.ca/hurricane-dorian-relief
- Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.
- 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—Caribbean Relief (Dorian)" on the face of your cheque – **thank you!**

Community Events

Eco-Justice Fair Hosted by KAIROS and the Anglican Diocese of NS & PEI

Saturday, September 14th from 10am to 3pm at All Saints Cathedral Hall, 1330 Cathedral Lane, Halifax
Drop-in or stay all day for displays and presentations, and show support for local environmental groups
For more information: endionspei@gmail.com

19th Wave Metro New Horizons Band Program

Sunday, September 15th starting at 1pm at the Woodlawn United Church Heritage Centre
An instrument demonstration and experimentation session; all welcome & no previous experience is necessary

DCMFPB (Dartmouth Christian Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast)

Tuesday, September 17th at 7am in the Dartmouth Seniors Service Centre at 45 Ochterloney Street
Guest speaker will be Joe DePenta, former NHL player and active churchman with Divine Renovation Ministry
All men are welcome to attend and are asked to register by no later than 10am on Monday, September 16th at www.dcmfpb.ca or call Bob at 902-210-0740; cost is \$10

Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Gift Sale

Saturday, September 21st from 9:30am to 4pm at Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit, 1 Regency Drive
Free admission; for more information: 902-463-6544

United Nations Day of Peace Celebration

Saturday, September 21st from 9:30am to 5pm at the Central Library, Halifax
Many activities for all ages, including yoga, meditation and a concert
For more information: www.facebook.com/events/637009943439943

Barra MacNeils Concert

Saturday, October 26th at 7pm at Eastern Shore District High School
In support of First United Church, Musquodoboit Harbour
Tickets: \$45 by calling 902-889-2359 or 902-891-0556 (Rev. Joan)

Upcoming Events at St. Paul's Church, 197 Windmill Road

Food Bingo

Saturday, September 14th & 28th and Saturday, October 5th & 26th from 2 to 4pm: \$10

Jewellery, Book and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 19th from 10am to 12pm

Halloween Loonie/Toonie Coffee House

Wednesday, October 30th from 7 to 9pm: \$2