

# Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters

## Weekly Announcements for September 8<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
Website	<a href="http://www.stairsmemorial.ca">www.stairsmemorial.ca</a>
Facebook	Stairs Memorial United Church <b>If you want to post to Facebook, please contact Trudy Van Rooyen.</b>

### Emergency Contact

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

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*A warm welcome to our Interim Minister Rev. Catherine MacDonald!*

### Vision of Ministry

My theological understanding of ministry is one of accompaniment. Jesus spent most of his ministry walking with people, sharing their lives, teaching and preaching, nudging, encouraging, comforting and challenging them. I have a vision of ministry that calls us all, young, old and in between, personally and communally, into transformed and transforming lives together.

As people in our communities are often third or fourth generations from church experience, I believe it is important to take Jesus' message out into the community, to open our doors and to enter other doors. I love creative worship & preaching, adult faith exploration, and working with congregations to find ways of reaching their potential and create a way forward.

I am excited and passionate about connecting the sacred and the arts. Sometimes that is through exploring God's world through photography, sometimes it is creating 'worship scapes' to enhance the spoken and sung message, sometimes it is through writing new words to familiar hymn tunes.

I am active on Facebook and Instagram and invite you to connect with me there; I also blog at [mywindowongodsworld.com](http://mywindowongodsworld.com). Email: [reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com](mailto:reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Services and Events

### **Spirit Café Music Night**

Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> & October 5<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com) or sign up on the sheet on the Communication Centre Bulletin Board.

### **Readers' Circle**

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

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### **Upcoming Worship Hosts**

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Betty K.

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> -----

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Breann & David A.

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

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### **Upcoming Coffeetime Hosts**

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Finance & Property

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> UCW

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Choir

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**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](http://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.

Note: As part of the United Church's Emergency Response Fund, 100% of your donation goes directly to emergency relief with 85% of your donation responding to this designated emergency and 15% responding to future emergencies that do not receive intense media coverage. Donations to Mission & Service enable the United Church to cover all of the costs of emergency response work without deducting any fees.

## Community Events

### **Taizé Prayer**

Today at 7 pm in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory  
Please use the St. Matthias Lane entrance; all are welcome

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

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:endionspei@gmail.com)

### **19<sup>th</sup> Wave Metro New Horizons Band Program**

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

### **Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Gift Sale**

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

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

#### **Food Bingo**

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

#### **Jewellery, Book and Bake Sale**

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm

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

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9pm: \$2