

# St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews



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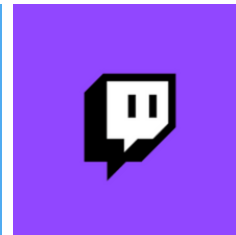
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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

News and Inspiration from St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, ON

Thursday June 15, 2023

We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am  
on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch & 100.3 FM  
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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship This Week - Sunday, June 18th Theme: Indigenous Sunday and Father's Day

This week we will be celebrating Father's Day and Indigenous Sunday. We will have some special prayers to honour those forefather's and mother's who first settled on this land we now call Canada. We give honour to those who are of indigenous heritage.

In the scriptures we will look at Genesis 18:1-15. This is the story about Abraham being called to be the father of Israel with his wife Sarah giving birth to a child at an advanced age. In this story we see new possibilities for the people of Israel. Abraham and his wife Sarah were the parents to many nations historically.

On Father's Day we think about what our father's did for us. We give thanks to the fathers in our lives and to those men who have had an influence on our life journey. In the service, we will explore the ways that fathers are a gift to us. Sunday will also be a special day for me as it's my birthday!

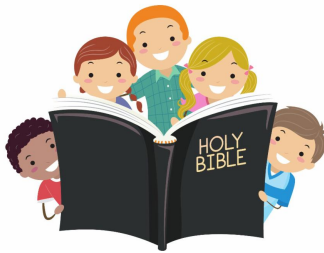
**Scripture Readings: Genesis 18: 1-15, Matthew 9:35-10:8**  
**Sermon: The Wisdom of Fathers!**

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## Scripture Summary

**Matthew 9:35-10:8**



Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

## Humour Corner

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates.

When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

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## Membership Announcements

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# You're Invited

Sunday, June 25th will be Rev. Grant William's last Sunday as our minister.

While we know many of you are enjoying our worship services online, we do hope that you will take this opportunity to join us in person to show our appreciation for 19 years of service to our faith community. Let's fill the pews!

There will be a light lunch following the service and a chance to speak with Grant.

## Photo Directory:

There will be a table set up each Sunday to take appointments for the photo sessions in August and October.

## Coffee Time:

Several of the membership team who have been arranging your coffee time refreshments will not be available on a regular basis in the summer. Beginning July 2nd we will be serving cold beverages and cookies only in the friendship room. With no coffee or tea involved this is an easier task. In order to facilitate this we need willing volunteers. Please see Colleen or Ginny. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Colleen  
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## STICKY RHUBARB PUDDING

From the kitchen's of David Baker & Lucy Oversby  
Any questions, call Lucy 905-877-9062



3 c rhubarb diced fine  
1 c all purpose flour  
2/3 c white sugar  
1/3 c. milk  
2/3 c. melted and cooled butter  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup icing sugar  
1 Tbsp cornstarch  
1 cup water

Preheat oven to 350 deg.  
Grease an 8 or 9 inch square pan and put rhubarb in bottom.  
2. Combine flour, sugar, milk and butter, baking powder, and vanilla. Stir til smooth.  
3. Pour over rhubarb and smooth evenly.  
4. In another bowl, combine icing sugar and cornstarch.  
5. Scoop mix evenly over top of rhubarb and batter.  
6. Pour 1 c. water over top.  
7. Bake 1 hour. Cool and serve with ice-cream



# St. Andrew's Announcements

## Congregational Survey

Don't forget to fill out our survey by June 19th!  
The St. Andrew's United Vision Team is looking for everyone's help in learning more about our congregation's needs and wants.  
Please check your email for the survey or contact the office if you need assistance.  
With your help we can chart a new path forward and make our church even more relevant for all generations, abilities, genders and orientations!



[Please click here to fill out the survey](#)

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We hope you can join us for our last  
community dinner until September!

**ST. ANDREW'S**  
**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

Friday, June 16th  
Doors Open @ 5:30 PM  
89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown

Supported by Community Donors and  
Free Will Offerings



## JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S BASEBALL TEAM

Once again St. Andrew's has a baseball team in the local church league. We play on Wednesday nights at 7 PM.

Come cheer on our team at our next game,  
Wednesday June 21st  
at the Conservation Baseball Diamond!

## Food Donations



Georgetown  
**BREAD BASKET**  
*Your local food bank*

The Georgetown Bread Basket is running low on food due to high demand. If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church.

Some of the most needed items include: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Juice Boxes, Crackers, Chicken Rice Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jam, Ketchup, Instant Coffee, Cereal, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter.



[Please click here for the full list of food items needed](#)

## Collecting Used Batteries

In support of Georgetown Hospital  
Volunteer Association

## Collecting Eyeglasses

In support of the Lions Club

## Collecting Pop Can Tabs

In support of the Shriners

## Collecting Used Pens

For proper recycling

> Drop off at the church,  
collection boxes are beside the photocopier



**United Church Mission & Service Fund**

## The Path toward Healing: Murray Pruden's Work

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relationship with."





Healing begins with truth and reconciliation.

In late October 2022, the federal government recognized the residential school system as an act of genocide against Canada's Indigenous Peoples. It was a reminder that we are still very much on the path to reconciliation and healing.

"We know that we have an impact as The United Church of Canada," says the Rev. Murray Pruden. He is Nehiyaw, Cree First Nations, from the Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake First Nations and is the current Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice for The United Church of Canada. Supported by [Mission & Service](#), Pruden has made significant gains in building relationships of trust and healing between the church and Indigenous communities.

After unmarked graves were discovered in Kamloops, BC, in 2021, the United Church gave an additional \$3 million to help Indigenous communities respond, mourn, heal, and potentially find other unmarked graves. Because we believe every child matters!

The funds also supported the dedication of memorials to lost children, like one for a BC community that raised a totem pole funded in part by Mission & Service.

Other healing initiatives include the translation of the Mohawk Language Bible, the Food for the North program, healing circles, and programs for Indigenous youth to learn and reclaim their languages.

Pruden stresses the need for patience.

"Ever since Kamloops, we had many non-Indigenous church communities and people ask what they can do or how can they contribute in different ways," he says. "And we at the time really kind of put our hands up and said, 'Whoa, we

need to pause for a minute because we need to mourn.'

"I think that we still have so much to give, to teach, and to be in relationship with. And as long as we have a greater understanding within the church and the supports, we can do it."

Relationships, friendships, understanding, and trust—these are the foundations of the work Mission & Service is doing across Turtle Island thanks to your generosity.

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Last week I was up in Temagami on the annual men's retreat. This year we commemorated the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the chapel on Island 198. Back in 2003 with Graeme and the men, they decided that a chapel should be built to make it easier to go to worship. In the first couple of years the church service was held on a smaller nearby island. So, in that year the men's club members took down some trees, cleared some brush and scattered wood chips to create a sacred place for worship. Rev. Ross Leckie, who was the St. Andrew's minister of the time, dedicated the chapel to God's glory. The chapel is truly a sacred place for worship and prayer. This year in our Sunday worship we remembered all those men's club members who have attended the retreat over the years and who have since died. It was a special moment of remembrance that was touching to us all. We give thanks to Graeme for inviting the men's group to his Island for the last 22 years. I have had the privilege to attend there for 19 years, minus the 2 covid years when we didn't gather.

This Sunday will be my second last Service at St. Andrew's as minister. On June 25th I will lead my last service here and I plan to take us all down memory lane for all we have accomplished together as a church family. 19 years is a long time to serve in one congregation and I am truly blessed to have the honour to be here as the minister.

I hope you all can come out and celebrate with us this week and next Sunday as we prepare to say goodbye officially. I will be staying in the community so it is very likely you will see me around, but it will be in a different role. Hope to see you soon.

Blessings,  
Grant

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**We have changed our email addresses!**

To contact us via email now please use:

**office@standrewsuc.ca or minister@standrewsuc.ca**

## WAYS TO GIVE



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**CANADA HELPS**

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Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. We acknowledge and thank the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory with us.



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