

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 9, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

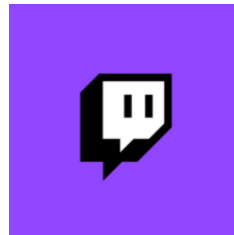


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Week - Sunday, October 12th

Thanksgiving Sunday
Creation Time 6 in the Season of Pentecost
Theme: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:4-9, Psalm 100 and John 6:25-35
Sermon: "Thanksgiving Table Talk"

Thank you to Mary Parsons for leading us in worship and to our volunteers this Sunday!

Scripture Reader: Marie McMaster

Coffee Time: Bill and Marie McMaster

Offering Counters: Linda McKinnon and Ross Yahiro

[Please click here to view this week's Order of Service](#)



Scripture Summary

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Humour Corner

Why did the turkey join the church choir?
Because he had the drumsticks for it!

Membership Announcements



Great News!

The Board of St. Andrew's is pleased to announce that, with the permission of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, Kate's ministry with us has been extended to June 30, 2026.

Joint Service and EAT Meeting

Our joint service with St. John's and Hillcrest was another joyful celebration. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies and helped in the kitchen last Sunday and those who came Saturday evening to set up tables. It is greatly appreciated.

There was positive feedback for our exploring amalgamation update. Reminder to write down any questions you may have for our upcoming town

hall.

Prayers of the People

Jackie Gray is home from hospital, receiving therapy and progressing well. We continue to think of Alex who is continuing rehab at home.

Thanksgiving Meal in a Bag Food Drive

Congratulations to Joanne for coming up with the Meal in a Bag initiative and for all who participated in making it a very successful event!

The next big event coming up is our largest fundraiser, the Christmas Craft Show on November 8th. Start thinking about how you can support this major event.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

"We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count."



If you have announcements, milestones to celebrate, or photos to share for next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

St. Andrew's Announcements



Looking for Volunteers



The sign up sheets for the fall are now posted outside of the sanctuary! We are looking for coffee time volunteers, scripture readers, and greeters.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, your help is greatly appreciated!

Circle of Friends

The 2nd, 4th, 5th Friday
of the Month

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, October 10th at
9:30 am in the Fellowship room



Saturday, October 11th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!



Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am

October 9th: Lesson 5 – 1 Samuel 25

Secure in the Lord – David, Nabal, and Abigail

Only time Abigail is mentioned in the Bible

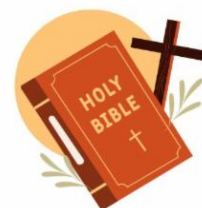
How to respond to those who mistreat us?

Men's Online Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00am on Zoom

First meeting October 27th

*'The Other Side of the River:
from Church Pew to Sweat Lodge'*



The Men's Study Group will begin to look at a new book, meeting over Zoom later this month, Mondays at 10:00 am. Our first gathering will be October 27. It

has been 10 years since Canada's Truth and Reconciliation pathway began. I suggest we look at *The Other Side of the River*, from Church Pew to Sweat Lodge, by Alf Dumont.

Alf served as a United Church minister for over 40 years. This book traces Alf's path as the son of a French Canadian-Irish father and an Indigenous mother from life in Parry Sound, on to Laurentian University, Sudbury, to Emmanuel College, Toronto and eventually to walk with the church bringing the indigenous voice forward. Alf Dumont walks between the two worlds of Indigenous and settler, traditional spirituality and Christianity. He shares stories of building bridges between these worlds. Dumont challenges the church to re-examine the theology behind its past decision around residential schools, so that it might live out the words of its apologies. He challenges the country to re-examine its responsibilities and relationships with Indigenous people. Through stories, humour, poetry, and shared insights we gain some access to Alf's journey, his unique spiritual views and a partial summary of the work of the United Church of Canada from the 1980s to 2020.

Please speak to Ross Leckie, 905-873-9808 for a copy of the book (also available as an ebook) and/or further information.



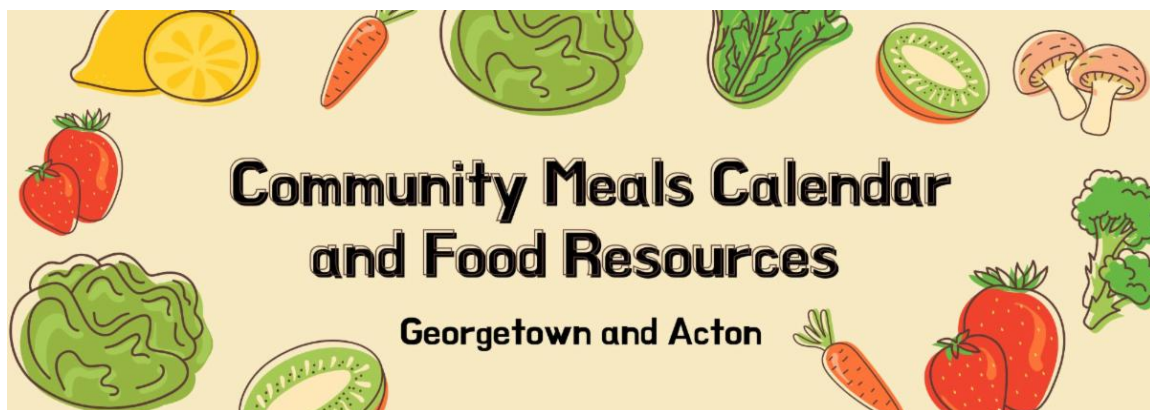
We are asking for donations for our silent auction and raffle! Items should be new or handmade or a gift of time such as handyman work, babysitting, etc. We are also looking for Business Donations - The best way to get donations is a good customer asking the business for a donation!

Your donations can be dropped off anytime now until Sunday, November 2nd. There are donation forms and a table set up for the donations at the end of the hallway outside of the office. All donations big or small help make this fundraising event successful and we thank you in advance for your generosity!



[Click here to visit our website and download the registration form](#)

Community Announcements



[Click here to view October's calendar, as well as more details about local food resources](#)



The UNITED 4 HOSPICE (U4H) team is comprised of volunteers from the four Georgetown United Churches (Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's) who are working as one to assist the Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF) with

its goal to build North Halton's first hospice residence on the current Hillcrest site. The U4H will be supporting and promoting two key TSF events to educate the wider Georgetown community about the purpose of a hospice and the Foundation's plan to build one to serve the residents of North Halton.

The first event is the Seventh Annual Candlelight Vigil Ceremony. It will be held on Thursday October 16 at 7 PM at Hillcrest United Church. The ceremony is a meaningful, intimate gathering hosted by the TSF to honour those who have gone before us and to express support for access to residential hospice palliative care in North Halton. Please join with others from across North Halton to affirm our need for a community hospice.



2025 Fall Yard Clean-up

Assisting families in need due to age, health or circumstance.

When: Saturday Nov 8th, 2025
Time: 8:15am to noon. Great Lunch after at Knox
Where: Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Road
Bring: Garden rakes, clippers, garden gloves, other small garden tools.

Please join us afterwards from 12:00 – 1:00 at Knox Presbyterian Church 116 Main Street for a time of fellowship, food and drink

If you can't rake, join us and be a "friendly visitor"

Should the date be rained out, homes will be assigned to individual churches to be completed at their convenience.

To volunteer or if you have a home in need please provide your church representative, Minister/Reverend or email to tic@chisintl.com with your name, cell number, email address and number in your group, or look for the Volunteer Form posted in your church.

"My husband and I were the fortunate recipients of your generous help. We will never be able to thank you and your volunteers enough for what you did for us. Please thank them for taking all that time from their busy lives to help us. People like them are a breath of fresh air in our community and a gift to humankind." *Homeowner*

"The couple were in bad shape physically and really appreciated the work and when we prayed she broke down and cried and that really touched me." *Yard Work Volunteer*

"This is one of the best, if not the best service provided in our community. Young people today are so busy that it is hard to get them to help, so this is a service that I am very grateful for. The combined efforts of the members of churches in our community, setting aside a day to help seniors is such a loving, generous service. Thank you." *Homeowner*



***"Local Churches Working Together
Making a Difference In Our Community"***



A JOURNEY OF HOPE



AN EVENING OF SONG

IN SUPPORT OF OUR AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Friday October 17, 2025



Presented by

**Choirs from Georgetown Churches
supporting GFORCE3**

With Special Guests

THE YOUNG AT HEART SINGERS & BAND (Erin)

THE OVER TONES INC. (Guelph)

and

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Where: HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH 14400 ARGYLL ROAD, GEORGETOWN

Date: Friday, October 17, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Admission : Adult: \$20.00 Children: \$10.00 Family: \$40.00

**Tickets: •at the door •from a GFORCE Rep • Mary Blackmore at
blackmodmcb@gmail.com**

50/50 DRAW ON CONCERT NIGHT

Organized by Georgetown Friends of Refugees Committee (GFORCE3)



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Preparing a Place of Healing

Credit: The United Church of Canada



United Church ministers serving in northern communities will soon gather at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre in Manitoba for a time of healing and renewal.

The Northern Indigenous Ministers retreat comes at a critical moment. These ministers carry extraordinary burdens: walking alongside communities devastated by loss, often among young people; leading funeral after funeral; and tending to the deep wounds of grief. This year's wildfires brought further hardship, forcing the retreat to be postponed until October. The need for rest and renewal has only grown.

Because of your incredible generosity through Mission and Service, the retreat will soon take place. Plans are in place for sharing circles where ministers can express what they've been carrying, gather for meals that nourish body and spirit, and engage in cultural practices like ribbon skirt making and beading that bring connection and joy. Massages and other healing activities will help restore strength and release long-held tension. Most importantly, ministers will be surrounded by peers, who understand the unique weight they bear and who can hold that burden alongside them.

The outpouring of support from across the church has been remarkable. Your generosity is creating a space where ministers, who are so often the ones offering care, can finally receive it themselves.

Our ministers will soon step away from the constant demands of ministry and into a circle of care, healing, and renewal. And when they return to their communities, they will carry back not only renewed strength but also the reminder that they are not alone.

Your compassion through Mission and Service makes this gathering possible. Thank you.

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We thank all those that continue to support our Church with your giving!



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Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

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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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