

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, January 8, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

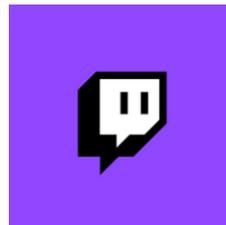


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St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Week:
Sunday, January 11th
10AM at St. John's United**

Join us this Sunday at St. John's for our Combined Worship Series! Both congregations will worship together in a joint service led by Rev. Kate Young. On the last Sunday of each month, each congregation will worship separately in their home church. We look forward to worshipping together and strengthening our shared community of faith.

At St. John's: January 11, 18

At St. Andrew's: January 25 led by Scott Martin



Humour Corner

A cat dies and goes to heaven.

God meets him at the gate and says, 'You have been a good cat all these years. You can have anything you desire, all you have to do is ask.'

Well,' said the cat, 'I lived all my life on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.'

'Say no more,' says God and instantly a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, six mice die and they go to heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer he made to the cat.

'All our life,' the mice say, 'we've had to run. Cats, dogs, women with brooms have chased us. If we had roller skates, we wouldn't have to run any more.'

God says he can take care of it and, instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

A week later God checks on the cat, which is asleep on its pillow. God gently nudges him awake and asks, 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?'

'Never been happier,' says the cat, stretching and yawning. 'And those meals on wheels you've been sending over are great.'

Membership Announcements

Volunteer Needed - Sunday January 18th!

We are looking for one greeter for Sunday, January 18th at St. John's United. If you are available, please email or call the office. We would greatly appreciate it! Thank you to Lorne for volunteering this Sunday and to Nora who volunteered the week before.

Looking for Toy and Board Game Donations!

If you have toys for ages 2-3 and board games for ages 4-12, we would greatly appreciate the use of them for our Sunday School run by Jean Leckie during worship at St. John's. Please contact Jean or the office. Thank you!

Out of Office

I will be out of office from January 12-16th. A big thank you to Christina for watching the phones and clothing room while I'm away!

Office hours next week will be Tuesday and Thursday 9am-12pm.

Thank you and have a great week!

Michelle

Kate's Announcements

At the worship service held on December 28th, Susan Whaley officially joined the congregation of St. Andrew's United Church, transferring membership from Wesley United Church in Welland, Ontario. Sue has been the music director at St. Andrew's since 1991, and we warmly welcome her officially to the congregation!

Beginning January 1st, Rev. Neil Young will be assisting the congregation of St. Paul's in Milton as their retired supply minister.

Kate and Neil thank all of you for the lovely cards and treats we received this Christmas. We are so blessed to be part of the St. Andrew's family.

Important Dates - Take Note

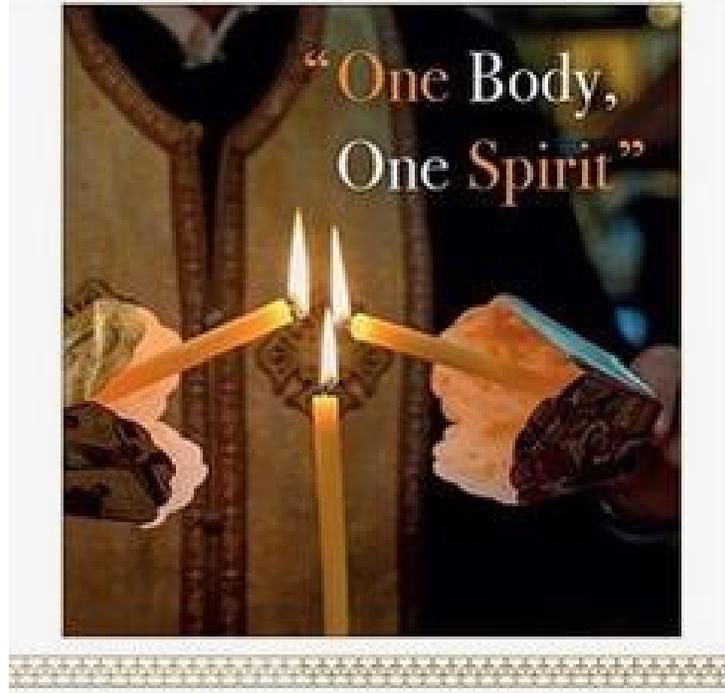
January 18th - Joint worship Service with Hillcrest, at St. John's. Kate will be covenanted with St. John's, and the Collaborative Shared Ministry Agreement will be officially signed. Following that service, the Exploring Amalgamation Teams from both congregations will highlight their work and bring recommendations as we move towards the Annual Meetings.

January 25th - Scott Martin is leading worship that day at St. Andrew's. Following worship, the Board will host a conversation facilitated by Kate as we approach the Annual Meeting and the amalgamation vote. This will be an opportunity to share hopes, address concerns, and ensure that everyone is informed about what is at stake going forward. Sandwiches and cookies will be available.

February 22nd - The Annual General Meeting will follow the service. More details to come.

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. John's Announcements



Combined Service - Sunday, January 18th - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

The members of Hillcrest UC will be joining St. Andrew's and St. John's for a combined service on Sun. Jan. 18 @ 10:00AM at St. John's UC. The theme for this year's Week for Prayer for Christian Unity is "One Body, One Spirit".

St. John's and St. Andrew's have entered into a Collaborative Ministry Agreement with Rev. Kate Young for six months (January to June 2026) and this service will include the blessing of a new Covenanting Agreement. Hillcrest United will also be in attendance. An update presentation from the EAT Committee concerning amalgamation discussions between St. Andrew's and St. John's will follow the service.

The St. Andrew's/St. John's Exploring Amalgamation Team (EAT) invites you to meet in Celebration Hall after the service for a visioning session. The joint table discussion will explore our congregations' thoughts and ideas about creating a new re-envisioned faith community. A new church that sees and supports the needs of the wider community and one that invites new members and families to feel connected.

Offering

St. Andrew's offering envelopes can be put right on the collection plates at St. John's. They will be separated after the service and counted by someone from St. Andrew's.

EV'S KITCHEN

11am to 1pm at St. John's United

Good food and Good Friends

The last Friday of the month, St. John's offers the community a free home-cooked lunch followed by fellowship. Small donations to help cover costs are gratefully received.

Upcoming Dates:

January 30	April 24
February 27	May 29
March 27	June 26

St. Andrew's Announcements



Weekly Bible Study

*Every Thursday at 10:00am
in the fellowship room*

Bible Study is back for the new year!
Newcomers are always welcome!

- We pray and we listen for God's voice through Scripture, reflection, and silence

Circle of Friends

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

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



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Friday, January 16th
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

ST. ANDREW'S
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown
Anyone wanting takeout
please contact the office by Thursday.

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Date Change: Saturday, January 17th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!

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OF THE YEAR



Angels United

Hillcrest • Norval • St. Andrew's • St. John's

Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:00PM Check-In Time

The United Churches will be walking together as one in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care.

Please use the QR code or go to the Angels United CNOY webpage to register.
Thank you for your support!



Please use the QR code to register or sponsor our team



Links2Care

Please click here to register or sponsor one of our walkers

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2025

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again!

To all Ministries, Committees, and Groups:

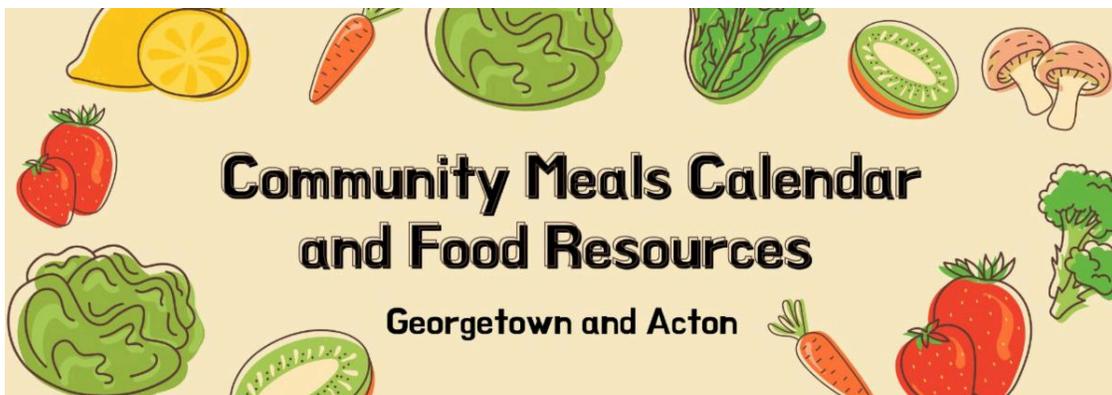
Please submit your reports for the 2025 Annual Report to the office by **Sunday, January 18th, 2026**.

Reports can be emailed to: office@standrewsuc.ca.

If your committee does not have a Chairperson, please assign a member (or members) to prepare the report. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the office. Thank you for your contributions!



Community Announcements



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

snacks and refreshments available



**GEORGETOWN YOUTH
HANGOUT**

FRI. JAN 9TH AT 7PM

PRISM HALTON & NORVAL UNITED CHURCH
14015 DANBY RD



**FOR 2SLGBTQIA+
YOUTH AND ALLIES**



Norval United Church is pleased to host a monthly safe space drop-in for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and allies from Georgetown and the surrounding area. This program is offered in partnership with PRISM and provides a supportive, welcoming environment for youth to connect with one another.

The drop-in takes place in the youth room at Norval United Church and is supervised by at least two adult allies with current police checks. Activities are casual and youth-led, typically including crafts, games, or other creative options based on the interests of those attending.

Events are usually held monthly on the first Friday, with details shared on social media. Our next drop-in will be held on January 9th. Please see the attached poster for event details and follow social media for future dates.



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Building on a Year of Care

Credit: The United Church of Canada



As we step into a new year, we pause to celebrate the faithful work of our Mission and Service partners around the world. These partners—farmers, educators, community leaders, and local organizations—are on the ground responding to needs, creating opportunities, and building stronger, more resilient communities.

Through your prayers and your support of Mission and Service, they are able to focus on what matters most. Financial support helps ease the practical challenges of running programs, providing meals, training leaders, and responding to emergencies. Your partnership allows them to carry out their work with steadiness and care.

As 2026 begins, our partners have already been looking ahead with intentionality and hope. They are preparing to support people seeking stability, respond to crises both local and global, strengthen communities, and equip people with the skills, confidence, and opportunities to thrive. Each partner continues to adapt and innovate, finding new ways to meet the needs of their communities today, while preparing for the challenges of tomorrow.

This year, and in the years to come, your support helps ensure that these efforts can continue. Together, we walk alongside partners who are living out God's call to justice, care, and hope—creating spaces where people are seen, supported, and empowered. As we look forward to 2026, we do so with gratitude for what has been achieved, and with intentional hope for all that is yet to come.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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