

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, December 4, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

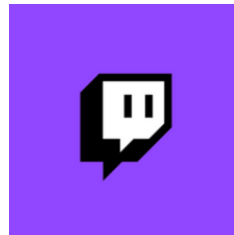


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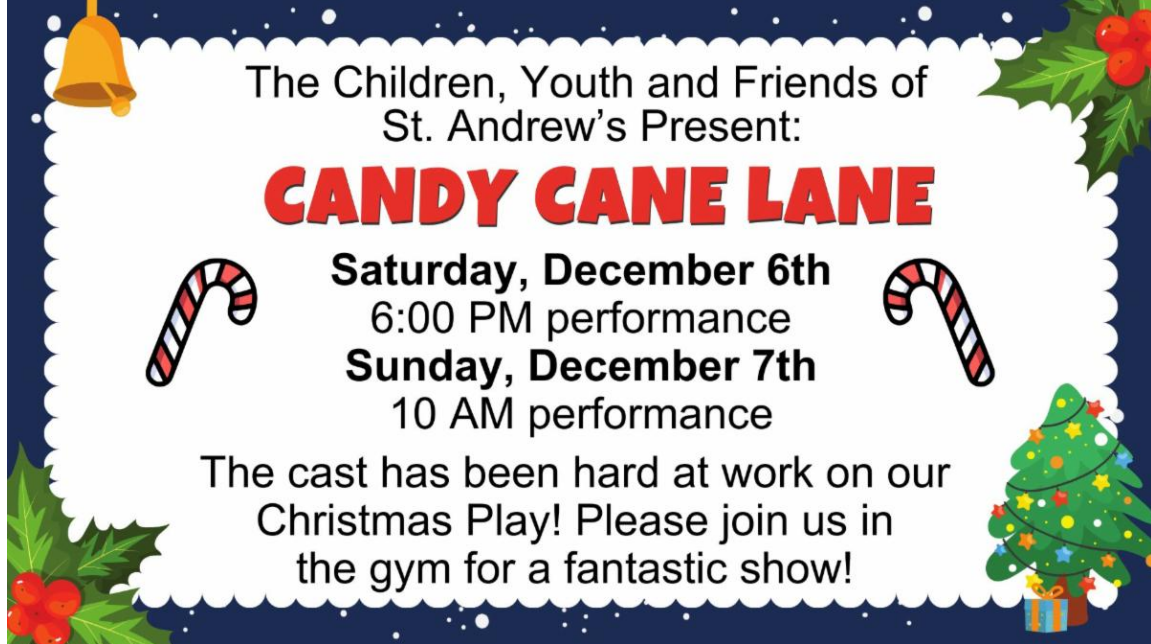
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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Week - Sunday, December 7th



Thank you to our volunteers and everyone participating in the service this week!

Advent Readers: The Whaley Family

Offering Counters: Susan Quirk and Ross Yahiro

Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

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



Scripture Summary

The light of lights is coming! Our God chooses not to rest in heaven casting down divine judgments, but is joining us in the human experience, to be carried in the womb of a woman, and to be born as we all are.

Humour Corner

Why was the Christmas tree an excellent actor?

It really knew how to spruce things up!

Membership Announcements

Sunday's Meeting Update

The Search Team announced the new ministerial arrangement to the

congregation after the service on November 30. 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). Each congregation will pay half of Rev. Kate's full-time salary. Services for both congregations will be held together at 10 am with the location alternating monthly between the two churches. On the last Sunday of each month, each congregation will worship separately in their home church with the format to be determined by each congregation (e.g., pulpit supply/lay leader/music Sunday).

- There are no changes to the employment contracts of any other church staff.
- As Rev. Kate will be responsible for the pastoral care of both congregations, a Pastoral Care Assistant will be hired for up to 10 hours/week. This cost will be shared equally between the two congregations.
- The Exploring Amalgamation Team (EAT) was not involved in this process. The EAT continues to prepare for both congregations' February Annual Meetings when there will be a vote regarding amalgamation.
- The potential to extend Rev. Kate's 6 month contract will be determined following the February Annual Meetings.

Missing Winter Boots!

Looking for a pair of black, lace up Merrell winter boots that were left at the church on Sunday. Please contact the office if found!

Looking for Photos!

Please email the office pictures of your crèches nativity scenes to be included in our Advent PowerPoint.

Prayers of the People

Keeping Al and Alex in our thoughts and prayers as they continue to navigate health issues.

Piano Free to a Good Home!

Please contact Sue Whaley or the office for more details.



In a world where the bombs are apt to fall,
"Peace" is a word that is dear to us all;
Like "trust" and "share", "forgiveness" and "love",
All of these words are inspired from above.
But "Peace" calls for harmony, sharing and trust,
Enabling structures and a rule that is just;
There's no room for vengeance or power or pride,
For they will most certainly cause choosing of sides.
The future is open, the past is received,
Forgiveness is certain, that's what we believe.
Peace comes when man can look deeper than skin,
Seeing the soul of the person within.
When reverence for life and equity reign,
When we deal seriously with hunger and pain,
When our pride is forgotten and trust is restored,
We will see meaning poured back in the word.

by Greg Howard about 1982

I had just written this poem some years ago, when I got talking with a neighbour whom I hadn't seen for a while. She explained to me that she had been involved in co-ordinating a Peace Conference that was to take place in Russia. When I told her that I had just written a poem on Peace she got very excited and asked to see it. I gave her a copy of this poem which she took with her and read in Moscow at the "International Conference on Peace" to demonstrate the universal concern of all global citizens as shown by an average person whom she happened to meet on the street of her hometown in Canada.

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



St. Andrew's Worship Schedule



November 30 - The First Sunday in Advent: Hope

December 7 - Christmas Play and

The Second Sunday in Advent: Peace

December 14 - Christmas Cantata

The Third Sunday in Advent: Joy

December 21 - The Fourth Sunday in Advent: Love

December 24 - 7pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Used Batteries

The program with the hospital is being discontinued. Please bring in your used batteries to the church by **Sunday, December 7th** in support of the Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association. Thank you!



Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am

Dec 4: The extant "The Gospel of the Birth of Mary"

A high level review and discussion on writings based on how some early "Christian Fathers" described the early life of Mary.

Dec 11: Key Nativity references in Matthew (chapters 1-2 & Luke chapters 1-2).



St. Andrew's Christmas Tree of Warmth & Food Drive

This year we are changing the "mitten" tree to the Tree Of Warmth. Starting Nov. 23rd the tree will once again be placed in the Fellowship Room. We are asking for mittens, scarves, hats, socks and other warm items for both children and adults alike. Gift cards are also welcome for places like Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, etc.

We will also be setting out boxes for the Christmas food drive. Last year we donated 328lbs of food and we are hoping to match that! Let's think outside of the box, baby food (not formula), pet food, etc. Cheques are also welcome as the food bank can use these in order to buy food wholesale. Gift cards are also welcome.

Please bring donations to the church by December 14th.

[Please click here to view the most needed food items](#)



Poinsettia Memorial Donations

For a minimum donation of \$10, you can dedicate a poinsettia in memoriam. The money will be used to decorate our sanctuary and any remaining donations will go into our general fund.

There are poinsettia Memorial Donation Envelopes on the Welcome Table.

We would appreciate having donations in by Sunday, December 14th

The St. Andrew's Choir Presents: ✨

I HEAR THE PROPHET CALLIN'

By Pepper Choplin

Sunday, December 14th at 10:00AM

A Musical Celebration at

St. Andrew's United Church ✨

Donations to the food bank gratefully accepted



ST. ANDREW'S FREE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, December 19th

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

We hope you can join us this month for a full Turkey dinner! With special performances from the Hillview Centre Band!

All are welcome!

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2025

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

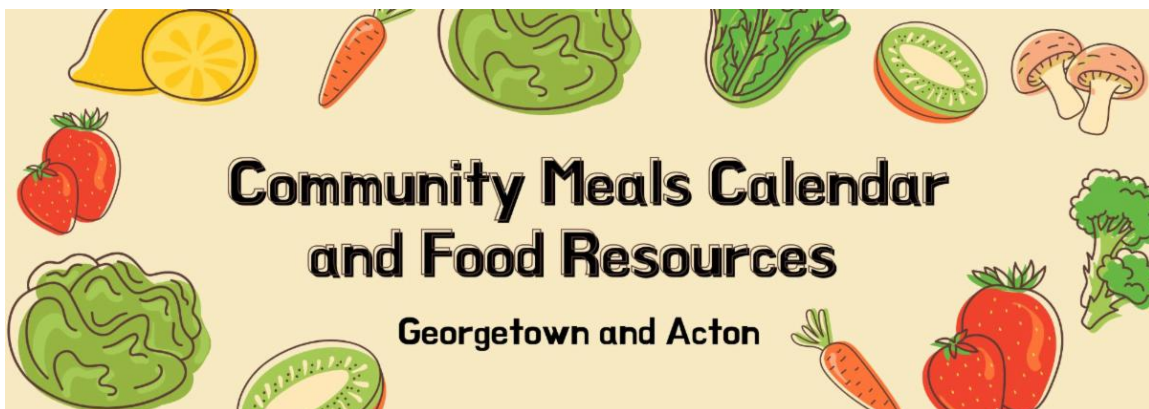
To all Ministries, Committees, and Groups:

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



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

THE CHOIR OF
ST. JOHN'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF GEORGETOWN &
GLEN WILLIAMS
PRESENTS

WITH A JOYFUL SOUND

Mark Peterson - Music Director

St. John's United
Church Choir and guests
are delighted to bring you
With a Joyful Sound
Monday, Dec. 15th, 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7pm, no reserved seating)

Tickets required for this event
Free tickets are available at
the church office (905-877-2531)
Monday(1:30pm - 6:30pm),
Tuesday(8:30am - 1:30pm),
closed Wednesdays,
Thursday(8:30am - 1:30pm),
Friday(1:30pm - 6:30pm).

The Sanctuary Concert Hall
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown

*A free will collection
will be donated to CARE
(Community Alliance Reaching Everyone)*



St. John's
United Church
of Georgetown and Glen Williams

Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Faithful Witness in a Time of Despair

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Palestinians in Gaza desperately seek aid amidst starvation.

The army surrounded us,” recalled 16-year-old Ramez. “We had nowhere to go. Either we move toward death, or we stay and risk dying. Either way, it’s death.”

For most children, childhood is a time to dream, go to school, play with friends, and imagine the future. But for children in Gaza, those simple dreams have been replaced by fear and survival.

Mission and Service partner Defense for Children International–Palestine (DCIP) shares that the situation in Gaza remains catastrophic. Families face famine, and the lack of access to clean water and medicine. Many have seen their homes bombed and are forced to live in tents or makeshift shelters. Parents spend hours in line each day for a small ration of bread or water, while children go hungry. Hospitals have run out of supplies, and schools have been reduced to rubble.

In interviews conducted by DCIP, children described their lives in stark, heartbreaking words. “We have no rights,” said one child. Fourteen-year-old Jana shared what life is like now: “We live in a tent. Every few days we have to move again. We spend hours waiting for water or food. Even to use the bathroom, we wait in line for hours. There’s no rest. We can’t go on like this.” These children have endured unimaginable hardship. Many have been displaced multiple times, separated from friends, and have lost their entire family. Hospitals have run out of medicine. Schools are destroyed. Safe water is rare. Hunger is constant.

And yet, through it all, DCIP continues its mission, documenting violations of children’s rights, amplifying the voices of those who have been silenced, and calling the international community to act. Their courage ensures that the world cannot look away.

Your gifts to Mission and Service help support organizations like DCIP, who stand beside children in Gaza with compassion and conviction. When you give, you help make sure their stories are heard, and that the call for justice and protection does not fade into silence.

This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to join in prayer and action for the children of Gaza. May every child one day live free from fear, with food on the table, a place to learn, and the chance to simply be a child again.

Because every child has the right to food, shelter, safety, and education.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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