

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, January 22, 2026

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

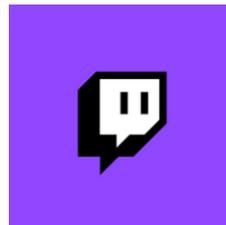


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## St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Week:  
Sunday, January 25th  
10AM at St. Andrew's**

Welcome back as we return to St. Andrew's this Sunday! On the last Sunday of each month, each congregation will worship separately in their home church. Thank you to Scott Martin for leading us in worship as we gather together again.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

**New Testament Reading:** Mathew 4: 12-23

**Message:** Today is your Lucky Day! Scott Martin, LLWL

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

**Scripture Reader:** Mark Heinmiller

**Greeters:** Nancy and Brian Heinmiller

**Offering Counters:** Linda McKinnon and Ross Yahiro

**Front Door Greeter:** Florence Riehl

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

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## Important Updates

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### **This Sunday, January 25th**

Following worship, the Board is hosting a conversation and Q&A about collaborative ministry and exploring amalgamation with Kate as the facilitator. This is your chance to share your hopes, address your concerns, and be informed about what is happening. Coffee Time will follow.

### **Amalgamation Vote Deferred**

After much deliberation, the Exploring Amalgamation Team has decided to defer the motion/vote scheduled to be held at the Annual General Meetings for both St. Andrew's UC and St. John's UC on February 22, 2026.

The work to be done is highly complex and more data and information is needed before any recommendation can be made to our Board/Council and congregations. EAT will continue to collect and analyze the varied pieces of data, not wishing to rush this important process. During this time of Collaborative Ministry, we view this as an excellent opportunity to continue to learn and work with each other within our two faith communities, building on the similarities and respecting the differences.

We look forward to an opportunity in the coming months to share our completed report. We wish to extend deep appreciation to all of those involved in the subcommittees for their time and valuable input into collecting information, and for the future work to be done.

### **Joint Ministry Collaborative Committee**

As you know, St. John's and St. Andrews have entered into a Collaborative Ministry Agreement for the next six months. This is a new experience for both Congregations and a Joint Ministry Collaborative Committee has been formed to assist in the transition. This committee meets regularly to discuss what is going well, what can be improved and ways we can improve our shared ministry.

With any new undertaking, feedback is important. Our committee encourages open discussions and dialogue for members of both our Congregations.

Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Joint Ministry Collaborative Committee and let us know your thoughts. Your comments will help to guide our committee's discussion and direction. We would like to hear any and all feedback, what we are doing well as well as areas for improvement.

The members of the Joint Ministry Collaborative Committee are:

Marlene Beitz  
Don Burt  
Jennifer Cardwell  
Don Thomson  
Joanne Wardle  
Mark Wyatt  
Rev. Kate Young

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## Humour Corner

After explaining the commandment to honour your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

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## Membership Announcements

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### Upcoming Worship Schedule:

January 25th-Worship at St. Andrews with Scott Martin  
February -Worship Collaboratively with Kate at St. Andrews  
February 22nd-Annual Meetings follow worship in both congregations

### Pastoral Care

To assist Kate in the Pastoral Care of two congregations, Ross Leckie has been contracted for 10 hours a week as part of the collaborative agreement between the two churches. We are grateful for Ross's willingness to serve during this time.

### Thank you - Annual Reports

A big thank you to everyone who has already submitted their annual report! If you haven't yet, there is still time! Please submit your report as soon as possible. Thank you!

### Coffee Time

St. John's will be joining us for worship and fellowship throughout the month. Calling all bakers to provide goodies for Sundays in February. Also if you are able to assist with coffee please check the sign up sheet. All help is most greatly appreciated.

*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.*

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## St. Andrew's Announcements

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### Looking for Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers for coffee time, scripture readers, and greeters! As well as greeters for the following month at St. John's. Please consider signing up on the sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary or contact the office.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

## Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting  
Friday, January 23rd at  
9:30 am in the Fellowship room



coldest  
\*night  
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



## **Walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year - Sat. Feb. 28, 2026**

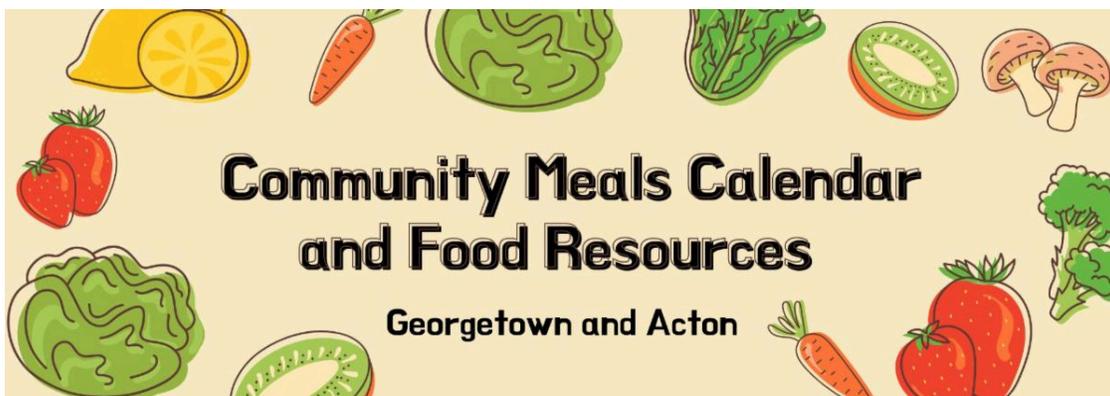
Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's will again be walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) under the team banner **Angels United**. Our team captain is Joanne Wardle from St. Andrew's. The 5KM & 2KM walk event will be held at 4:00PM on Sat. Feb. 28 at St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph St. St. Andrew's will be the rest stop. Please go to the **Angels United CNOY webpage**:

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[teamID=1039871](https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1039871) to sign-up as a walker, sponsor a registered walker, or donate to the team in general. All funds raised through the CNOY Georgetown Walk stay in the community and will be directed to the Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care. This is our first combined United Church outreach event for 2026. Your support is greatly appreciated!

[Please click here to register or sponsor one of our walkers](#)

## Community Announcements



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

### UCW Individual Registration

United Church Women (UCW) is a community of women committed to loving God, fostering Christian faith and spirituality, and promoting respect and love for all of God's creation. Open to any woman willing to contribute her prayers, gifts, and service to the work of the Church, UCW offers meaningful fellowship, networking, and opportunities for faith-based discussion and action. Individual registration is \$3.00. Please see the attached registration form for more information.

[Please click here to download the UCW Registration Form](#)

A banner for 'EV'S KITCHEN' featuring illustrations of a hand holding a spoon, a plate of food, and a hand holding a fork. The text is centered and includes the name of the event, the time and location, a tagline, a description of the event, and a list of upcoming dates.

## 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



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH'S

# Valentine's Day Tea

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

**Dine In: 11:30am and 1:00pm seatings**

**Take out: 11am to 1pm pickup**

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**Mountains of Service**

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*



If you ever travel to the northern mountains of India and meet a man named Surrender Singh, the first thing he'll do is invite you on a walk. Not a short stroll, but a real mountain trek. And the beauty of the Himalayas is only part of what he wants to show you.

With him as your guide, the trail becomes a story. Every bend holds a memory. Every village has a face he knows.

Many still call him "Singh san" from his time training at the Asian Rural Institute, a Mission and Service partner in Japan. For more than four decades, he has climbed these ridges. As you walk beside him, people call out greetings. He calls them by name. Someone brings tea. He digs in his pack and pulls out bananas or biscuits to share. And suddenly you're not just passing through—you're part of the conversation.

He'll point to a house and tell you how he once slept on the floor there while helping build a water pipeline with the Mussoorie Village Development Committee, the group he now leads. Another turn in the path, and he's showing you the school that has given local children a chance to learn close to home.

And then there are the women's groups. Surrender Singh lights up talking about them. He trained them in organic farming. Now they grow and sell their produce, earning steady incomes and strengthening their families and communities.

By the time you reach the end of the trail, you realize that you haven't just taken a hike. You've walked through the story of a life spent in gratitude and service to others.

Mission and Service partners like the Asian Rural Institute are where leaders like Surrender Singh gain the skills and confidence to transform their communities. When you support Mission and Service, you help grow this kind of leadership and community—the kind that takes root, spreads, and changes lives, one mountain path at a time.

In St. John's, NL, Hungry Heart Café & Catering is a place where good food and good hearts come together. For 18 years, this social enterprise of Mission and Service partner Stella's Circle has been serving the community while opening doors for people who face barriers to employment.

At Hungry Heart, every dish tells a story of learning and possibility. The café provides hands-on culinary training and real work experience for people who are rebuilding their lives. Many participants live with the impacts of mental health challenges, trauma, poverty, homelessness, or low literacy. Some are trying to re-enter the workforce after long absences.

What they find at Hungry Heart is a safe space to learn at their own pace. Staff offer mentorship, life-skills support, and steady encouragement. The goal isn't just to teach restaurant skills. It's to help people gain confidence, develop independence, and imagine a future where they can thrive.

Food security is another part of the café's mission. Through the Meals Squared program, customers can add a small donation to their bill. That donation goes directly toward providing nutritious meals to Stella's Circle participants and other neighbours who are experiencing hunger. It's a simple way to care for the community, one meal at a time.

And behind it all is Stella's Circle, a Mission and Service partner known for responding quickly to changing needs, and for creating programs that meet people where they are. Whether it's updating training opportunities, collaborating with community groups, or addressing rising food insecurity, the people at Stella's Circle continue to innovate so community members can receive the kind of support that makes a real and sustainable difference.

Through Mission and Service, your support helps strengthen Stella's Circle and the Hungry Heart Café, ensuring this community remains a place of opportunity, dignity, and good food shared with care. It's one way to come together to help people build skills, find stability, and move toward the futures they imagine for themselves, reflecting Christ's call to walk with one another in compassion and hope.

## WAYS TO GIVE

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



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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.



We would love to share our News from the Pews! Please feel free to share with a friend...



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