

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, April 30, 2026

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

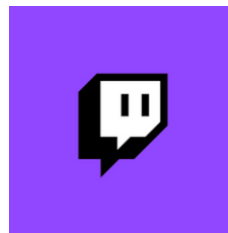


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**We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitch & 100.3 FM Click on the icons below to connect!**



## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship this Sunday, May 3rd 10:00 AM at St. John's UC

Join us this Sunday at St. John's for our Combined Worship Series! Both congregations will worship together in a joint service led by Mary Parsons. The service can also be watched live from St. Andrew's Facebook or YouTube page using the links above.

For the month of May, Combined Worship Services will be held at St. John's. On the last Sunday of the month, each congregation will worship separately in their home church. We look forward to worshipping together and strengthening our shared community of faith.

We will have boxes with our nametags at the front, we encourage everyone to please wear your nametags.

**Thank you to our volunteers this week!**

Greeters: Lorne MacLeod

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## Town Hall Meeting

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On Wednesday, May 6, at 7:00 pm, the Board will host a Town Hall Meeting in the Sanctuary.

The meeting will be a time to discuss and direct the board on ministerial leadership options going forward, past June 30th, 2026, when the collaborative agreement with two congregations and Kate ends.

Here are the options:

- a) Continue with a collaborative agreement
- b) Become a two-point charge
- c) Return to solo part-time or full-time ministry

Each option creates challenges and celebrations. It should be noted that envelope givings are \$8,000.00 less than budgeted for 2026.

The Board hopes to see you on May 6th. A Zoom option will be made available.

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## Humour Corner

Why couldn't the bicycle finish the fundraiser?

*Because it was two tired.*

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## Membership Announcements

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### **Greeter Needed for Sunday, May 17th**

We are looking for a greeter at St. John's on May 17th. If you are able to help, please contact the office! Thank you to everyone who signed up to greet this month!

**Pastoral Care**

Rev. Ross Leckie and Kate are providing pastoral care support under the collaborative agreement in place until June 30, 2026. If you would like a visit or know someone who is in need, please don't hesitate to reach out to either Ross or Kate.

*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

### COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| <u>WHEN</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>WHAT</u>          | <u>WHERE</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u>         | <u>WHO</u>   |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 3-May       | 10AM        |                      | ST. JOHN'S   | 11 GUELPH ST.          | MARY PARSONS |
| 10-May      | 10AM        | MOTHER'S DAY         | ST. JOHN'S   | 11 GUELPH ST.          | KATE YOUNG   |
| 17-May      | 10AM        | VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND | ST. JOHN'S   | 11 GUELPH ST.          | KATE YOUNG   |
| 24-May      | 10AM        |                      | ST. JOHN'S   | 11 GUELPH ST.          | KATE YOUNG   |
| 31-May      | 10AM        |                      | ST. ANDREW'S | 89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S. | MARY PARSONS |
| 31-May      | 10AM        |                      | ST. JOHN'S   | 11 GUELPH ST.          | WALTER REID  |
| 7-Jun       | 10AM        |                      | ST. ANDREW'S | 89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S. | MARY PARSONS |
| 14-Jun      | 10AM        |                      | ST. ANDREW'S | 89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S. | KATE YOUNG   |
| 21-Jun      | 10AM        | FATHER'S DAY         | ST. ANDREW'S | 89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S. | KATE YOUNG   |
| 28-Jun      | 10AM        |                      | ST. ANDREW'S | 89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S. | MARY PARSONS |
| 28-Jun      | 10AM        |                      | ST. JOHN'S   | 11 GUELPH ST.          | WALTER REID  |



## Weekly Bible Study

*Every Thursday at 10:00am  
in the Fellowship Room*

9 New Studies:  
Growing Older & Wiser  
All are welcome!



The United Churches of Georgetown  
Hillcrest • Norval • St. Andrew's • St. John's

## **HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2026**

**Saturday, May 2nd  
10 AM Check-in Time**

**Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Rd.**

The United Churches will be walking together as one in support of the Townsend Smith Foundation to raise funds to build North Halton's first hospice. Visit the link below to register or sponsor one of our walkers!

**Thank you for your support!**



The third annual Georgetown Hike for Hospice will be held this Saturday, May 2. There will be two walking routes (5 km and 2.5 km). Both routes will start and end at Norval United Church in Georgetown South.

The UNITED 4 HOSPICE (U4H) team is made up of volunteers from the four Georgetown Area United Churches who are working together to assist the Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF) with its goal to build the North Halton Hospice, the first hospice residence in our area.

Thank you to our registered walkers: Bill McMaster, Joanne Wardle, Ross Leckie, and Margaret, Ross and Michelle Yahiro! It's not too late to join our team!

Please click on the following link to the home page for our United for Hospice team.

- Donate to the team or scroll through the list of team members to donate to a specific team member
- Join our team and walk with us!

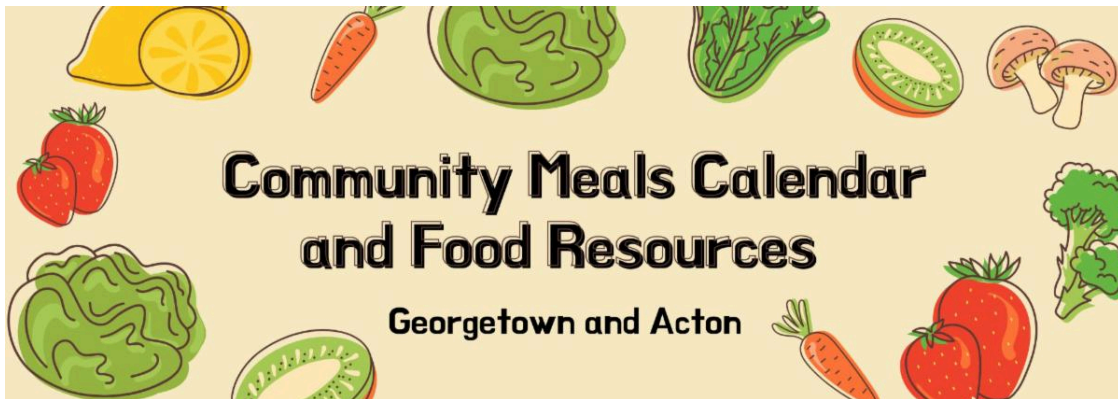
<https://townsendsmith.akaraisin.com/ui/Hike2026/t/e4a6aa681b9f4048b9405cb7d10dd9a2>

More information about the TSF and its work to build the North Halton Hospice can be found at the following link: <https://northhaltonhospice.ca/>

Any questions/want more information? Contact Sue Sibley  
(suesibley24@gmail.com OR 905 703 6422)

Please click here to register or sponsor a walker

## Community Announcements



Please click here to view May's calendar, as well as more details about local food resources



Dear 4th Georgetown Scouting Supporter,

We're excited to let you know that our **Spring Flower Basket fundraiser is back** for another season.

Thanks to your generosity last year, we raised **\$1,717.07**, which helped us purchase new dining shelters, camping tables, a three-burner stove, and additional tents. This equipment is already making a big difference, giving our growing group of youth more opportunities to enjoy meaningful outdoor adventures together.

This year, we're once again offering beautiful, vibrant hanging flower baskets, perfect for brightening up your home for spring while supporting local Scouting *and* local greenhouses.

**Important Dates:**

- **Order deadline: Friday, May 1**

• Order Pick-up: Saturday, May 23 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

📍 17 Poets Path, Georgetown

Every purchase helps us continue to deliver high-quality Scouting programs and unforgettable experiences for youth in our community.

Thank you again for your continued support; it truly makes a difference!

Warm Regards,

Vicky Spires aka Rainbow

4th Georgetown Scouting

[Click here to place your order online and please mention Lochlan](#)

Georgetown Horticultural Society's

# Plant Sale



## Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Inside The Gellert Centre  
10241 Eighth Line, Georgetown



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# STEM camp<sup>®</sup>

Registration for Summer Camp 2026 is OPEN!



STEM Camp is coming to a location near you for summer camp 2026! We can't wait for your camper to join us for Minecraft, LEGO, and messy, awesome FUN! For more information and to register, visit:

[www.stemcamp.ca](http://www.stemcamp.ca)

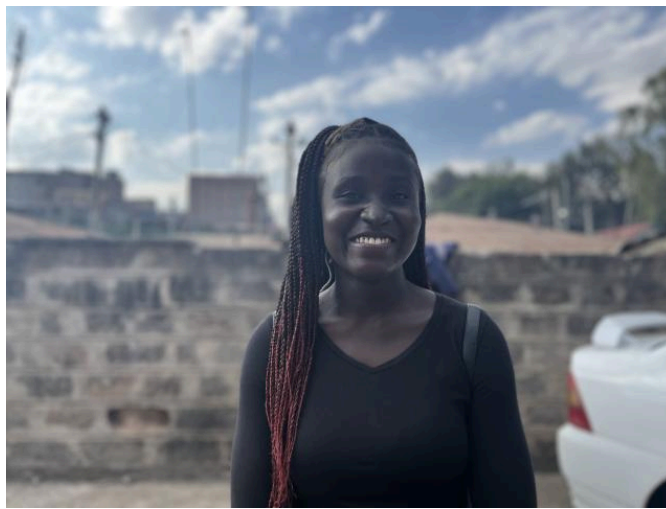
[Click here for more info on the St. Andrew's STEM Camp location](#)



United Church Mission & Service Fund

**Room to Speak, Space to Listen**

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*



On Wednesday afternoons, a group of young people come together to do something simple and powerful. They talk. These gatherings are part of a mentorship and mental health program through the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK). For many of the youth who take part, it's one of the few places where they feel safe enough to share what they're thinking and experiencing.

Christine now leads these conversations as a mentor, but her journey to this moment began in a similar circle, as someone seeking support herself. In Kenya, young people are expected to grow up fast. By age 15, they may be seen as old enough to handle life on their own. But the reality is hard—youth may not get the encouragement or support they need. Some may leave school early, often because of teen pregnancy, the need to work, or lack of access to education in general. And showing emotion—crying, opening up—can be seen as weakness.

Christine knows this reality firsthand. When struggles go unspoken, young people can feel completely alone. Youth suicide is a real and painful reality. She once carried burdens in silence, feeling the weight of expectations without a safe space to share what she was experiencing.

Then she found the NCCCK mentorship program.

In those Wednesday gatherings, Christine discovered something she had been missing: a place where she could speak freely, where her thoughts and feelings mattered. "Mental health means feeling safe enough to express your thoughts and feelings," she now explains with the clarity of someone who has lived it. "Talking it out is the best way out."

The support she received didn't just help her survive—it transformed her. "It's been one of my dreams to be there for someone," she shares. That dream became her reality.

Today, Christine mentors 40 young people through the UCC youth mentorship program. She brings to each session the understanding of someone who has sat in their seats, who knows what it means to need someone to listen. As a mother, she practices intentional parenting—encouraging confidence, conversation, and honesty with her own daughter. She's become the person she once needed.

Her advice to the young people she mentors comes from experience:

"Embrace the support if you have someone."

Christine envisions building a community of young people who can support one another, breaking the cycles of silence that too often lead to isolation and despair. Through her journey from mentee to mentor, she's proving that healing isn't just personal—it multiplies.

Through Mission and Service partner the National Council of Churches of Kenya, Christine and her community are creating spaces for young people to be heard and reminding them that they matter. When we support Mission and Service, we are helping make spaces like this possible—places where listening leads to hope, and where young people don't have to face everything alone. Let's be the community that shows up. By giving to Mission and Service, we stand with young people in Kenya and around the world, helping ensure that safe circles continue, mentors are trained, and hope keeps multiplying.

## WAYS TO GIVE

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



**CASH & CHEQUE**



**CANADA HELPS**




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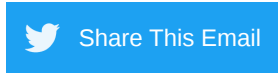
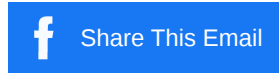
Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

*Sent with love* 

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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