# **NEWS FROM THE PEWS...**

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





#### **Scripture Summary**



'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment.

#### **Humour Corner**

Why can't skeletons play church music? Because they have no organs.

# **Membership Announcements**

Congratulations to those people who wrote the safe food handling exam and are now certified. This means that at all church events when we are serving food to the public, we are covered as per health regulations. We have also passed our kitchen inspection.

Reminder: to members and families that the hospital does not notify the church when someone is admitted. If you wish to have a pastoral visit you must let the office know.

Revs. Ross and Jean Leckie are currently responding to *urgent* pastoral care needs. They can be reached at 905-873-9808 or by contacting the office at 905-877-4482. For requests for non urgent pastoral visits or calls a member of the pastoral care team can be reached by contacting the office.

Pastor Sue Cowan will be covering for urgent pastoral care requests October 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

We have now completed taking photographs for the photo directory. Thank you to all who participated. Those who have opted to submit a photo must do so by Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation for quality is a file size of at least 1mb (i.e. 1000 kb) to meet the directory standards. Please send your photo to

the office as an attachment or bring in the original and we will scan it. Thank you to the membership team who assisted with booking appointments and checking people in. Thank you to Michelle for setting up the online booking that saved us a huge amount of time and to Margaret Yahiro for assisting the photographer and for getting photos of our groups and activities. Also, a big thank you to Colleen Armstrong for organizing the photo directory (it wouldn't have happened without her.)!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Wilf and Jackie Gray this week as they travel to Vancouver to be with their daughter Angie on the death of her husband David.

# In Memoriam - Fran Trowbridge

Visitation at Jones Funeral Home, Sun. Oct. 29th from 1-3 p.m. and 10-11 a.m. on Mon. Oct. 30th, Funeral service to follow at 11 a.m.

Fran passed peacefully on October 24, 2023. Fran will be deeply missed by our church family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.

Please click here to view the full obituary and share a memory on her tribute wall

### In Memory of David and Agnes Taylor



Alison Taylor informs us that a memorial tree has been planted in Joseph Gibbons Park in memory of her parents, David and Agnes Taylor.

October at St. Andrew's











### **St. Andrew's Announcements**

#### All Saints Sunday - Sunday, October 29th

Please join us as we celebrate All Saints Day, a day to honour the saints of the church in heaven. We will be lighting candles in remembrance and in celebration of those who have passed that have helped us with our faith and life journeys.

# **Weekly Bible Study**

10am every Thursday Letter to Timothy Invite your friends. Add to your spiritual journey.

# Men's Online Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00 am to 11:30 am Contact Rev. Ross Leckie for more details.



Looking for Volunteers for Coffee Time and Scripture Reading



Please consider signing up on the sign up schedule outside of the sanctuary or contact the office. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



#### DONATIONS REQUESTED (PERSONAL AND BUSINESS)

There will be a silent auction and raffle table during this event on November 18th and once again, we are asking for donations. 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. **If there are any businesses that you have contacts for**, we would appreciate any donations from businesses for the craft show since we no longer are holding our Spring Auction.

Your donations can be dropped off anytime now until November 12th, 2023. There are donation forms available (personal and business) and a table set up for the donations at the end of the hallway outside of the offices. Please make sure a donation form is fully filled out for each item being donated.

All donations big or small help make this fundraising event successful and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### **BAKE SALE**

Once again we are having a Bake sale at the Christmas Craft Show! We are again asking all the fantastic bakers of St. Andrew's to make ANY kind of baked goods to sell. Cookies, cakes, loaves, pies, tarts, squares (Christmas squares would be wonderful for this time of year!), etc. would be gratefully accepted. We would appreciate receiving the baked goods by 1:00 pm on

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to give the volunteers time to plate and price them.

#### VENDORS

There are still a few vendor tables available.

Saturday Nov 4th, 2023, 8:15am to noon. Meet at St. Andrew's United Please join us afterwards from 12:00–1:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church for lunch. Visit our bulletin board to sign up to volunteer or if you would like assistance with your yard clean-up!

Community Unity - Fall Yard Clean-up Assisting families in need due to age, health or circumstance. When: Saturday, November 4th, 2023 Time: 8:15am to noon.
Where: Meet at St. Andrew's United, 89 Mountainview Road South
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

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 speak with our church representative, Rev. Ross Leckie or email to tjc@chisintl.com with your name, cell number, email address and number in your group, or look for the Volunteer Form posted on our bulletin board.

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

## **Community Announcements**



Please click here to support the Scout's Fundraiser

THE COLOR - No Greater Love Tour is coming to Bethel Church, 365 Queen St, Acton, on Fri Oct 27th at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$12.50 for group tickets (4 or more) if bought at: www.thecoloronline.com under "tour". Contact Shannon Furzer at communitylife@actoncrc.com for physical tickets at \$10/each if picked up at the church before Oct. 27. For more info., contact Shannon. Hope you can join us!





It's that time again! Each year, Links2Care, with the help of generous individual, group and business sponsors, distributes gift bags filled with new pajamas, toiletries and other items to eligible Halton Hills families with children 0–18 years of age.

Please click here for more details

# GEMS Annual Bazaar

# 365 Queen St. Acton

# Saturday, Nov 4 10-1pm

Come out and support our GEMS! Enjoy a hot lunch while you shop our white elephant table, wonder local vendors or try your luck at our raffle table. Games and small activities will be provided for kids, including cookie decorating, grab barrel, face painting and more. **Grace United Church** 

# Chrístmas Tea & Craft Sale

# Something for everyone!

Baking, Sewing, Deli, Crafts, Treasure Table, New to You, Jewellery, and more ...

Have your picture taken with The Sugar Plum Fairy!

> Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 156 Main St. N., Brampton

### Grace Café serving lunch and snacks.

For information: Call the Church office 905-451-1215



# Empowering Women of the Past, Present, and Future

When Silpa started her first degree, she spent two years as the only woman in a class of 16. Credit: The United Church of Canada



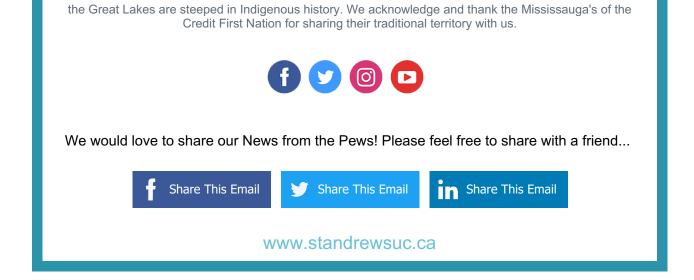
In India, various social and cultural factors have resulted in limited access to theological education for women in comparison to men. The Rev. B. Silpa Rani is actively encouraging women to pursue theological education and engage in leadership roles.

When Silpa started her first degree in Theology, she spent two years as the only woman in a class of 16. Now, years later, as she works on her doctoral dissertation, she has seen a gradual increase in the enrolment of women in theological programs. While this is encouraging, Silpa recognizes that there is still a long journey forward. While she seeks to empower modern women, she is also working to shed light on the experiences of women and minorities of the past.

Silpa is the recipient of a theological education scholarship, which has paved her way forward to eventually join the faculty at Bishop's College, Kolkata. Currently, she is exploring the unique identity of the Qumran community within the context of the Dead Sea Scrolls. She is actively researching to identify the women, children, and minority groups of the society, drawing parallels between the Qumran context and contemporary Indian context.

Your <u>Mission and Service</u> gifts provide support to leaders like Silpa, who are actively working to empower women and change the world.





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