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

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

Thursday, April 3, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews





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 Week - Sunday, April 6th

The 5th Sunday of Lent

The Responsive Psalm: Psalm 126 VU 850 Refrain #1

The Gospel: John 12:1-8
The Sermon: 'A Gift'

Thank you to our volunteers this Sunday!

Greeters: Margaret and Earl Pepper Scripture Reader: Mark Heinmiller Coffee Time: Joe and Lois Oatman

Please click here to view the Order of Service



#### **Scripture Summary**

When God brought Zion's captives home, it seemed to us like a dream. But then our mouths were full of laughter, and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.

#### **Humour Corner**

A father went to the pet store to buy an Easter pet for his daughter and he was looking at the chicks and bunnies. He decided to buy the chick because it was "cheeper."

# **Membership Announcements**

#### **Easter Offering Envelopes**

Easter offering envelopes are now available on the welcome table. Thank you for your support!

#### **Out of the Cold**

Out Of the Cold Georgetown has finished its third season of helping the homeless and shelter-insecure folks of Georgetown and its greater area have a warm place to sleep during the cold months of winter. A big thank you to all of the volunteers from St. Andrew's!

#### **Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for Coffee Time and as Greeters. Please consider signing up on the sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

If you have announcements to share or milestones to celebrate in next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

## St. Andrew's Announcements



# **Easter Services**



#### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 13th at 10:00 am

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm We will be welcoming all of the United Churches in Georgetown and share in communion.

#### **Good Friday**

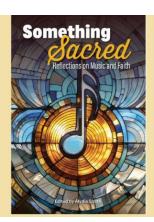
Friday, April 18th at 10:00 am

#### **Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday, April 20th at 8:00 am. Joint service, location & details to follow.

#### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 20th at 10:00 am with communion.



# **A Lenten Study**

7:00pm on Monday Evenings March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st; April 7 and 14th

Join Kate for one hour 6 Monday evenings as we explore together how the power of music can deepen our connection to God and form us as disciples of Christ. March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st; April 7 and 14th.

Using the book Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith as our guide, we will spend time each week reflecting on how music has shaped our spiritual life.

Topic: LENTEN STUDY

Time: April 7, 2025 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, 6 occurrence(s)

Meeting ID: 871 1287 1915

Passcode: 425491

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87112871915?

pwd=uRHK7xgVQDWi5poZvNnTGsPhXjXUCA.1

Please click here to read 'A Song of Faith'

Please click here to join the meeting

# **Weekly Bible Study**

Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room

The Letter of Paul to the Romans
Lesson Thirteen, Romans 9:30-10:21
Misguided Zeal
To consider Israeli's unbelief from the

standpoint of human responsibility.



# PALM SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 13th

If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church.

Thank you for your support!

#### **Most Needed Food Items**

- Canned Salmon
- Cookies
- Coffee brew or instant
- Flakes of ham
- Juice 1L and juice boxes
- Sugar
- Syrup

#### **Needed Food Items**

- Canned fruit
- Cookies
- Fruit cups
- Pudding cups
- Spices and cooking sauces



# St. Andrew's Bible Study Presents:

# An Easter Challenge

From now until Easter Sunday, April 20th, please consider making a donation to our Church Bank, "The Spirit of St. Andrew's"

At coffee time, you can submit your guess of the church bank total and your selected charity.

One guess per person please. The closest one to the final total on April 20th wins!

We invite you to join us for a Potluck Luncheon following the service on Sunday, April 27th where we will announce the winner and chosen charity.

The winner will declare their choice of Charity from the published list of local charities and the bible study group will present a cheque to the named charity on behalf of St. Andrew's.



#### **Local Charities:**

- Georgetown Hospital Foundation
- · Cancer Assistance Halton Hills
- Links2Care
- Georgetown Bread Basket
- GFORCe3
- Townsend Smith Foundation
- Food4Kids Halton
- Upper Credit Humane Society
- Local families

\*winner does not receive any money, all proceeds collected will be donated to a local charity



HIKE FOR HOSPICE - We are walking to raise funds to build a hospice! Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's United Churches along with other community reps will be walking as one team UNITED4HOSPICE, for a second year in a row to raise funds to build a hospice. The annual Hike for Hospice is set for Sat. May 3, 2025 at 10:00AM. There will be accessible and visible 5km and 2.5km routes running through Georgetown South, with Norval United Church serving as our start/finish location. Your support as a walker, sponsor or volunteer will help the Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF) build a hospice for North Halton. <a href="https://townsend-smith.ca/hike4hospice/">https://townsend-smith.ca/hike4hospice/</a>

#### Join as a Volunteer

We need a cadre of 45 volunteers from the 4 congregations to run the event on May 3rd at Norval UC. We could use your help with the Hike Route (serving as guides along the street route to provide safety and encouragement to walkers), Inside (checking-in and welcoming walkers), Outside (welcoming walkers, directing parking and assisting with outside activities).

Please contact Jean Leckie (<u>j.leckie1@sympatico.ca</u>) before April 22, 2025 to let her know how you would like to volunteer on hike day.

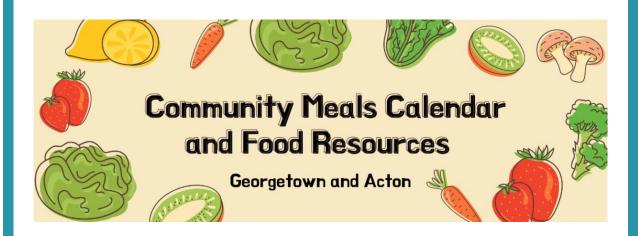
#### Join as a Walker or Sponsor someone else

It is time to build our team! We are inviting you to join the **UNITED4HOSPICE** team by signing-up as a walker or by sponsoring a familiar name from St. Andrew's. Please encourage your friends, neighbours, relatives and co-workers to sign up and join us on hike day.

You can register to be a walker, sponsor someone else, or donate to our team in general by using the **U4H** team's direct link <a href="https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WgJK3">https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WgJK3</a>

Please click here to join our team or sponsor a walker

## **Community Announcements**



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







# Easter Basket Brigade Saturday April 5, 2025

We are 2 days away from our 2025 event andwe are a long way from matching our fund-raising goal from last year and an even bigger need from our Community/Neighbours for assistance...

2024 and as we move into 2025 has been a time where with the continuing war in the Ukraine, hope for peace in the Holy Land in Israel/Palestine but also for our neighbours here in our world are calling out for our hand to comfort them. This is a year where we together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in the World and in Halton Hills...but it only happens with action and it has begun at the top – with God. Jesus has chosen you as "His Hands/Heart" and calls each and every one of us to walk in his ways, and together we are taking a beautiful step in our journey in his name.

#### Request:

In conjunction with the Georgetown BreadBasket, Community Unity has identified approx 225 Families in need of Groceries in the Halton Hills area and will be convening **Saturday April** 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 **AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. We are suggesting our Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by ideally purchasing (2) \$50.00 Grocery **Gift Cards** and also writing an **Easter Card** to the family and share God's love between us... Any size of donation is greatly appreciated and please forward all Cards, Donations and Easter Cards to your Church Representative.

Let's keep the message moving forward that as a "Christian Community" we need to pull together in times and are called by Jesus to love and help thy neighbour.

Please click here to make a donation, watch the video, or get more information

On behalf of your Community Unity Team! Timothy Chisholm tjc@chisintl.com Executive Director Easter Basket Brigade Chair - Community Unity – Halton Hills



Presented by the Georgetown Bach Chorale
The Rose Chamber Orchestra directed by Samuel Tam
Piano Soloist Ron Greidanus



## CONCERT DETAILS

Enjoy a beautiful performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto in C Minor with orchestra, followed by Mozart's Mass in C Minor with double choir, full orchestra, and soloists. Tickets are available for purchase at *georgetownbachchorale.com*, from Ron Greidanus (905-873-9909), and at Foodstuffs: 89 Main St. S, Georgetown, (905-877-6569).

Friday, April 11th, 2025, 7:30 p.m. Christ Church Brampton 4 Elizabeth Street, Brampton Adult: \$45 Student: \$15



Saturday, April 12th, 2025, 7:30 p.m. The Sanctuary Concert Hall St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph Street, Georgetown Adult: \$45 Student: \$15

Facebook.com/GeorgetownBachChorale/

GeorgetownBachChorale.com

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"Words are hard to find that adequately describe the concert I experienced today by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir. It lifted my spirits, brought me to tears, gave me goosebumps and cleared the heavy sadness I've been feeling lately from my heart and the confused fog from my mind."

CONCERT ATTENDEE FROM EXETER ON, 2024

# Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir



**Tickets \$50** Concert tickets are available in person at the Church or order by phone at 905 877 6122, or email office@norvalunited.ca.

Light refreshments, beer and wine will be available for purchase during the intermission and after the concert.



Saturday April 26, 2025, from 7 to 9 pm. I Doors open at 6:30 Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Road, Georgetown.

For more information go to: http://norvalunited.ca/news/



#### **GFORCe3 Rental Request**

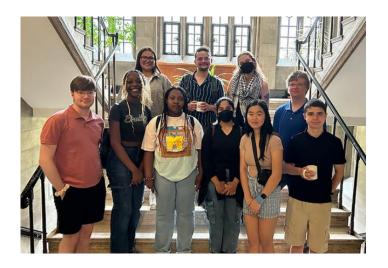
GFORCe3 (The Georgetown Friends of Refugee Committee) is currently looking for a three Bedroom Apartment at a reasonable rent for our Afghan Refugee Family. Hopefully, this rental apartment would be close to Downtown Georgetown or the GO Bus. If you are aware of such a facility or know of an upcoming three-bedroom vacancy, please forward your information to Susan Tupling at 416-200-8675 or Dennis McLay at 905-877-2948.



## The Next Century: Youth Leading the Way

Talented and diverse youth are committed to developing leadership among their peers.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



"100 years from now, I definitely see the church being a diverse and open space for all because of the program boards that are being put in place." These are thoughts from Mariana Muhumuza, one of The United Church of Canada's Youth Forum Leadership Animators, on her vision for the next 100 years of the United Church of Canada. More of Mariana's thoughts on the United Church's Centennial can be found on YouTube.

In July 2024, Mariana was among eight passionate youth from across Canada who gathered in Calgary. Together, they worked to lay the foundation for 100 young people under the age of 30 to attend The United Church of Canada's General Council 45 in 2025, coinciding with the church's Centennial commemorations.

This group of talented and diverse youth is committed to developing leadership among their peers. After their time in Calgary, they returned to their local communities and regions to work on learning goals and projects for four weeks, and to remain engaged throughout the year.

The group focused on building leadership and guiding their peers as they explore their roles in the church. Their placements in local and regional communities are designed to help them grow and prepare for the future.

Your gifts to <u>Mission and Service</u> support youth as they inspire communities and engage in leadership. Thank you.

# **WAYS TO GIVE**

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







**CANADA HELPS** 



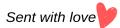
**SCAN ME for more details** 



ETRANSFERS TO standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com



Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001



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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