

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

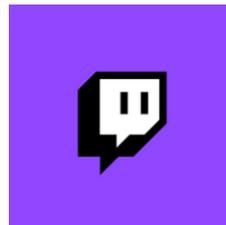


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**We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am
on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitch & 100.3 FM
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St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Week:
Sunday, March 8th
10AM at St. John's**

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

For the month of March, all Combined Worship Services will be held at St. John's. 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: Ginny Morecroft and Ralph Challice



Humour Corner

Why do they pick the weekend for Daylight Saving Time changes?

Because the other days are WEAKdays

Membership Announcements



Spring Forward!

March 8th at 2:00am
Daylight Savings Time begins!
Don't forget to set your clocks
1 hour ahead!

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.

Prayers of the People

We continue to keep Joan, Alex, Linda and others in our prayers for continued healing.

A Lenten Song

A poem written
by Greg Howard



Will you sing with me friend, come join in the song,
We will all sing along for a while.
Sing praises to God who has given us life
And beckons to us with a smile.

Break bread with your friends, share your life with the ones,
Who cry out for help every day.
Have your eyes tuned to see, where there's hurting and pain
Help the ones that you meet on the way.

For they are the ones where the Christ can be found,
Life's asking assistance of thee.
Can you help in this way, at this time, on this day,
It's my hands I ask you to be.

Without you my child my hands are quite tied,
For it's you who can do my will now.
I've given you life and the freedom to choose,
Will you come to me humbly and bow.

I need your help child in a world full of pain,
I need you to carry a light.
I need your deep care, your compassion, your mind,
Your sense of what's wrong and what's right.

Will you give me a hand to bring peace on this earth,
Will you let me give strength to you son,
Will you bind up the wounds in the ones that you meet,
Will you be my cherished, my one?

At this time of the year, as the cross looms ahead,
Winter dragging its heels and us down.
There's prospects of Spring and new life, so rejoice,
Our Christ won't be kept in the ground.

He's living I say, He's alive every day,
He is active in you and in me.
In the words that He spoke to the crowd from a hill,
"In these whom you help, there I be".

We thank you our Christ, that you give us a chance,
To share the good news of your life.
It's how we accept the hand we've been dealt
You've not said that there'd be no strife.

Give us strength for the task, give us food every day,
Guide our feet when it's dark in the night,
Give us wisdom to know and the courage to do,
The thing at this time that is right.

Let us all sing again of our wonderful God,
Who has given us life and we're free.
Rejoice that the One who has given us life,
Will sustain, keep and love even me.

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>
01-Mar	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
08-Mar	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
15-Mar	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
22-Mar	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
29-Mar	10AM	PALM SUNDAY	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
02-Apr	7PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
03-Apr	10AM	GOOD FRIDAY	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
05-Apr	10AM	EASTER SUNDAY	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
05-Apr	10AM	EASTER SUNDAY	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	ROSS LECKIE
12-Apr	10AM		St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
19-Apr	10AM		St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
26-Apr	10:30AM	HOSPICE SUNDAY	HILLCREST	8958 TRAFALGAR ROAD	KATE YOUNG
03-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		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
07-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



The Coldest Night of the Year Walk for Links2 Care and the Georgetown Bread Basket took place on Saturday, February 28th! We were very lucky this year, it wasn't the coldest night! It was actually pretty nice weather for walking!

Our team Angels United Georgetown was the 2nd largest team signed up with 21 people registered! The combination of walkers, volunteers and donors was what made this a very successful walk! A special thanks to Joanne Wardle, our captain and Drew Leverette for encouraging, recruiting and pushing our goal higher! We raised the 2nd largest amount of money in Georgetown at \$11,046 (only \$1,274 behind the Kinsmen) which exceeds our goal of \$8,000 (138% raised over our goal) and even exceeds the 2nd goal set at \$10,000!

Thank you so much to everyone involved! Links2Care and the Georgetown Bread Basket were very happy with the results – they are currently at \$66,919 which is 104% of their goal of \$64,000!

By the way, it's not too late to sponsor the team. Donations are accepted until March 31st, 2026. You can sponsor the team online or to a member. Thank you!

[Please click here to sponsor a walker](#)



Weekly Bible Study

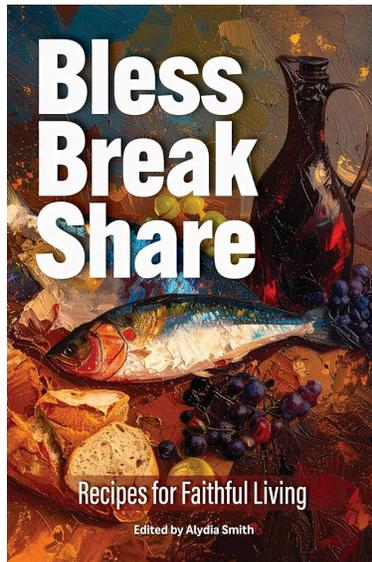
*Every Thursday at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Room*

We pray and we listen for God's voice
through Scripture, reflection, and silence.
All are welcome!



Our Daily Bread Booklets

The April/May/June issue is now available!
Please find them on the table across from the
office. Donations to the Daily Bread would be
greatly appreciated.



Lenten Study

St. John's and St. Andrew's United Churches

Using the United Church Lenten Study Book for 2026, Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living, please join Kate for a time together each week during March. Most of the sessions will be on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm, with two in-person meetings. One in-person gathering was held at St. John's on Wednesday, March 4 and one in-person meeting will be held at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, April 1.

Bless, Break, Share study books are available from Kate for \$20.00, tax included. You can also purchase your own book through UCRD (soft cover or e-book).

A Zoom link will be available for those who are participating in the study. The book can be ordered through Kate or by going to the United Church Resource Centre. www.ucrd.com. The book is available as a softcover or an e-book. Please let Kate know if you are planning to join the study. Kate looks forward to sharing Lent with you.

[Please click here to purchase the softcover or E-book](#)



Easter Basket Brigade
Saturday March 28, 2026



We together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...and this is happening with your action and answering "**His Calling**" loudly. Jesus has chosen you as "**His Voice**" 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.

Collection of Cards/Donations: From Churches Latest Tuesday March 24, 2026

God's Ask...

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 March 28th 9:30 AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. We are Praying for and "Asking" 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.

Or

Donations to Community Unity

Individual Donations will also be gratefully accepted and donations may also be made at <http://www.communityunityhaltonhills.com/> and clicking on "Donate" - Canada Helps - a tax receipt will be instantly generated. It would be ideal to receive the donations prior to March 22nd as it takes a week for the funds to be released to Community Unity.



[Please click here for more information or to make a donation](#)

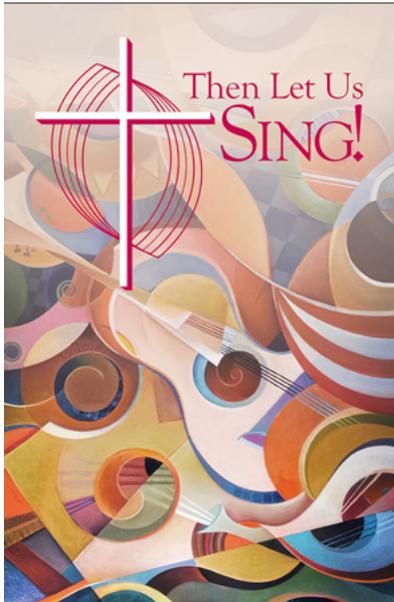
Easter Basket Brigade

The Community Unity annual Easter Basket Brigade is now underway. Community Unity churches are collecting donations that will be distributed to approximately 225 families in Halton Hills facing food insecurity. Each recipient family is given an Easter greeting card containing gift cards from a grocery store.

St. John's and St. Andrew's will continue our tradition of supporting this initiative. Envelopes containing donation slips will be distributed by the ushers on March 8, 15 and 22. Please fill out the slip with your donor information and include a cheque or cash. Return the envelope and the completed slip with your donation by March 22 or, better yet, donate online at givings@stjohnsuc.ca or standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com (write "Easter Brigade" in the comment section).

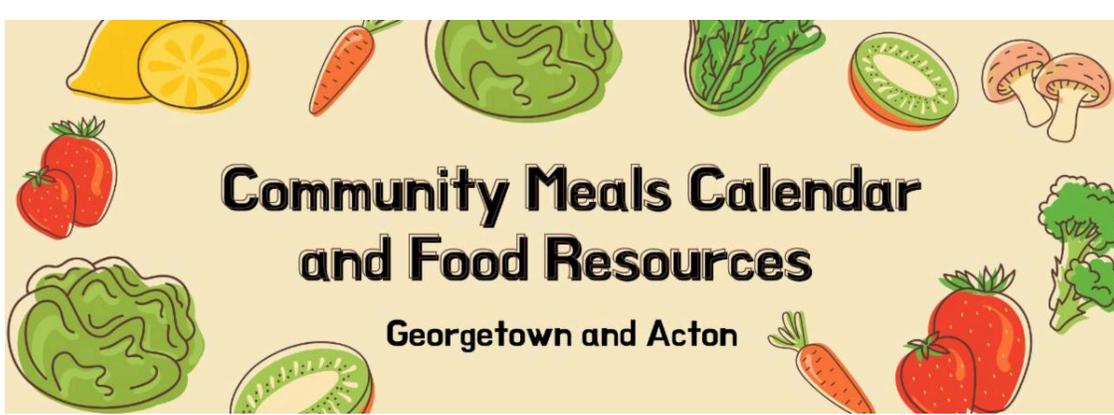
A tax receipt will be issued by your church. **The deadline for donations is March 22** to allow Community Unity time to purchase the gift cards.

If you are interested in helping to distribute the gift cards on Saturday March 28 from 9:30 am until noon, please inform Sue Sibley at suesibley24@gmail.com or 905-703-6422



We're excited to share that our choir has been working their way through the new hymn book and will begin featuring hymns from it during our June services. Thank you to Sue and the choir for all your hard work!

Community Announcements



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

A photograph of Leah Holtom, a folk singer/songwriter, performing on stage. She is wearing a white, long-sleeved, button-down shirt and is playing a mandolin. A microphone is positioned in front of her. The background is dark with some stage lighting.

THE SANCTUARY
CONCERT HALL

Presents

LEAH HOLTOM

Saturday, March 7th, 7:30pm
Doors open at 6:45pm

Folk singer/songwriter Leah Holtom, blending the best of folk and country, shares a fresh expression of storytelling with a unique take on traditional instrumentation.

The Sanctuary Concert Hall at St. John's United Church
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, ON L7G 3Z1
Tickets available at: TSCH.ca

St. John's United Church
of Georgetown and Glen Williams
Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds

This event is a co-fundraiser
for St. John's and for
TownsendSmith Foundation

Get Tickets



World Day of Prayer Journée mondiale de la prière

2026

**"I Will Give You
Rest: Come"**

Matthew 11:28-30

Title: Rest for the Weary

Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah



**« Je vous procurerai le
repos. Venez »**

Mattieu 11, 28-30

Titre : Le repos pour vous qui peinez
sous le poids du fardeau

Artiste: Gift Amarachi Ottah

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/ Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

10 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2026
(arrive 9:30 for Fellowship)

Location/l'endroit

Norval United Church
14015 Danby Road, Georgetown
Church 905 877 6122, office@norvalunited.ca
Margaret Walbank m.e.w@sympatico.ca 905 867 2381

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Bringing hope to women and children touched by injustice. Join with Christians from over 170 countries to learn and pray about issues affecting women and children.

Service written and Prepared by WDP Nigeria, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Œcuménisme des chrétiennes du Canada





Thursday, March 19

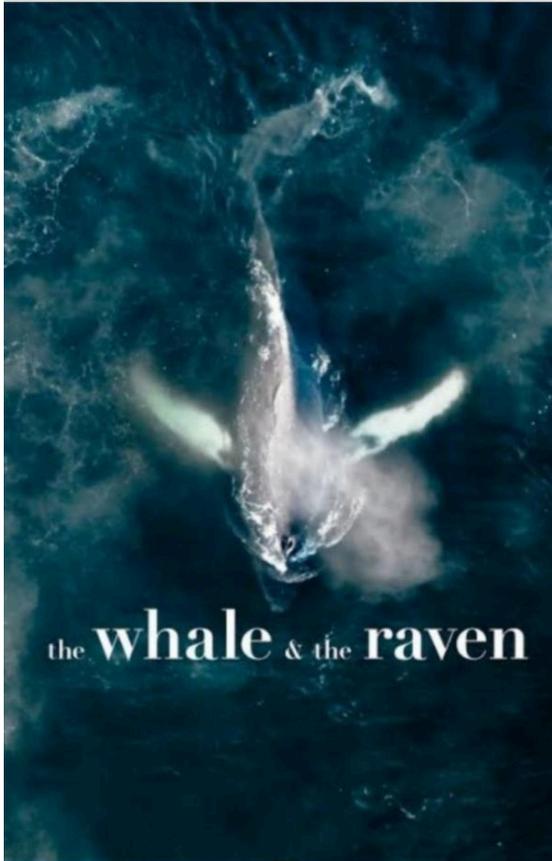
John Elliott Theatre - 9 Church St., Georgetown, ON

Ticket pick up & table displays: 6:30 p.m.

PowerPoint Presentation & Film: 7:00 p.m.

Tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office
or online at: www.haltonhills.ca/theatre

Adults: \$10 | Students: \$5



The Whale & the Raven

The Whale and the Raven illuminates the many issues that have drawn whale researchers, the Gitga'at First Nation, and the Government of British Columbia into a complex conflict. As the people in the Great Bear Rainforest struggle to protect their territory against the pressure and promise of the gas industry, caught in between are the countless beings that call this place home.

On a remote island in the Pacific populated by wolves, ravens, and two whale researchers, is a town with the promise of a second industrial boom torn between the wish to protect its territory and the pressure to cope with investors. Director Mirjam Leuze, Cast Roy Vickers



World Water Day 2026

March 22

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.1 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

SONGS FOR GAZA



Join us for an evening of music and solidarity, featuring Arab and international musicians.

All proceeds will support humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza.



\$30 / PERSON

MARCH 22ND AT 3 PM

ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
454 REBECCA STREET, OAKVILLE



For tickets and inquiries, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/songs-for-gaza>



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Gaza
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Group





Cinderellas & Fellas at Acton Bethel Church is looking for donations of accessories for our event on Fri Mar 27. We are looking for:

Ladies' - jewelry (earrings, bracelets, necklaces), purses, wraps, shoes
Men's - ties, bow ties, vests, belts, shoes

Can you help us? We can pick them up from you if you can't drop them off at one of our drop off locations (Acton Smooth Solutions Spa & Laser Clinic, Georgetown Indaba Hair Studio, Acton Bethel Church delivery deck box). Thank you for helping us shine light and show love to the youth and young adults in our community.



Grandmothers Leading with Love

Credit: The United Church of Canada



In Kenya's Rift Valley, HIV and AIDS have reshaped entire families. More than 200,000 people in the region live with HIV. Many children are being raised not by their parents, but by grandmothers.

Women in their 60s and 70s are burying their own children and then stepping forward to raise grandchildren. They cook, farm, comfort, and pray—often while facing stigma in their own communities.

In some churches, HIV has been preached as punishment. A sign of sin. That stigma isolates families who are already grieving.

Through partnership with leaders at St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, Mission and Service has helped create something simple but transformative: a space for conversation. Grandmothers and pastors gathered in the same room.

One grandmother stood and told her story. She spoke of losing both her children and described the pain of being judged while loving her children fiercely. She spoke of her grandchildren, and her unshakable belief that God's love does not abandon anyone.

Pastors listened. They asked questions, challenged their own assumptions, and made commitments. They pledged to preach compassion, visit homes, and offer pastoral care instead of condemnation.

That is how change begins.

Through Mission and Service, we're helping to create spaces like these, where learning replaces stigma, and where churches become places of healing again.

When we give, we help grandmothers carry hope and love instead of shame. Help love have the final word: make your own commitment today and make a gift for Mission and Service.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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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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