NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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



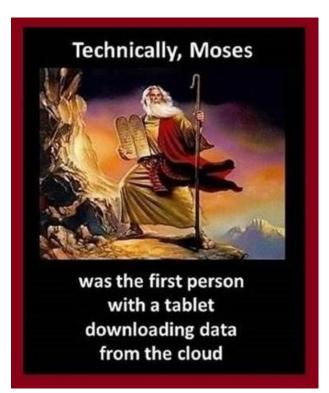
Scripture Readers: Nora McClure, Mark Heinmiller, Colleen Armstrong, Alan Grundy, Margaret Yahiro

Please click here to view the Order of Service



Scripture Summary

Taking the cup, he blessed it, then said, "Take this and pass it among you. As for me, I'll not drink wine again until the kingdom of God arrives." Taking bread, he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, given for you. Eat it in my memory." He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant written in my blood, blood poured out for you.



Humour Corner

Thank you to Sandra Pesce for submitting this week's humour corner!

Membership Announcements

In Memoríam - Helen Líllian Steeves

Helen Steeves passed away peacefully, surrounded by love on April 5, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with her brother-in-law, Ove Andersen and their family and friends during this time.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 17th 2025 at 2:00 PM at St. Andrew's United Church



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

Fellowship time

No one has signed up for coffee time for this Sunday, April 13th and April 20th, Easter Sunday. If no one signs up Easter Sunday we will assume that most have other plans following the service.

Good Friday - we will be having the community dinner that evening. Any extra help would be much appreciated.

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



ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH



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. In-person at St. Andrew's.

Good Friday - Friday, April 18th at 10:00 am

Open sanctuary from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. At 7:00 pm there will be a 10 minute service of prayers.

Easter Sunrise - Sunday, April 20th at 8:00 am

Wheelbarrow Orchards (8277 10 Side Rd, Milton) with the United Churches of Georgetown. In-person.

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 20th at 10:00 am Communion will be served by intinction.

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting Friday, April 11th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship room





PALM SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 13th

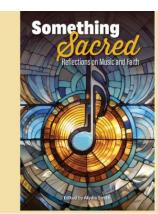
If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church. Thank you for your support!

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
- Fruit cups
- Pudding cups
- Spices and cooking sauces



A Lenten Study

7:00pm on Monday Evenings

March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st ; April 7 and 14th

Join Kate for a one-hour session this Monday at 7:00 PM as we conclude the 6-week Lenten study. Together, we will explore how the power of music can deepen our connection to God and shape us as disciples of Christ.

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 14, 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.

ST. ANDREW'S

Friday, April 18th Doors Open at 5:30 PM

89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown If you would like takeout, please contact the office by Thursday.

The sanctuary will be open from 6:30 to 7:30 pm for anyone who would like to have a quiet time of contemplation, or light a candle, or extinguish a candle. At 7:00 pm there will be a 10 minute service of prayers.

The Spirit of St Andrew's Potluck Sunday, April 27th Following the Service

The Spirit of St. Andrew's will be revealed April 27th after church. Join us for a celebration potluck lunch and find out who has the winning guess and which charity will benefit. Thanks to the Bible study group for spearheading this creative initiative! See the sign up sheets outside the sanctuary doors for potluck and volunteers.

For any questions, see Marie or Colleen



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. <u>https://townsend-smith.ca/hike4hospice/</u>

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 (j.leckie1@sympatico.ca) before April 22, 2025 to let her know how you would like to volunteer on hike day.

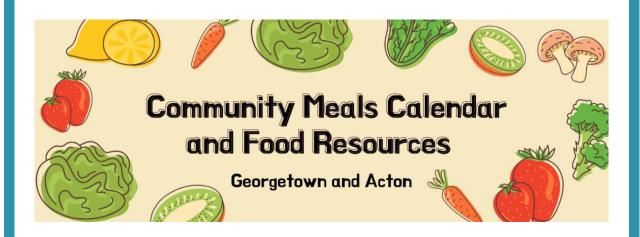
Join as a Walker or Sponsor someone else

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.

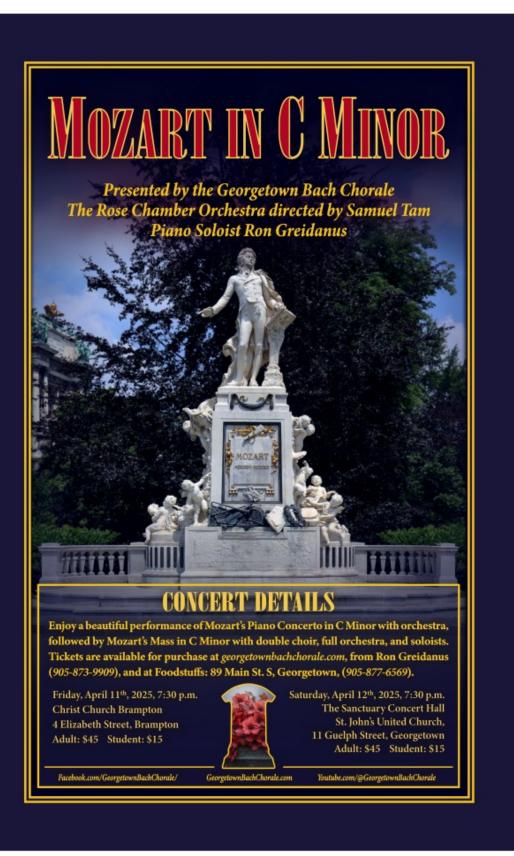
You can register to be a walker, sponsor someone else, or donate to our team in general by using the **U4H** team's direct link <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WqJK3</u>

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



"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



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/

Zach Sutherland & Kaya Firth Resiliency Foundation For Halton Hills youth – ages 17-24



2025 applications for the Zach Sutherland and Kaya Firth Resiliency Foundation are being accepted from **March 15, 2025 to May 1, 2025.**

The 2025 Resiliency Scholarship is **an education award of \$1,500** for postsecondary education pursued at the university, college or apprenticeship level.

It is open to Halton Hills youth (17-24 years old) who have demonstrated resiliency despite facing loss of a loved one in their lives. We believe that young people who have found and cultivated their own resilience are ideally positioned to light the way for others by sharing their story.

To submit an application and review FAQ's, please go to: www.choose2beresilient.com/how-to-apply





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Supporting a Rights-Based Approach to Growing Food

ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador. Credit: The United Church of Canada

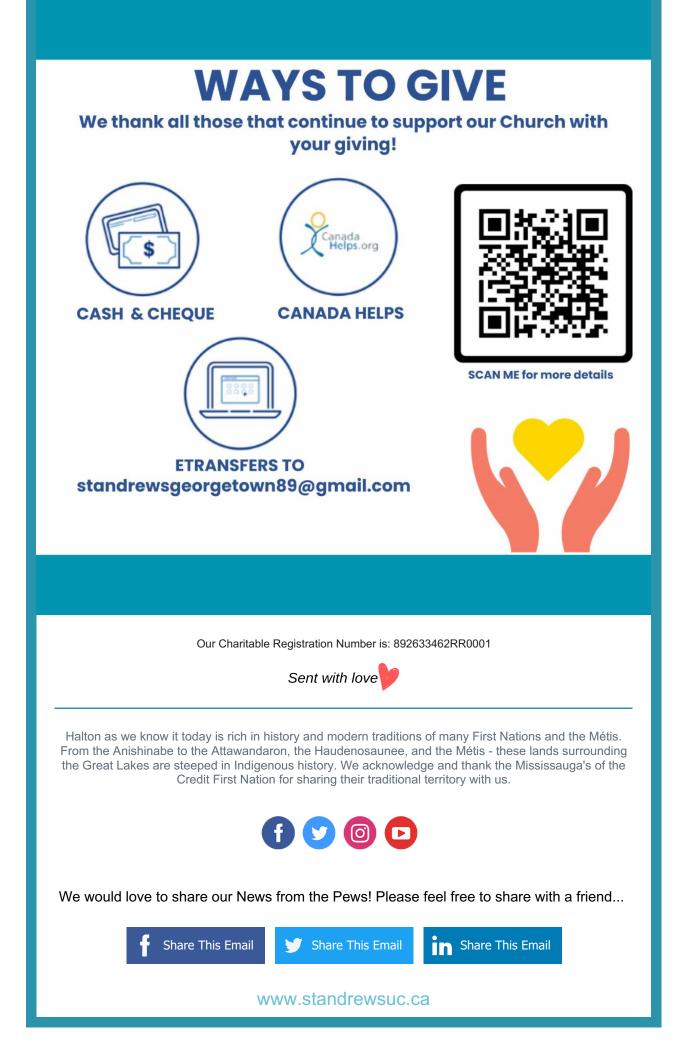


The Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES), a Mission and Service partner, is located in an area of Central America that is very vulnerable to climate change. This hot, dry region regularly experiences drought. Mining projects have also negatively affected the environment and the people in the region. ADES and other community organizations decided to act to protect the community's right to a healthy environment.

An example of how ADES has responded is a three-year agroecology project co-funded by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and The United Church of Canada Foundation, along with Mission and Service. Agroecology benefits the land and water because it recycles nutrients back into the soil. It also reduces production costs, lessening the financial burden on rural farmers.

In this project, ADES works closely with the community to grow food in a rural region of El Salvador, promoting sustainable agriculture that protects biodiversity, maintains the integrity of the land, and upholds rural culture. At the centre of the project is the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm, where rural families, mainly led by women, learn about agroecology. The school provides training, technical expertise, and seeds indigenous to the region. It focuses on preserving the surrounding environment and on upholding gender and human rights as part of its approach to food security.

Your gifts to <u>Mission and Service</u> help support ADES' agroecology project. Thank you for your generosity!



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