NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday August 3, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews





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











St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, August 6th

Thank you to Rev. Jean Leckie for leading us in worship this week!

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22–31 Romans 9:1–5 **Message:** Reconciliation not Forgiveness



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

While our search team continues to work to find a new minister for St. Andrew's, our worship ministry has worked hard in planning speakers. We are so blessed to have so many people willing to lead worship for us. Join us this summer to hear these guest preachers!

August 6 - Rev. Jean Leckie
August 13 - Rev. Ross Leckie
August 20 - Rev. Ross Leckie
August 27 - Scott Martin, LLWL
September 3 - Rev. Jean Leckie
September 10 - Rev. Ross Leckie
September 17 - Scott Martin, LLWL
September 24 - Rev. Ross Leckie





Scripture Summary

Genesis 32

So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Humour Corner

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

Membership Announcements

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

Last chance this week to sign up for photos for the month of August by phoning the office or online.

NOTE: You can sign up in person, by calling the office or via the link below. This is a great way to get a professional photo of your family at no cost. You are provided with 1 complimentary photo and the directory with the option to purchase extra photos perhaps for Christmas gifts.

If you have any questions contact Colleen Armstrong at 905-873-9667.

Congratulations to Rick and Colleen Armstrong who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 28th! Best wishes from your St. Andrew's family!

If you have milestones you are celebrating, let us know and we will make sure it gets in the Enews (significant birthdays, anniversaries, births, graduations, weddings).

We are still looking for people to sign up to serve refreshments after worship August 13th, 20th and 27th. Please sign up with the sign up sheets by sanctuary door.

Colleen colleenarmstrong@sympatico.ca

St. Andrew's Announcements



Matthew Tyhurst, a youth at St. Andrew's United Church and one many of you will know from the Sunday Youth Media Team, has been employed as one of sixteen fellow climate motivators for the United Church of Canada. Matthew has been tasked with implementing a local project at St. Andrew's United Church to help fight climate change and promote climate activism. After learning that buildings make up a total of 25% of greenhouse gas emissions, he decided to focus on making St. Andrew's United Church a more environmentally friendly church. Jean Leckie and Nancy Heinmiller have been assisting. After analyzing a Greening Sacred Spaces Audit that was completed in 2019, Matthew contacted Faithful Footprints, a partner organization of the United Church that provides grants and funding to congregations to assist

them in switching to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly building. We are in the process of arranging a meeting to discuss future steps. We wish Matthew the best of luck in his project and his continuing fight against climate change. More information to come soon!

Food Donations



The Georgetown Bread Basket is running low on food. If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church.

Some of the most needed items include: Canned Fruit, Canned Salmon, Kidney Beans, Salad Dressings, Juice, Crackers, Cookies, Jam, Instant Coffee, Sidekicks pasta and rice.

Please click here for the full list of food items needed



VISIT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Thank you to Jean Leckie for organizing our library!

Next time you're in the fellowship room, take a look at the wonderful books on our shelves!

Borrowing Procedure:
Take a book
Read it
Bring it back
(Please place it on the return book shelf)



Thank You!



Thank You to Sue &
The Choir as well as
everyone who donated
to my friend in need of
baby items. She is
extremely grateful for
everything that was
donated!
-Christina Martin

Community Announcements



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 North Halton's first hospice residence.

The TSF is a hospice charity specific to North Halton and is raising funds to build a 10-bed community hospice in North Halton. The former site of Hillcrest United Church has been purchased by the TSF and will be the location of the hospice. Building the hospice is currently estimated to cost \$25-30 Million.

For 2023-2024, our U4H team will be supporting the TSF by expanding awareness of the planned hospice and supporting two TSF events. The first event will be the annual Candlelight Ceremony to honour those who have gone before us and to express support for access to residential hospice palliative care in North Halton. This event will be held in October.

The member of the U4H from St. Andrew's UC: Jean Leckie

More information about the TSF and its work to build a hospice for North Halton can be found at the following link: https://www.townsend-smith.ca/

Rotary Club of Georgetown Free Community Dinners



Donations to cover the cost of those who are able to would be appreciated.

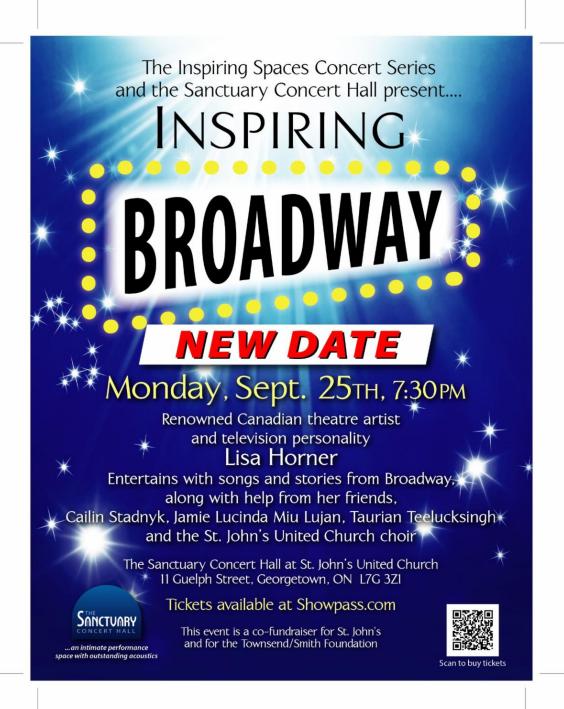


Friday, Aug 11th at 6:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm Knox Presbyterian Church 116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON







Please click here to purchase tickets



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Learning, Teaching and Loving

"United Churches are so well placed to support refugee families."

Credit: Provided by Donna Nelson



Helping a newcomer transition into Canada is a life-changing experience for everyone involved. From helping someone access health services, to sourcing Halloween costumes, to registering children for school and camp, every little bit helps.

Donna Nelson is no stranger to the hard and rewarding work that comes with welcoming someone to Canada. In the late 1980s, she had recently become a member of The United Church of Canada when her friend Barb asked her to help host two young Vietnamese men through the Regina Open Door Society. "That was all it took to get me hooked," Donna shares.

At the time, she was a single parent to her four-year-old daughter Vicki. Together, they celebrated birthdays with their new friends, shared meals, visited tourist attractions, and enjoyed good friendship until the men moved to another province.

Since then, Donna has helped host refugees from countries like Ethiopia, Eritrea, Iraq, Iran, and Vietnam. Vicki and some newcomers learned Canadian geography together so the newcomers could pass the citizenship test. Donna even taught some newcomers to drive! At times life got busy, but Donna found herself called back to helping families.

Currently, Donna is actively involved with the refugee committee at Knox-Metropolitan United Church in Regina. She says, "The refugee ministry at Knox-Met is one of the most tangible and urgent ministries of welcome the congregation offers. We all benefit with the richness newcomers offer to our city and this community.

"United Churches are so well placed to support refugee families. We have both financial and community connections. It is a collaborative relationship—local congregations welcome families and provide the financial backing, and the national church helps with the bureaucracy. I am grateful to The United Church of Canada and Mission and Service for the support over the years."

Your gifts to <u>Mission and Service</u> create opportunities for refugee families and church communities to work as partners. Thank you for your generosity.

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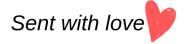
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Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. 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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