NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday February 15, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews





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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, February 18th

Thank you to Rev. Kate Young for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for our Sunday service as we celebrate the 1st week of Lent and share in Holy Communion.

Theme: Noah and the Rainbow/Jesus Temptation/ Covenants

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: 'Let's Get Right to the Good Stuff'



Scripture Summary

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark

Humour Corner

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch, he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No, not at all!" the woman replied. They chat for an hour and, as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts. I really just meant to eat a few." "Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth, all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

Membership Announcements

Wonderful to see so many out to participate in our AGM last weekend and to be part of in person worship. Perhaps we can continue this trend during Lent. We appreciate all those who have stepped up to make a commitment to our Board and committees. Thank you so much!!

Many of us attended the delicious Pancake supper and fellowship hosted by St. John's on Tuesday. Thank you St. John's!

Coffee time: please remember to check out the sign up sheets for March and April outside of the sanctuary. It is wide open.

NOTE: directions for coffee hour are now posted on the supply cupboard door. Directions for using the Dish Sterilizer (this is not dishwasher) are posted above the sink.

Lost: black choir bag with treble clef logo on it. □ It was sitting on a chair by the gym doors. If anyone picked it up by mistake Sunday with other bags please let Colleen know. Thank you!

2024 Annual General Meeting









Thank you to everyone for joining us at the Annual General Meeting last Sunday, there was a great turnout! A special thank you to Mark Wyatt and Kimberley Floyd and the rest of the Vision committee for all of their hard work! Thank you to Joanne Wardle for chairing the meeting and Beverly for taking the minutes!

As well, thank you to Colleen for organizing the lunch and all the volunteers who donated food and helped with the luncheon and the clean-up after the meeting!



Thank you to everyone for your food donations and a very special thank you to the 12th Georgetown Sparks for their major contribution to our Valentine's Day Food Drive! We brought in 300 lbs. of food to the Georgetown Bread Basket!

Rev. Kate Young

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St. Andrew's Announcements

Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday
Book of Matthew: The Revelation of the King
Invite your friends.
Add to your spiritual journey.





The walk is in a week and a half! We're still hoping to get more walkers from St. Andrew's! If you don't want to donate online, we will have a table set up on Sunday collecting donations! Walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year - Sat. Feb. 24, 2024

Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's will be walking together as one on the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) under the team banner **Angels United**. Our team captain is Joanne Wardle (St. Andrew's). Please go to the **Angels United CNOY webpage** to join up as a walker or to sponsor a familiar name. All funds raised through the CNOY Halton Hills Walk stay in the community and will be directed to the Georgetown Bread and Links2Care.

Please click here to register for our CNOY Team or sponsor one of our walkers!

Photo Directory

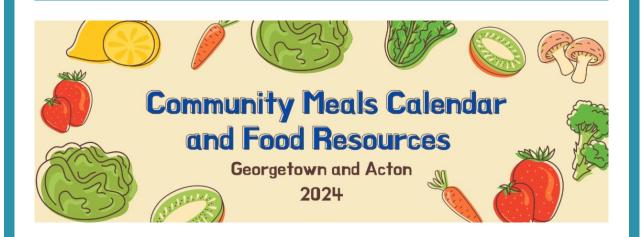
Thank you to everyone who got a photo taken for the photo directory (and to those who submitted a photo) – you will be receiving a photo directory. If you didn't get your photo taken and would like a directory, it will cost \$17.00. We need to receive your order and payment by March 1st. Please place your order with the office or see Colleen Armstrong or Margaret Yahiro. We are hoping to receive the draft in the next week or so. If we order after that there is an extra surcharge. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



As the United Churches in our area are involved in the Townsend Smith Hospice planning, there is a request for more volunteers to be involved in moving this forward. Jean Leckie has been representing St. Andrew's but more support is required. If you have a strong belief in this much needed facility you are invited to put your name forward via the church office or to Jean Leckie.

Community Announcements





Easter Basket Brigade Spring 2024











2024 is a year where we together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...but it only happens with action and it has begun at the top – with God. 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: Now until Saturday March 9th, 2024

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 16th at 9:30 AM at the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. At that time we will be having people distribute Easter gifts to those in need in our community. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the easel outside of the sanctuary. We are suggesting our Families share Easter with another family by purchasing **Grocery Gift Cards** and 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, Ross Leckie.

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 9th as it takes a week for the funds to be released to Community Unity. With these funds Community Unity will then purchase grocery gift cards for distribution.

This is going to be a great demonstration of the love of God and our love of our neighbour. Thank you so much for your help!

On behalf of your Community Unity Team!

Timothy Chisholm

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Executive Director Easter Basket Brigade

Community Unity – Halton Hills



Leading Generations

London Community Chaplaincy offers a welcoming and safe social setting.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Becoming a parent or guardian is a life-changing, complex experience that doesn't have a one-size-fits-all answer. As kids, we looked to adults for guidance as we navigated the world with fresh eyes. We looked to teachers for help with schoolwork, and parental figures for managing emotions and fears. Now, as adults, we recognize that we're still figuring things out as we go, and

there's always an opportunity to grow our skills and minds. In London, Ontario, Mission and Service partners with the London Community Chaplaincy as they respond to parents and guardians who wish to build a network of support, share the parenting journey, and develop new skills as they navigate raising children in a low-income setting. Together, these parents are working hard to build a positive future for their children and families. Each week London Community Chaplaincy provides a welcoming and safe social setting for adults to connect and grow as parents. Not only for learning how to guide a child through critical stages of development, but also for navigating the complex mental aspects of being a parent or guardian while also managing financial stress, food insecurity, housing complications, and more. Gathering with other adults in a similar situation allows participants to share their struggles and triumphs, further building a sense of community. Your gifts to Mission and Service support partnerships like the London Community Chaplaincy as they help empower parents along the parenting journey. Thank you.

WAYS TO GIVE

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







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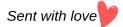


SCAN ME for more details



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.

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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