

# St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews



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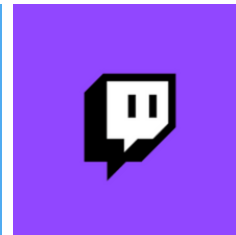
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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday June 22, 2023

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, June 25th Theme: Goodbye and Connecting to the Vine

This Sunday will be my last Sunday at St. Andrew's. Hard to believe that 19 years has been completed. In the service we will go on a journey or the many highlights of our ministry together.

Our Old Testament reading from Exodus. We will hear the story about Moses walking towards the promised land. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery and gave them hope as they moved through the desert.

As followers of Jesus, we live in the hope that God will guide us through our pathway of life. We are never alone as God is with us. Then in our New

Testament we hear the story about Jesus being the true vine. When we are connected to Christ as our saviour Hope will come and we will be blessed. Like a piece of fruit in order to thrive and be healthy, it must stay connected to the vine.

Towards the end of the service we will have a “de-covenanting” liturgy. Some may recall that back when I arrived in 2004 a covenanting service was held. A covenant was made between myself as the minister, the presbytery and the St. Andrew’s congregation. In that service there were symbols of ministry offered. On Sunday, I will be giving back those symbols as you prepare to say goodbye to me and bring closure to 19 years of service.

After the service I understand there will be a time of fellowship with a light lunch served. I sincerely hope you will all be able to join us this week for worship!

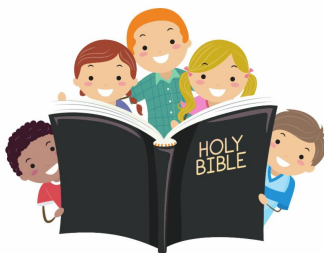
**Scripture Readings: Exodus 3: 1-12, John 15: 1-17**  
**Sermon: Hope for the Future!**

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## Scripture Summary

### Exodus 3: 1-12



But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

## Humour Corner

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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## Membership Announcements

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# You're Invited

Sunday, June 25th will be Rev. Grant William's last Sunday as our minister.

While we know many of you are enjoying our worship services online, we do hope that you will take this opportunity to join us in person to show our appreciation for 19 years of service to our faith community. Let's fill the pews!

There will be a light lunch following the service and a chance to speak with Grant.

## Photo Directory:

There will be a table set up each Sunday to take appointments for the photo sessions in August and October or you can sign up online with the link below. If you require assistance, please contact the office.

[Please click here to sign up online](#)

## Coffee Time:

Starting July 2nd, only juice and cookies will be served from the friendship room during July and August. Please see the sign up sheets.



## MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

*Congratulations to Marguerite and Ralph Webster as they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary June 27th. Best wishes from your St. Andrew's family.*

*Congratulations to Rick Armstrong who was recently recognized for his 50 years of service to the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown.*

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## St. Andrew's Announcements

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# Circle of Friends

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

The next meeting is tomorrow  
Friday, June 23rd at 9:30 am in the  
Fellowship room



## JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S BASEBALL TEAM

Once again St. Andrew's has a baseball team in the local church league. We play on Wednesday nights at 7 PM.

Come cheer on our team at our next game,  
Wednesday June 28th  
at the Norval Baseball Diamond!

## Building Keys



We are short on Building Keys! If you have one and no longer require it, please return it to the office asap.

Thank you!



# Food Donations



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



Some of the most needed items include: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Juice Boxes, Crackers, Chicken Rice Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jam, Ketchup, Instant Coffee, Cereal, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter.

[Please click here for the full list of food items needed](#)

## Collecting Used Batteries

In support of Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association

## Collecting Eyeglasses

In support of the Lions Club

## Collecting Pop Can Tabs

In support of the Shriners

## Collecting Used Pens

For proper recycling

> Drop off at the church, collection boxes are beside the photocopier



## Our Daily Bread Booklets

The July/August/September issue is now available!  
Please find them on the table across from the office.

A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.

## Community Announcements



# Free Adult & Child Drop In



**When: Every Monday**

**Time: 10am-12pm**

**Ages: 0-6y**

**Location: 89 Mountainview Rd. S.**

**Join us for a variety of activities and to meet others in the community!**



Links2Care



Child and Family Centre



**United Church Mission & Service Fund**

## Your Gifts Help to Restore Lost Languages

**Fewer than 600 people can still speak Inuinnaqtun fluently.**

*Credit: Pitquhimikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society*



These days, most of us have access to technology that allows us to learn the world's common languages. But countless languages—including many Indigenous languages—can only be learned from their few remaining speakers.

Revitalizing a lost language, as one of our partners in Nunavut is doing, is an important way to preserve not just the language but also the culture that surrounds it.

The Inuinnaqtun language is the cultural foundation of the Inuinnait people, who live in the central Canadian Arctic. The literal meaning of the word Inuinnaqtun is “to be like an Inuinnaq (a person).” Today, fewer than 600 people can still speak Inuinnaqtun fluently. Many lost the language when they were removed from their communities and sent to residential schools. Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, is working hard to keep Inuinnaqtun alive. One-on-one language immersion sessions with mentors inspire reconnection. Through everyday conversations at home and on the land, mentorship is helping to heal the wounds of systemic oppression.

In partnership with Mission & Service, Inuinnaqtun language mentors get resources to allow them to spend 300 hours a year working with their apprentices to begin to restore the language.

Your gifts to Mission & Service help partners continue to restore language and culture. Thank you.

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Wow! 19 years ago, I began as the minister of St. Andrew's. That was a long time ago. My daughter Katie was just 5 months old in a baby bucket carried into the church and now she is done first year university. 19 years is the longest any minister has served at St. Andrew's by far and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be your minister.

So many changes have happened over the years. We built a senior's residence onto the church. We've renovated the basement and kitchen; we've become known for caring for others in the community by our outreach initiatives and we have moved into the 21st century with online technology that allows us to provide worship services for people at home. These are just a small number of activities that we have accomplished together.

Words can not even come close to how appreciative I am for the many members and adherents that have supported me over the years. There have been hundreds of people who have crossed paths with me through baptisms, funerals, weddings, youth groups, study groups, outreach projects and Sunday worship.

The church is not made up of one person but rather many who follow Christ. Jesus says, "where two or three are gathered in my name I am there." This statement is so true.



As a community of faith, we have worshipped, prayed, served, and worked hard together. I am grateful to all those who have stepped up to the plate for offering leadership on the board and the various committees and special projects in the church. All of you make the church who we are today. Thank you so much for inviting me to lead and journey with you over the past 19 years.

I have good news to share with you. There is a team of people working hard at providing a schedule of pulpit supply for the summer months and then working on searching for a supply minister after I leave. Worship will be happening as usual next Sunday, July 2nd. There will be more about this process explained this Sunday in worship. Thank you to the Worship Team, the M and P committee and others on the board who will be working on our transitions. Once again thank you for your love and support. I will miss you all! Hope to see you on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Grant



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To contact us via email now please use:  
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## WAYS TO GIVE



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**CANADA HELPS**

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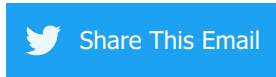
*Sent with love* 

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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