

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



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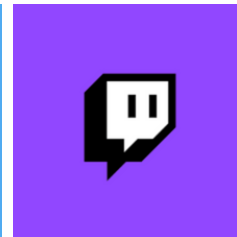
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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday April 20, 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 April 23 Theme: Earth Day

This Sunday we will be worshipping at St. John's United Church at 11 Guelph Street. St. Andrew's and St. John's will worship jointly and celebrate Earth Day. The service will be held at 10 am as usual. In the service we will have special music offered by both choirs, special, readings and leadership offered by Sue Cowan and Grant Williams, along with some volunteers. Our theme will be about how we are taking care of the earth as we live with respect in creation. There will be a children's program offered for school age children and we are hoping to live stream the service providing we are able to connect with the St. John's Worship feed.

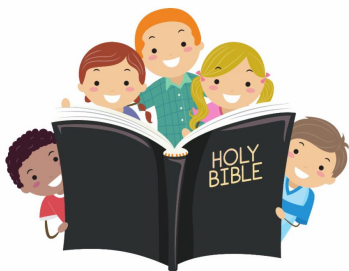
There will NOT be any in person worship at St. Andrew's Church this Sunday.

**The reading this week is: Genesis 1: 1-30**  
**Meditation: Sue Cowan**



## Scripture Summary

### Genesis 1: 1-30



Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## Humour Corner

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.



"You know – Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."



## Worship Service with St. John's United

April 23rd, 10 AM at St. John's United  
Church

11 Guelph St, Georgetown

There will be a joint service with the two  
congregations worshipping together.  
Leadership will be shared by both choirs, Rev.  
Grant Williams and Sue Cowan along with lay  
participants. There will be no service held at  
St. Andrew's on this day.

### Happy News for our Church Family

Congratulations to Bryan and Stephanie Scott on the birth of their first grandson Oliver Bryan Pepper 8 lbs 3 oz on April 13.

Proud parents are Erynne and Eric Pepper of Grande Prairie AB.

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Reminder: we're at St. John's UC this Sunday. Looking forward to seeing a great turnout from St Andrew's to enjoy our two choirs and celebrate Earth Sunday.

Membership Team



Dear Rev. Grant and Congregation of St. Andrew's United Church,

We wish to thank you for accepting us as members of your wonderful church.  
We always feel so welcome and comfortable.

We are avid plant lovers and very much appreciate the "ivy". What a special, continual reminder of God's love, your kindness and acceptance of us both.

Thank you all so very much.  
Lucy Oversby and David Baker

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

# We are **HIRING**

**JOB POSITION:**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR/  
BOOKKEEPER**

Visit the link below for the  
full job posting



[Please click here for the full job posting](#)

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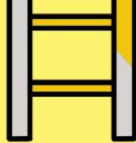
## ST. ANDREW'S FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday April 21, 2023  
Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

Anyone wanting takeout  
please contact the office.  
89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown

**Supported by Community Donors and  
Free Will Offerings**





# A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MAINTENANCE TEAM



We want to thank our maintenance team who does so much around the church! The latest was assembling storage bins and fixing the shades in the sanctuary! Thank you Rick and Lorne!



## 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

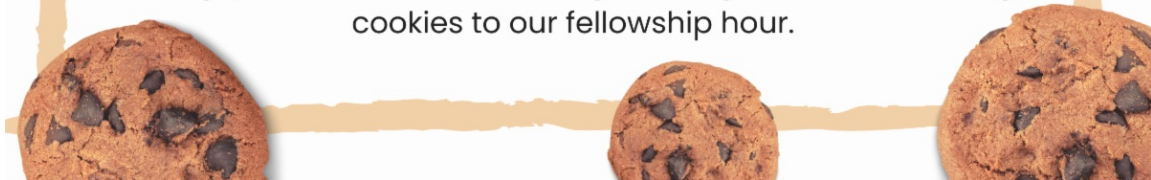
For proper recycling

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



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE TIME

If you have been enjoying fellowship and the baking offered we invite you to consider signing up to help with coffee time in the upcoming Sundays. I realize that the people available to do this are small in number so greatly appreciate the fact that many of you have been stepping up more often. If you are unable to assist with serving, please consider donating baked goods or store bought cookies to our fellowship hour.





## SPRING FLOWER BASKET FUNDRAISER

Proceeds to benefit 4th Georgetown Scouting



\$25 per basket

Orders due April 27, 2023

Pick up: May 27, 2023, 10 AM - 1 PM

Poets Path, Georgetown



10" mixed hanging flower baskets

Full to part sun

Colours vary by basket

[Please click here to place your flower basket order](#)

## St. John's United Church Geranium Hanging Basket Sale

**COLOURS:** Red, Lavendar, Coral

**COST:** \$25 each, 10 inch pot

**ORDERING DEADLINE:** MAY 3, 2023.

Please email your plant order to

[psargeant@sympatico.ca](mailto:psargeant@sympatico.ca) ,

or phone Pam Sargeant at **905-877-7500**

**PICK-UP DATE:** 9:00-11:00am - Saturday, May 20,

at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph Street

**PAYMENT:** Please pay upon pick-up, on Saturday, May 20, by cheque or cash, in an envelope with your name on it. Deliveries can be arranged.



## Thursday Bible Study

Our weekly bible study is held on  
Thursdays at 10 AM in the  
Fellowship room.

Come and join us for some lively  
discussion on the bible.

## Our Daily Bread Booklets

The April/May/June edition is now  
available!



Please find them on the table across from the Office. A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.



## JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH BASEBALL TEAM

**St. Andrew's Baseball Team- Once again St. Andrew's will have a baseball team in the local church league. This league is co-ed and is non competitive. We play on Wednesday nights at 7 PM starting in May. It is open to anyone ages 14 and up. If you are interested, please speak to Grant Williams or Joanne Wardle.**

## Lives and Worlds Tour, Spring 2023

Friday, April 21st, 2023 at 8:00 PM

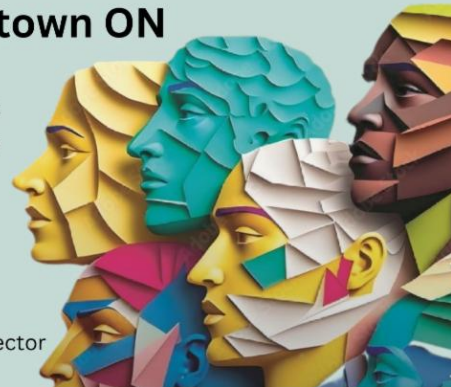
The Sanctuary Concert Hall at St. John's United Church  
11 Guelph St. Georgetown ON

The Marion Singers' first spring tour since the pandemic shutdown celebrates the world and its people in mostly acapella music spanning centuries and genres from sacred and classical to folk, jazz and spirituals.



*The Marion Singers*

of Greater Toronto | Christopher Dawes Music Director



[Please click here to purchase tickets](#)

### In need of Baby Items!

A friend of Christina's is in need of baby items!

She is not able to afford new items and would greatly appreciate any donations. She is looking for a diaper bag, baby bottles,



teethers, clothing, etc.

Please contact Christina at  
[c.martin690@gmail.com](mailto:c.martin690@gmail.com) or (905) 873-6614



## COMPASSIONATE ENGAGEMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY SPACES

Engaging with respect, dignity, and justice-oriented care.

**Norval United Church**

**Wednesday, April 26**

**6:00-8:30 PM. Dinner included - Must pre-register**

We will cover:

- Broad overview of GTA-based homelessness and the issues that face marginalized people
- Practical engagement tips around assisting people experiencing crisis
- Build awareness of useful resources and supports

[Please click here to pre-register](#)



### Georgetown Bread Basket

If you are thinking of making a donation to the Georgetown Bread Basket this month, the items in most need are peanut butter, canned pasta, canned fruit, juice boxes, ketchup, sugar, chicken noodle or rice soup, pancake mix and syrup. Items can be dropped off at the church.





## FOR THE LOVE OF CREATION

This year, the United Church and fellow members of the *For the Love of Creation* climate justice initiative are holding a “Together for the Love of Creation” Earth Week.

During the week of April 16 – 23, engage in a climate justice activity...  
praying, learning, acting.

Coming together for the love of creation is a way to connect, grow, listen, inspire hope and affect change. Your activity could be visibly joining a community-wide event or creating something new. This is a chance to reach out to other faith communities and neighbours in your climate justice initiatives.



[Please click here for more information](#)



### HALTON HILLS

# EARTH WEEK

April 21st - April 28th

April 22, 2023, marks the 53rd year of Earth Day. To recognize this important date, the Town will host its annual Earth Week celebrations! Earth Week activities support a healthy environment, strong local tree canopy, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and a resilient community.



[Please click here to get involved and view the full schedule](#)



# RACE TO NET ZERO

## Electric Vehicle and Climate Solutions Show



This Saturday April 22nd 10 AM to 4 PM  
at Acton arena 415 Queen Street East, Acton

This Saturday April 22nd 10 AM to 4 PM at Acton arena 415 Queen Street E

- Free electric vehicle test drives by Plug'n' Drive
- Talk to EV owners and dealers
- Heat pumps, solar panels, home energy products
- Sustainable gardening exhibits
- E-bikes, used bike swap
- Family activities and games
- Displays by local environmental groups



**The Revolution Generation**  
7:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 26, 2023  
John Elliot Theatre

Revolution Generation is an exploration of the world-changing activism and potential of the largest youth generation in history. The film shows examples of young leaders working to revolutionize systems that have failed their generation. It paints a powerful and hopeful picture of how today's youth can solve global political and environmental crises. Adults \$10 Students \$5

[Please click here for tickets and more details](#)





St. John's United Church

# *Coronation Breakfast*

**Saturday May 6**

from 5am until it is over

BBC Live feed

**Continental Breakfast Tickets \$20 each**

available from the church office at

905-877-2531 or [office@stjohnsuc.ca](mailto:office@stjohnsuc.ca)



**United Church Mission & Service Fund**

**Real-Time Relief Really Makes a World of Difference:**

**Thivan Hoang's Work**



“There is no ‘us’ and ‘them.’ We are one community.”

First there was the pandemic.

Then Russia invaded Ukraine, causing a global energy crisis and worldwide food shortages. These in turn worsened an already precarious food security situation for many communities.

According to UN OCHA, “the largest global food crisis in modern history is unfolding.”\*

At a time when it feels like there’s a new crisis confronting us each and every day, it’s reassuring to know that Mission & Service partners provide real-time relief around the world on a daily basis.

Program Coordinator for Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Response at The United Church of Canada, Thivan Hoang, reminds us, “There is no ‘us’ and ‘them.’ We are one community.”

The United Church is an integral part of a multinational network of partners and ecumenical relationships in over 120 countries. That means whenever there’s an emergency, Mission & Service is there to help.

In 2020, a major explosion ripped through Beirut, killing 200 people and injuring 7,000 more.\*\*

Thanks to generous gifts to Mission & Service, we were able to support partners to respond quickly, providing critically important tools that helped to free people who were trapped under the rubble. And as the city recovers, Mission & Service partners continue to assist in rebuilding schools, homes, and other infrastructure.

Although Mission & Service has recently focused on COVID-19 relief, there’s another looming catastrophe that requires our immediate attention. “Without a doubt, climate change worries me the most,” Hoang says. “We’re seeing increases of droughts, floods, and severe storms that have destroyed crops and agricultural land.”

The more we support Mission & Service, the better we can respond to climate calamities. “People who contribute the least to greenhouse gases are often the most impacted by climate change,” Hoang explains.

Your gifts have made—and will continue to make—huge differences around the world. Wherever an emergency strikes, thanks to you, Mission & Service is there to help.



Here is a note from Rob Alison, co-chair of the Council at St. John’s sent to me on Monday.

“On behalf of our council and the congregation of St. John's, we are thrilled to have the people of St. Andrew's joining us for worship this Sunday. We've had an uptick in COVID cases in the last couple of weeks but have heard of no new



cases in the past four or five days, so we feel we're over the hump. Regardless, we know many are still very cautious about attending public events and in particular, church.

In an attempt to be as transparent as possible, my co-chair Marcia Moorcroft and I, issued the recommendations below to our congregation last week, mentioning we had a few cases develop, that church would proceed Sunday, and leaving it to individuals to decide their own course of action. We believe this was and is prudent under the circumstances.

- Wearing of masks is recommended
- Stay 6 feet apart from those in your household - leave an empty chair in between
- Complete a test if you have been in contact with someone who has Covid
- Stay home if you have any symptoms or feel ill with cold or flu symptoms”

Parking will be available both in front of the church and in the parking lot behind. If those lots are full parking will be available on the side streets adjoining St. John's. If you have mobility needs, you may want to arrive a bit early to ensure a parking spot close by. The St. John's Sanctuary is located on the second level and can be accessed by an elevator inside the church entry way off the back entrance.

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**

# 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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