NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday October 19, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews





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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, October 22nd

Thank you to Rev. Sue Hertell for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for our service this Sunday!

Theme: Exploring the heart of Christianity

Scripture Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: "The Heart of Christianity"





Scripture Summary



We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Humour Corner

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'

Membership Announcements



Membership Milestones

Congratulations to Florence Riehl celebrating her 90th birthday on October

24th. We have checked Florence's ID and verified she is 90 as no one believed her. Everyone is invited to join Florence on Sunday after worship to share cake and best wishes!

We are looking for volunteers for Coffee Time and Scripture Readers! Please look for the sign up sheets on the easel outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you in advance!

St. Andrew's Announcements

All Saints Sunday - Sunday, October 29th

Please join us as we celebrate All Saints Day, a day to honour the saints of the church in heaven. We will be lighting candles in remembrance and in celebration of those who have passed that have helped us with our faith and life journeys.



Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday
Letter to Timothy
Invite your friends. Add to your spiritual journey.

Men's Online Bible Study Mondays at 10:00 am to 11:30 am Contact Rev. Ross Leckie for more details.



DONATIONS REQUESTED (PERSONAL AND BUSINESS)

There will be a silent auction and raffle table during this event on November 18th and once again, we are asking for donations. Items should be new or handmade or a gift of time such as handyman work, babysitting, etc.

We are also looking for **Business Donations** - The best way to get donations is a good customer asking the business for a donation. **If there are any businesses that you have contacts for,** we would appreciate any donations from businesses for the craft show since we no longer are holding our Spring Auction.

Your donations can be dropped off anytime now until November 12th, 2023. There are donation forms available (personal and business) and a table set up for the donations at the end of the hallway outside of the offices. Please make sure a donation form is fully filled out for each item being donated. All donations big or small help make this fundraising event successful and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

BAKE SALE

Once again we are having a Bake sale at the Christmas Craft Show! We are again asking all the fantastic bakers of St. Andrew's to make ANY kind of baked goods to sell. Cookies, cakes, loaves, pies, tarts, squares (Christmas squares would be wonderful for this time of year!), etc. would be gratefully accepted. We would appreciate receiving the baked goods by 1:00 pm on Friday, November 17th to give the volunteers time to plate and price them.

VENDORS

There are still a few vendor tables available.



Saturday Nov 4th, 2023, 8:15am to noon.

Meet at St. Andrew's United

Please join us afterwards from 12:00–1:00pm at

Knox Presbyterian Church for lunch.

Visit our bulletin board to sign up to volunteer or if
you would like assistance with your yard clean-up!

Community Unity - Fall Yard Clean-up Assisting families in need due to age, health or circumstance.

When: Saturday Nov 4 th, 2023 Time: 8:15am to noon.

Where: Meet at St. Andrew's United, 89 Mountainview Road South **Bring:** Garden rakes, clippers, garden gloves, other small garden tools.

Please join us afterwards from 12:00 – 1:00 at Knox Presbyterian Church 116 Main Street for a time of fellowship, food and drink.

If you can't rake, join us and be a "friendly visitor". Should the date be rained out, homes will be assigned to individual churches to be completed at their convenience. To volunteer or if you have a home in need please speak with our church representative, Rev. Ross Leckie or email to tjc@chisintl.com with your name, cell number, email address and number in your group, or look for the Volunteer Form posted on our bulletin board.

"Local Churches Working Together Making a Difference In Our Community"

Community Announcements



Buy Scout Popcorn and help fund adventures for our local Scouts!

The 4th Georgetown Scouts will be selling popcorn Sunday after church or visit online at:

ScoutPopcorn.ca

Bid Online To WIN!!!!!!

www.rotaryonlineauction.ca

Nov 4th to 18th

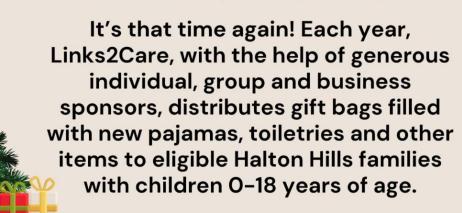
Over 1000 items to bid on

Proceeds benefit local charities





Links2Care Holiday Giving Program



Please click here for more details



THE COLOR - No Greater Love Tour is coming to Bethel Church, 365 Queen St, Acton, on Fri Oct 27th at 7pm.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$12.50 for group tickets (4 or more) if bought at:

www.thecoloronline.com under "tour".

Contact Shannon Furzer at communitylife@actoncrc.com for physical tickets at \$10/each if picked up at the church before Oct. 27. For more info., contact Shannon.

Hope you can join us!



Building Climate Resiliency

Women for Change strives to improve conditions in rural communities by empowering women and girls.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



In areas where historically there has been little rain, now there are floods, and where there were floods, now there are droughts. That's how Shadrick Chembe, the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager at Women for Change—an organization in Zambia that strives to improve conditions in rural communities by empowering women and girls—describes the changing climate in Zambia. Women bear the brunt.

"In Zambia, women are still responsible for collecting firewood and charcoal and making food. Now, because of climate change, they have to walk a longer

distance to gather firewood. Charcoal is harder to get. That means it's harder to make food. At the same time, women aren't involved in the decision-making processes that impact this work," explains Chembe.

Women for Change was established in 1992, and its long-standing partnership with the United Church stretches back to 1995. From the beginning, mobilizing communities to share ideas and best practices has been key to the work. Since its inception, 1,500 community groups have been established, with 25–40 people in each group and representatives from each forming associations. The groups discuss a variety of justice-related topics. Building climate resiliency by preparing for, recovering from, and adapting to drastically changing weather patterns is a priority.

Weather extremes due to climate change coupled with companies promoting seeds that only produce a single crop increasingly put people at risk.

"The majority of farmers are poor. They can't buy seeds, but companies have created seeds that force farmers to have to purchase them each year," says Chembe. "Groups discuss how they can save and share seeds, what they can plant with longer or shorter rains, and if there are traditional methods that can increase food production," he says, adding, "We are grateful for the United Church's support. The church has really been there for many years, helping us build awareness and resiliency. It's been a real partnership."

Your gifts through <u>Mission and Service</u> support long-term, life-changing work through committed partners like Women for Change. Thank you.

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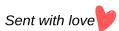


CANADA HELPS

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If you have announcements to share 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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