

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday February 8, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

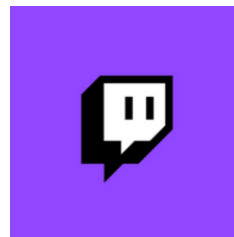


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, February 11th

Thank you to Rev. Kate Young for leading us in worship this week! We would appreciate it if you could please wear your nametags on Sundays to help Rev. Kate learn our names. We hope you can join us for our Sunday service!

Theme: Annual Meeting, Transfiguration, Lenten Observance, Valentines

Sermon: 'The Bishop's Chair'

New Testament Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Happy Valentine's Day

Thank you to Valerie and Margret for
beautifully decorating the sanctuary!



Scripture Summary

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Humour Corner

Four-year-old Mitch loved candy almost as much as his mom Ann did. He and Daddy had given her a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day. A few days later Mitch was eyeing it, wishing to have a piece of it. As he reached out to touch one of the big pieces, Ann said to him, "If you touch it, then you have to eat it. Do you understand?"

"Oh, yes," he said, nodding his head. Suddenly his little hand patted the tops of all the pieces of candy. "Now I can eat them all."

Membership Announcements

In Memoriam - Eileen Annabelle

We send our condolences to Paul, Alison, Laura, Emily and their family with the passing of Paul's Mother, and Laura and Emily's Grandmother, Eileen. Our thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.



The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday February 11th, 2024** following the church service. Lunch will be served at the AGM. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring sandwiches or dessert!

You should have received an email last week including the 2023 Annual Report. If you did not receive the report, please email the office.

Please find below the motions that will be presented at the AGM:

MOTION: That St. Andrew's United Church pursue creating an action plan toward amalgamation with one or more United Church communities of faith in Halton Hills.

The motion provides one option, a yes vote would mean exploring the possibility of amalgamation and a no vote would mean to continue as we are.

Only full members of St. Andrew's will be allowed to vote on this amalgamation motion as per UCC rules around policy changes or governance.

The Board has approved that for the motion to pass it will require a majority of 60% of full members present in the room. Voting will be by secret ballot with scrutineers. You must be present at the meeting to have a vote.

MOTION: To relocate the wooden pews currently stored and unused on the stage in the gym temporarily back to the sanctuary. This will allow access again to the stage for events taking place throughout the year such as groups providing live entertainment during our community dinners, additional vender space for our craft sale and a space to practice and present our Christmas Musical, to name a few. This is to be done by March 3rd 2024.

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.

Rev. Kate Young

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St. Andrew's Announcements

Valentine's Day Food Drive

Sunday, February 11th

If you are able, please bring food donations
to our collection boxes at the church.

Some of the most needed items
include: Apple sauce cups,
Cream of wheat cereal, Fruit cups,
Ground coffee, Pudding cups

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

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, February 9th at 9:30 am
in the Fellowship room





Saturday, February 10th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!

Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday

Book of Matthew: The Parables of the King

Invite your friends.

Add to your spiritual journey.

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ST. ANDREW'S

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, February 16th
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

The third Friday of every month.
Anyone wanting takeout
please contact the office.

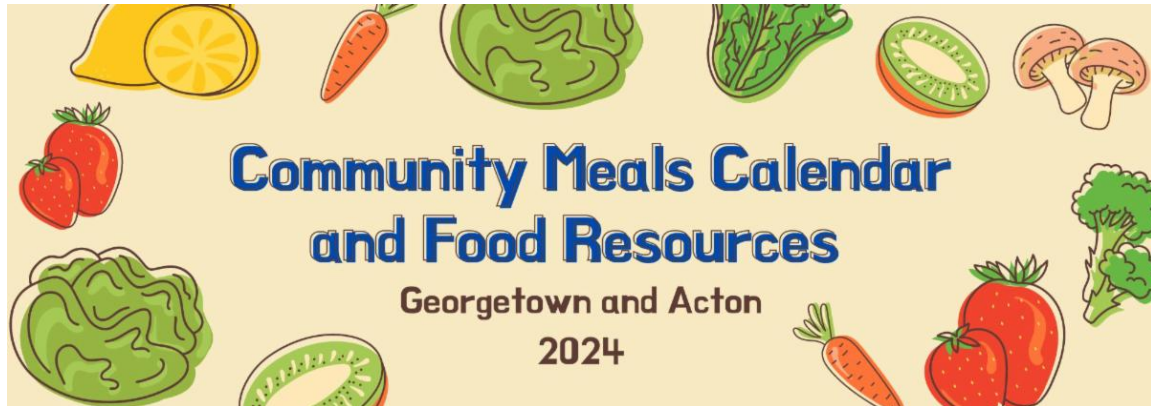


Walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year - Sat. Feb. 24, 2024
Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's will be walking together as one on

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!

Community Announcements



Please click [here](#) to view February's meal calendar, as well as more details about local food resources.

Pancake Supper at St. John's United

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

5:00pm-7:00pm

11 Guelph St, Georgetown



St. Andrew's will not be having a pancake supper this year. Instead, let's support our friends at St. John's and share in a delicious pancake supper! There will be pancakes, sausages and real maple syrup (donated by a church member).

Cost is \$12 per person.



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**. 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.

OR

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.

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

Timothy Chisholm tjc@chisintl.com

Executive Director Easter Basket Brigade

Community Unity – Halton Hills



****As Seen on Gaither Homecoming**

KEVIN PAULS

IN CONCERT
February 10 @ 7pm

Bethel Church
365 Queen St, ACTON

\$20 advance \$25 door

Tickets: kevinpauls.com OR at Church Office

Featuring:
Joel Parisien
Luke McMaster



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Taking Kids to School

Around the world, millions of kids cannot attend school. Credit: The United Church of Canada



How do you make the world a better place?

You can start by taking kids to school.

Around the world, 57 million children cannot attend school.* They may never learn to read, to add or subtract, or to write. These are the skills they need to succeed.

Even more importantly, they never learn about their basic human rights.

It's a complicated problem, says Patti Talbot, the United Church's Global Partnership Team Leader. "The work we do isn't going to lead to immediate societal change," she says, "but it will make a big difference down the road."

When children can't go to school, society suffers. And that is why Mission and Service is in partnership with 74 organizations that work to increase access to education across the globe.

Each partner has their own approach to education and skills training, each supported by your gifts to Mission and Service.

Colombia's Center for Communication uses arts and media to teach children about their rights. Women for Change in Zambia creates educational groups where participants share agricultural knowledge and awareness of their rights.

At Japan's Asian Rural Institute, local leaders gather to learn sustainable agriculture techniques they can take home and transform their communities.

"How can we make the world a better place?" asks Talbot before responding, "We can't do that by ourselves; our partners know best what the challenges are."

Talbot, a child of missionaries who was raised in Japan and Korea, knows that educational partnerships are critical. "In our partnerships, we learn from and teach each other," she says. "The United Church's focus is more than just sharing resources, but really sharing life together."

It's an approach that Talbot knows works, even if results take time. "Our partners are very grateful that the United Church of Canada has demonstrated over and over again that we are there for the long term," Talbot says.

"Partners say to us 'It makes such a difference to us to know that the United Church is with us, walking with us in prayer, supporting us, remembering us in their lives.'"

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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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

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.



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