

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, September 5, 2024

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

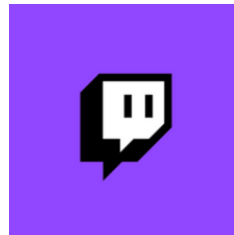


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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship This Week - Sunday, September 8th



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**September 8th – Scott Martin**  
**September 15th – Rev. Jean Leckie**  
**September 22nd – Scott Martin**  
**September 29th – Mary Parsons**  
**October 6th – St. John's United**  
**October 13th – Scott Martin**

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Thank you to Scott Martin, LLWL for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us, all are welcome!

16th After Pentecost/ Creation Time 1  
New Testament Reading: Mark 7: 24-37  
Message: Will You Pass the Test?



## Scripture Summary

They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

## Humour Corner

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both. As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!" At once, the ferocious attack scene froze in place, and as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in Me!" "Come on God, give me a break!!" the man pleaded. "two minutes ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

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# Membership Announcements

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Celebrating Marguerite Webster's 90th birthday this Sunday! All are invited.

Congratulations to Ian and Leslie Moore on the birth of grandson Dominic, 5th child for son Kevin and Melanie!

Please consider signing up for coffee time and scripture reading on the sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Rev. Kate is on vacation and we wish her well in her travels!

Thanks to Scott Martin and Ross and Jean Leckie for leading us in worship during September. For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Rev. Ross Leckie.

Colleen

## **Interested in Mindfulness and Meditation ???**

Are you interested in taking a 7 session introductory study in **Mindfulness** and **Meditation** in the spring for 2 hours a week? Meditation can reduce stress, depression, insomnia and high blood pressure, as well as strengthening our relationship with the Divine. If you're interested, speak to Greg Howard, call or text (905) 873-0896 or email: [howard.cg@gmail.com](mailto:howard.cg@gmail.com)

**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.**

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## St. Andrew's Announcements

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St. Andrew's Presents:

# REUNITING SUNDAY

Sunday, September 15th at 10am

Please bring a dish to share for  
a potluck lunch after the service!

Sign up for groups, programs, and volunteer opportunities  
for the new fall season! There will be activities for all ages!

Bring your family and friends, all are welcome!



**Saturday, September 7th**  
ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH  
**MEN'S**  
*Breakfast*  
CLUB  
**at 9 AM at the legion.**  
All are invited to join us!

## Weekly Bible Study

***Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room***

We are studying the letter of Paul, Philippians, using the  
Life Guide booklet titled 'Jesus Our Joy'.

**Lesson 2: An Encouraging Example - Philippians 1:1-11. Paul  
begins his letter with a wonderful prayer of thanksgiving.**

**Invite your friends.**

**Add to your spiritual journey.**







## Come out and join the Choir!

We are meeting this Thursday,  
September 12th at 7:00 pm.  
You don't have to be a great singer,  
there is safety in numbers!  
Please join us for a year of music and  
fun!!!

## Circle of Friends

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

Circle of Friends is back! Please join  
us for our first meeting on Friday,  
September 13th at 9:30 am in the  
Fellowship room



***World-wide Communion Sunday - Combined Service at St. John's  
Sunday, October 6th at 10:00 AM***

St. John's will be hosting the first combined church service for members of Hillcrest, St. Andrew's and St. John's for 2024-25. **The Sun. Oct. 6 at 10:00 AM service will celebrate World-wide Communion Sunday.** We are anticipating a full sanctuary and a joyful worship experience with friends. Sue Cowan, with the support of colleagues, will lead the service. Light refreshments will be served in Celebration Hall after the service to allow everyone to mix and mingle and get re-acquainted after the summer. Please join us again, as we worship as one.

Friday, September 20th, 2024  
Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

## ST. ANDREW'S FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

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

Supported by Community  
Donors and Free Will Offerings

## VENDORS WANTED FOR ST. ANDREW'S Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, November 9th, 2024  
stacraftsale@hotmail.com

[Please click here to download the vendor application form](#)

## Terry Fox Run

My daughter and I are once again participating in the Georgetown Terry Fox Run to help fund critical cancer research in Canada. We greatly appreciate the generous support of family and friends in past years. If you would like to donate to Team Jordan please click the link below.

Thank you!  
Valerie



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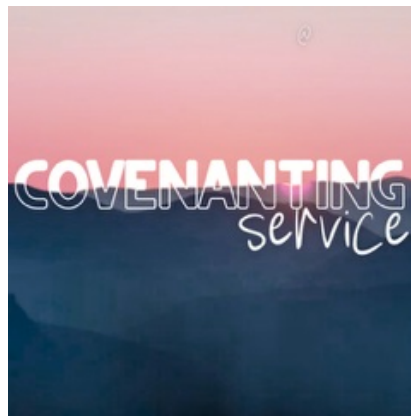
# Community Announcements

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## **GFORCE3 Update**

GFORCE3's (Georgetown Friends of Refugee Committee 3) second Afghan family, who fled Afghanistan over 2 years ago to Pakistan, arrived late Monday night. The 73-year-old father, one of his twin 29-year-old sons and his 26-year-old daughter all arrived safely and tired from their 24+ hour trip. They have begun to settle in as they await the arrival of the second twin son. Thank you for all your prayers and support over the past 2.5 years



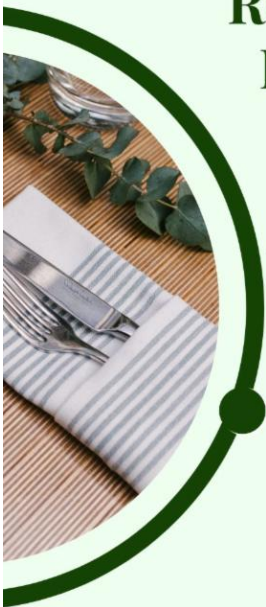
## **Covenanting Celebration Service at St. John's United**

Sunday, September 29th at 7:30 PM

You are invited to a special evening to formalize and celebrate the ministry between Rev. Sue Cowan, the people of St. John's United Church of Georgetown and Glen Williams, and Horseshoe Falls Regional Council.

A representative from Horseshoe Falls Regional Council will preside at this covenanting service and Rev. Debbie MacMillan of St. Andrew's UC Hamilton will be the guest speaker. Please join us!





## Rotary Club of Georgetown Free Community Dinners

Everyone is welcome.

Donations to cover the cost of  
those who are able to would be  
appreciated.

**Fri. Sept 6th at 6:00pm**

Doors open at 5:30pm

Knox Presbyterian Church

116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON



The Georgetown Agricultural Society Presents:



## The 2024 Georgetown Fall Fair

*September 6th, 7th, 8th*

[Please click here for more details and to buy tickets in advance](#)



Local  
Showcase  
Series



Presents



Saturday, October 5th, 7:30 pm

(Doors Open At 6:45pm)

The Fossil Rockers present "Troubadour"

- The music of

James Taylor and Carole King

The Sanctuary Concert Hall

at St. John's United Church

11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, ON L7G 3Z1

This event is a co-fundraiser for St. John's  
and for the Townsend Smith Foundation

Tickets available  
at TSCH.ca



United Church Mission & Service Fund

## Moments of Connections

The beauty of nature reminds children of the simple joys of friendship and gratitude.

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*



Have you ever stepped into a forest surrounded by birds chirping, insects calling, and leaves rustling in the wind? The leaders at Mission and Service partner Cave Springs Camp in Beamsville, ON, are encouraging children to leave the hustle and bustle behind to enjoy moments of connection with nature and each other.

Nestled right on the Niagara Escarpment, the joyful sounds of children discovering and playing echo throughout the campgrounds. "I found a salamander!" someone exclaims as other campers rush over to see. Something as simple as "Look at this cool rock!" draws laughter and excitement. These moments of connection are powerful, allowing everyone to be present and supportive.

In such a peaceful setting, the beauty of nature reminds children of the simple joys of friendship and gratitude. This experience can inspire a deep appreciation for the earth and a desire to take care of it. Children make music, worship, explore creativity through art, challenge themselves, and connect with others, all together in nature.

Your support of Mission and Service allows children to continue connecting in nature at United Church camps. Thank you.

# WAYS TO GIVE

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



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