

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, February 6, 2025

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

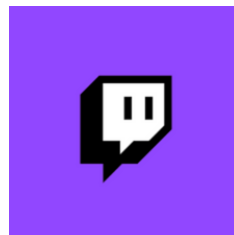


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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship This Week - Sunday, February 9th

St. Andrew's  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 9th, 2025**  
**In the gym following the Service**

Thank you to all of the volunteers who signed up!

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

**Annual Meeting Sunday**

**The Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 71 VU 789 Part 1-2

**The Old Testament Reading:** Jeremiah 4:1-10

**The Sermon:** 'Love To!'

[Please click here to view the Order of Service](#)



## Scripture Summary

I have become an example for many, but you are my strength and my refuge.  
All: Your praise will fill my mouth; I will sing of your glory all the day long.

## Humour Corner

Why did the pastor bring a ladder to the church meeting?  
Because they were hoping to raise the congregation's spirits!

## Membership Announcements

### **Volunteer Hours Needed!**

We have to submit yearly statistics to the United Church of Canada. One of the statistics they are requesting are the number of volunteer hours contributed by your congregants and adherents to the life of your community of faith for 2024.

We realize that this is a difficult thing to do since so many people volunteer a lot of time to the church, but we are going to try and quantify this number. There will be sign up sheets at church for you to enter your estimated hours or you can email the church office at [office@standrewsuc.ca](mailto:office@standrewsuc.ca) with your name and the number of hours you are estimating for volunteering last year. This looks like it will be a yearly statistic, so please also start keeping track of your volunteer hours for 2025!

**Please submit your hours by Wednesday, February 26th, 2025** as the statistics need to be submitted by March 3rd.

Thank you for your support!

### **Thank you!**

Community Unity of Georgetown thanks St. Andrew's United Church volunteers for providing a meal on January 28th and February 4th at the Georgetown Breadbasket. This covers most all of the users of our local 'Food Bank' within the last two weeks. As people can only access the 'food bank' every other week, we have offered the sustenance of a warm meal to many of

the 'clients' which use this service in our community. On any given week, about 80 people come to the food bank, representing perhaps 200 + people (estimating an average household of 2.5 people) in search of assistance. Thanks to Margaret and Ross Yahiro, Pat Moore, Marlene Beitz, Colleen Armstrong, and Stephanie Scott for making and/or serving the chili! For more information speak to Rev. Ross Leckie, our representative on the Community Unity 'steering team'.

Thanks,  
Ross Leckie

### **Prayers of the People**

We are keeping Phyllis Antle in our thoughts and prayers as she recovers from surgery this week.

We wish you a speedy recovery Phyllis and hope to see you soon.

### **Are you a SCRIPTURE READER or would like to be one?**

If so, read this.

*...from Graeme Thompson*

I'm the guy at the back who brings your voice out to the crowd through the in-house audio system on Sunday mornings.

#### **Do you want to be heard?**

If you don't speak up, then I have very little to work with, and I have to crank up the volume so you can be heard. The problem with that is that the sound from the sanctuary speakers gets picked up by the very microphone into which you are speaking. The result is that the sound goes round and round in a runaway feedback loop and produces a loud screaming howl. Therefore I have no choice but to turn your volume down, and then you cannot be heard.

WHAT DID SHE SAY?



**SOLUTION:** SPEAK UP TO THE BACK ROW, AS IF THERE IS NO MICROPHONE.  
HELP ME TO HELP YOU!

#### **Next, do you want to be understood?**

Then don't speak as if you are in a race to get from the first word to the last one in the shortest possible time. Nobody will know what you are trying to say.

**SOLUTION:** SLOW DOWN. OWN THE PODIUM. TAKE YOUR TIME.

**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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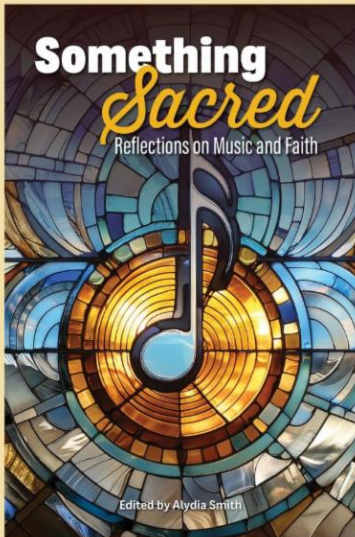
## **St. Andrew's Announcements**

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# THE SPIRIT OF ST. ANDREW'S



## A Lenten Study

A Lenten Study during March will be offered by Kate on Monday nights via Zoom. Using the United Church Lenten Resource: "Something Sacred, Reflections on Music and Faith" we will explore how music has the power to deepen our faith and our connection to God.

[Please click here to order the paperback or e-book \(Ucrd\)](#)



## Our Daily Bread Booklets

The January/February/March issue  
is now available!

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





**Saturday, February 8th**

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***

### **The Letter of Paul to the Romans**

Lesson Eight, Romans 5

New Life, New Lifestyle

Our new life in Christ demands a new Lifestyle.

The new service completely ousts the old.

**Invite Yourself**



ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH  
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**Friday, February 21st**  
**Doors Open at 5:30 PM**

**ST. ANDREW'S**  
**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

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

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



**Our CNOY Walk...Please help make this community outreach a success!**

Please go to the **Angels United Georgetown CNOY webpage** to sign-up as a walker, sponsor a registered walker, or donate to the team in general. **Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's** are walking as one team on the **Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY)** under the banner "Angels United Georgetown". The 5KM & 2KM walk event will be held at 4:00PM on **Saturday, February 22** at Norval United Church. All funds raised through the CNOY Georgetown Walk stay in the community and will be directed to the Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care. Please help make this community outreach a success.

[Please Click Here to Register or Sponsor one of our Walkers](#)



# Family Day Food Drive



**Sunday, February 16th**

If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church now until the 16th!

Thank you for your support!

## **Most Needed Items:**

- Beef or Vegetable broth
- Brew coffee and tea
- Canned kidney beans
- Canned salmon
- Flakes of ham
- Jam / jelly
- Juice 1L and juice boxes
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Pudding cups
- Saltine crackers

## **Needed**

- Canned Fruit/ apple Sauce
- Canned or dry gravy
- Canned pasta
- Cookies
- Fruit cups
- Hamburger Helper
- Microwave popcorn
- Spices, Cooking Sauces
- Syrup
- Tomato paste

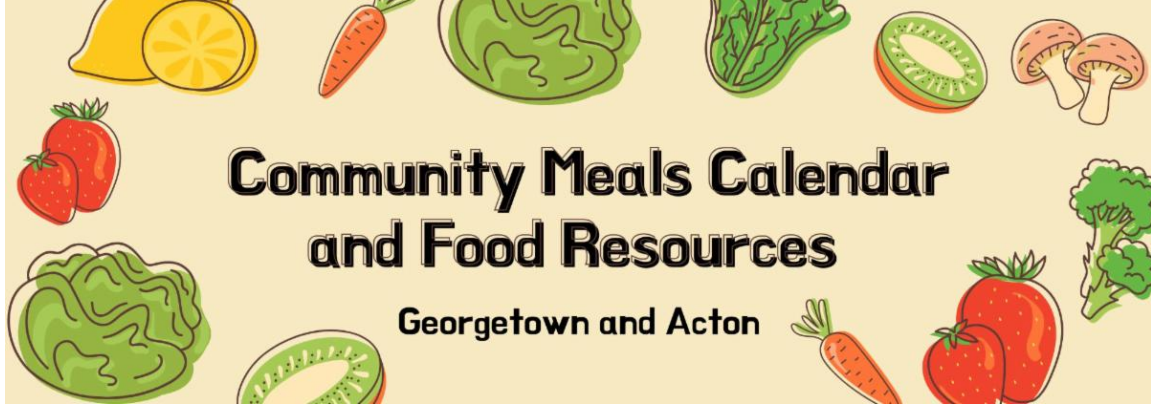


Georgetown  
**BREAD BASKET**  
*Your local food bank*

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## Community Announcements

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# Community Meals Calendar and Food Resources

Georgetown and Acton

Please click here to view February's meal calendar, as well as more details about local food resources



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH'S

# Valentine's Day Tea

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

Dine In: 11am or 12:30pm seating

Take out: 11am to 1pm pickup

70 MILL STREET EAST, ACTON

Tickets are \$18/person for Dine In or Take out  
and must be purchased in advance

Call 519-853-0806





# Pub Night



## Featuring

- *Russell Braun and Carolyn Maule*
- *Diana Tesser and Justin Tesser*
- *Don Ablett and Brent Cooper*

**Food Drinks Fun Friends**

## Silent Auction

No Entry Charge Free Will Offering

**Saturday February 22, 2025**

**7:00pm to 11:00pm**

St Alban's Church Hall  
537 Main St., Glen Williams

A Fundraiser for GFORCe3  
Supporting Our Refugee Family



## In Celebration of Black History Month

Spotlight on the Winston & Merle Roach Camp Leadership Fund

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*



As Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) celebrates Black History Month, we are honoured to spotlight the Winston & Merle Roach Camp Leadership Fund—a legacy of community, leadership, and opportunity for Black youth in United Church camping.

Winston and Merle Roach dedicated their lives to faith and service, shaping the lives of countless individuals within Eastminster United Church and beyond. Whether supporting new immigrants from the Caribbean diaspora, guiding students, or advocating for equity, they were steadfast in their belief that all people deserved access to the same opportunities. Among their many passions, they were longtime supporters of the Camping Opportunities Fund, ensuring that children from all backgrounds could experience the joy and growth that comes from summer camp.

In 2020, their children - Sandra, Donna, Alex, and Martin - established the Winston & Merle Roach Camp Leadership Fund to honour their parents' legacy and to continue their vision.

This fund provides financial support to hire Black youth as staff in United Church camps within the Shining Waters Region, fostering leadership development and representation in a space historically shaped by white communities. For the Roach family, this initiative is deeply personal:

“Our parents worked to address social inequity issues throughout their lives. They believed it was their duty to serve their community and to provide opportunities and access to life experiences available to mainstream society, and to those who would not have had the opportunity otherwise. This, in turn, allows participants to see possibilities for themselves. Having access to life experiences that were previously denied or that were inaccessible, in turn, opens the doors for others to join the 'field' and become part of broader society.”

Visiting Camp Scugog in July was an inspirational and emotional experience for Sandra and Donna.

“We were so impressed by the staff's ability to meet the campers where they were. The campers, many of whom were repeat guests, were so grateful to have a respite from their daily lives.”

The sisters saw firsthand how the camp functioned like a family, with many campers returning year after year, feeling truly at home.

“The Moms were thrilled with the community they had built with staff support. We were also impressed by the intentionality of camp programming. This intentionality ensures continued diversity of the camp population (staff and campers), contributes to personal growth, provides leadership opportunities, ensures that future projects and activities align with the goals and values of the camp, and encourages campers to participate in all aspects of camp life.”

Sandra and Donna also witnessed the impact of their family’s fund in action:

“We love that the fund has provided salary funding for Black youth leaders in different areas of camp life—counselors, kitchen staff, media roles, and more. It creates pathways for leadership and inspires campers to see themselves in these roles. We like the fact that the fund provides the opportunity for future Black camp leaders to be paid for their work. And we like that the fund provides the opportunity for campers to return as leaders.”

Looking ahead, the Roach family envisions a future where this fund expands to other United Church camps, ensuring Black youth leadership is not limited to a few locations.

“It would be great if the fund could help diversify all TUCC camps, not only Lake Scugog and Camp Big Canoe [who were recipients of grants from the fund in 2024]. The more we highlight the fund and increase its resources, the more camps we can support.”

At its heart, this fund is about breaking barriers and creating access. Winston and Merle’s legacy lives on in every young leader given a chance to shine, every camper who sees themselves reflected in camp leadership, and every community strengthened by “seeing Canada’s diverse population reflected in camp life.” Sandra, Donna, Alex and Martin have built a lasting tribute that honours their parents’ values and ensures future generations benefit from the same spirit of inclusion, opportunity, and empowerment.

This Black History Month, we invite you to honour Winston and Merle Roach’s legacy and their vision of equity, opportunity, and inclusion. You can read more about them and The Winston & Merle Roach Camp Leadership Fund: Supporting Black Youth Leadership in United Church Camping on our website.

[Please click here to visit the TUCC's website](#)



# WAYS TO GIVE

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



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