NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 22, 2026



We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitch & 100.3 FM Click on the icons below to connect!

LIVE YouTube 100.3 FM All St. Andrew's Radio

St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Sunday, October 25th 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's UC

22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 28:1-25
Sermon: The Witch of Endor

Thank you to our volunteers and everyone participating in the service!
Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl
Greeters: Joan Lovegrove
Scripture Reader: Mark Heinmiller

Offering Counters: Susan Quirk and Ross Yahiro
Coffee Time: Diane Bergamin and Ginny Morecroft

Please click here to view the Order of Service

Partnering in God's Provision: The Heart of Stewardship

As we walk together through this Fall season of ministry, it is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on a fundamental truth: **everything we have is a gift from God.**
When we talk about "stewardship" in the church, it is easy to view it through the lens of a budget or a financial obligation. However, true biblical stewardship goes much deeper. It is not about funding a budget; it is about **aligning our hearts with God's generosity.**

An Honest Look at Our Shared Mission
Ministry is an act of faith, and it requires practical resources to thrive. Throughout the year, our church has faced ups and downs in our attendance patterns resulting in a gap in the church budget.
While this budget gap presents a financial challenge, it also offers our congregation a unique opportunity to help us "catch-up". It calls us to look closely at our shared priorities and ask how we can rally together to support the ministries we love.

What is Stewardship?
The word "steward" means manager. In a spiritual sense, we are managers of the time, talents, and financial resources that God has entrusted to us. In **1 Peter 4:10**, we are reminded: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."
When we give, we are not simply paying a bill—we are making a joyful statement of gratitude, trusting that God will always provide for our needs.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED kids MINISTRY

Humour Corner

Why are ghosts so bad at lying?
Because you can see right through them

Membership Announcements

Broadview Update
The Anglican Church of Canada recently announced that the Anglican Journal is no longer continuing as a journalistic enterprise due to rising costs.
Two thirds of Canadians still identify as religious and it is important to have faith formed journalism where difficult questions and asked and thoughtfully explored. In addition, a faith perspective in issues that shape our lives and country and stories about people and communities of faith who continue to make a difference in our society is important.
Recently Broadview announced a pilot project in partnership with the Winnipeg Free Press as a new model for sustaining religion reporting while exploring a new way to fund and share public interest journalism.If this pilot succeeds it has the potential to ensure that stories of faith reach more Canadians in more places.
In the latest issue of Broadview the following are discussed.

- What small churches offer the world
- How to embrace small as a strength
- 5 leading thinkers on new models of ministry

If you do not have a subscription there are copies available inside the church doors next to the bulletin boards beside the church office.

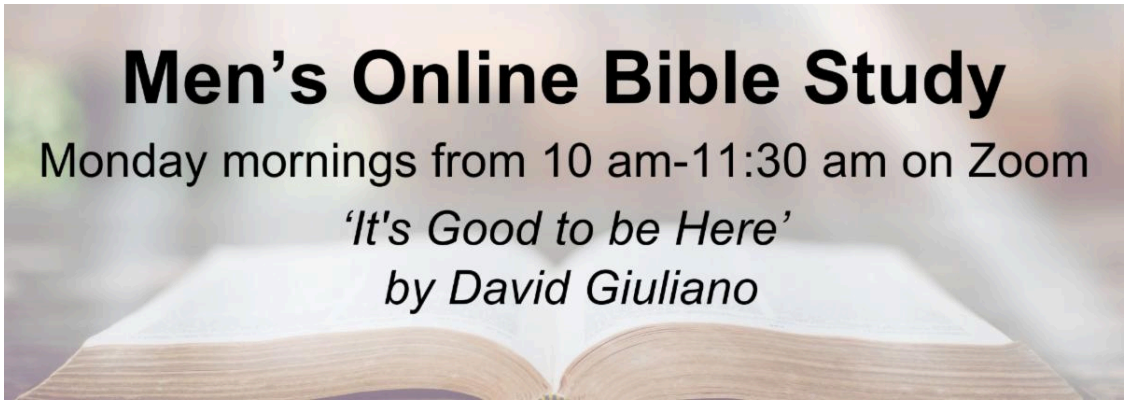
Confirmation Classes
Anyone who would like to seek confirmation is encouraged to speak with Kate if you have not already done so. A class will begin soon.

Prayers of the People
We continue to keep those in our church family who are dealing with health concerns, whether at home or in hospital, in our prayers. We hope to see you back with us soon.

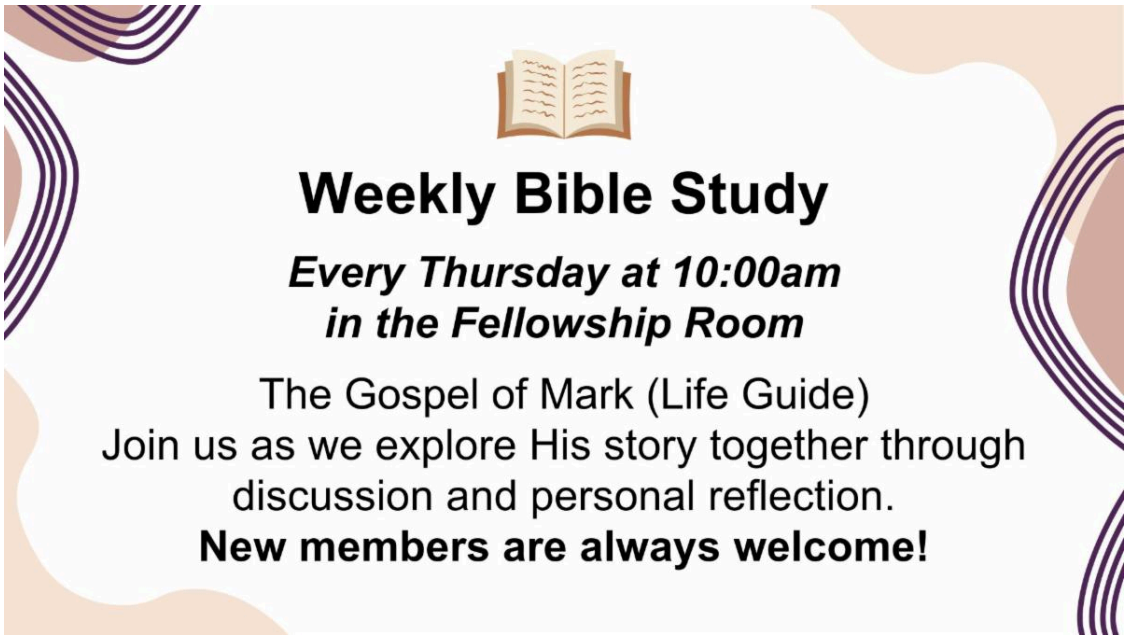
Pastoral Care
If you would like a visit or know of someone who is in the hospital, please let Kate or the office know!

If you have announcements, milestones to celebrate, or photos to share for next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

St. Andrew's Announcements



Men's Study Group (Online-Zoom)
This group has begun once again and newcomers are welcome. Please speak to Rev. Ross Leckie for more information and the Zoom invitation. The group gathers Monday mornings from 10 am-11:30 am. A couple of times a year we gather in-person. This allows people to participate who are at some distance. We are currently discussing the book, It's Good to be Here by David Giuliano. This is David's pilgrimage with cancer over a 20+ year journey. This all began shortly after he was elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada in 2006. Soon thereafter, he began to rely on God in new ways that he had never experienced before. Join us for some discussion on "things we all need to think about to know how to work through our lives as human beings who will inevitably face ourselves and each other in times when we are frightened and fighting; in times when we would best be served by love, care, compassion, hope, dignity, forgiveness, and humour."



2026 Fall Yard Clean-up

Assisting families in need due to age, health or circumstance.

When: **Saturday Nov 7th, 2026**
Time: **8:15am to noon.**
Where: **Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Road**
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 provide your church representative, Minister/Reverend 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 in your church.

"My husband and I were the fortunate recipients of your generous help. We will never be able to thank you and your volunteers enough for what you did for us. Please thank them for taking all that time from their busy lives to help us. People like them are a breath of fresh air in our community and a gift to humankind." *Homeowner*

"The couple were in bad shape physically and really appreciated the work and when we prayed she broke down and cried and that really touched me." *Yard Work Volunteer*

"This is one of the best, if not the best service provided in our community. Young people today are so busy that it is hard to get them to help, so this is a service that I am very grateful for. The combined efforts of the members of churches in our community, setting aside a day to help seniors is such a loving, generous service. Thank you." *Homeowner*

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

Please see the sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary if you would like to volunteer or request a clean-up, or speak to our representative: Ross Leckie.

THE 12TH ANNUAL
ST. ANDREW'S

Christmas CRAFT SHOW

SAT. NOVEMBER 14TH

Vendors • Silent Auction • Raffle
Bake Sale • Café • Visit with Santa

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
St. Andrew's United Church
89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown
905-877-4482

$2 Admission
All ticket sales will be donated to the Bennett Village's build of a new long-term care facility



Please click here for the vendor application form



St. Andrew's Christmas Craft Sale
Saturday, November 14th

Accepting Personal & Business Donations

We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction and Raffle! Donations can include:

- New or Handmade items
- Gift certificates or experiences
- Gifts of time, such as handyman services, babysitting, lawn care, etc.

We would also love to receive donations from local businesses!

The best way to get a business donation is to ask! If you have a favorite business you support, please consider asking them to donate an item, service, or gift certificate.

Drop-Off Information

Donations can be dropped off anytime between now and November 8th. Donation forms and a collection table are located at the end of the hallway outside the office.

Every donation, big or small, helps make this fundraising event a success! Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

St. Andrew's
Christmas Craft Sale

CALLING ALL BAKERS

We're calling on all the wonderful bakers of St. Andrew's to help make this year's sale another great success. Our bake sale is always a highlight of the event, thanks to your delicious contributions!

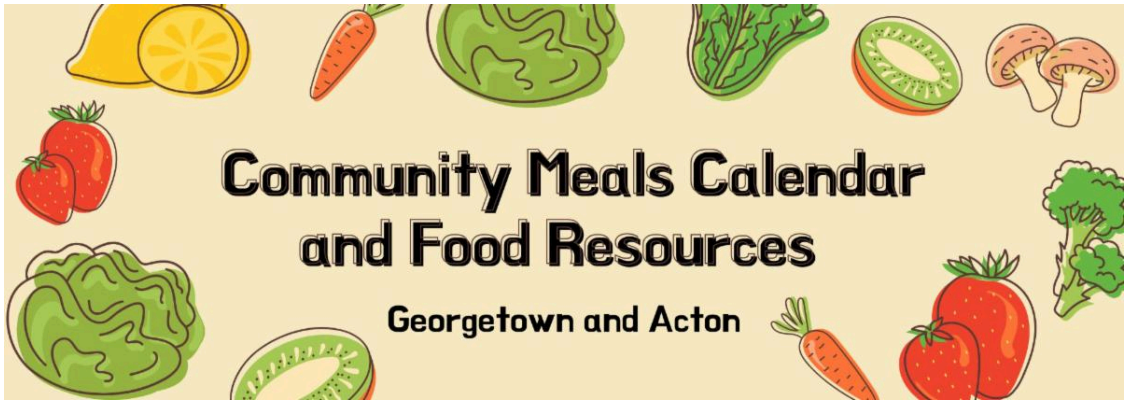
Please do not cut your squares, we will cut squares while preparing the Baking Boxes.

Please bring in baked goods
2:00-4:00 pm on
Friday, November 13th

Thank you for your support!



Community Announcements



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



St. John's United Church
Faith · Community · Outreach

THE ORGAN:
FROM BAROQUE TO BLOCKBUSTER

Featuring the famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Canadian composers, and movie favourites. Come and hear the only pipe organ in Alliston!

Sunday November 1st, 2026
2:00 pm

St. John's United Church
56 Victoria Street East, Alliston

Tickets: $15.00
Available at Church Office: 705-435-6732
or by cash or card at the door






Grace United Church
Christmas Marketplace
Saturday, November 7
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
156 Main St. N., Brampton
Café Grace serving
snacks and lunch
from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Payments: CASH only please



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Campus Connections

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Campus Ministry at Algonquin College provides pastoral care, spiritual support, and practical assistance to students and staff navigating uncertainty. Here is the Mission and Service Story for October 25, 2026.

For many young adults, post-secondary education extends beyond studying and getting through exams. It's a pivotal time when they'll figure out who they are, what they believe, and what they hope their future will look like. Campus Ministry at Algonquin College in Ottawa, ON provides a place for students and staff to explore those questions and find support along the way.

Campus Ministry is an ecumenical chaplaincy serving approximately 20,000 students and staff. Since 1993, it has offered pastoral care, spiritual counselling, workshops, and opportunities to explore faith in a safe and non-judgmental environment.

Our Mission and Service gifts help make this ministry possible.

Since 2006, our gifts through Mission and Service have helped support a part-time campus minister. Yuriy Derkach has served in the role since 2011, providing pastoral care and spiritual counselling throughout the year.

Campus Ministry has responded to some significant needs in the Algonquin community. Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the ministry provided support to international students from Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus, as well as Ukrainians arriving in Ottawa on temporary visas. This included connecting people with language courses and helping them find support with housing, employment, and education.

The ministry also offers practical care during particularly stressful times. At the end of each fall and winter semester, "Pause Break" tables are set up in the Student Commons. In partnership with local congregations, including United Churches, Campus Ministry provides free refreshments and encouragement to students during final assessment week.

That presence is especially important now. Like many post-secondary institutions, Algonquin College has faced program and staffing cuts in response to declining international enrolment. Students are concerned about losing program options, while staff face uncertainty about their jobs. As overall anxiety increases, more members of the college community are seeking support from Campus Ministry.

The impact of this ministry also continues long after students leave campus. A former student recently wrote to express gratitude for the prayers and encouragement they received from Campus Ministry years ago, sharing that the support helped them find their vocation, their life partner, and a church community where they continue to grow in faith.

Our gifts to Mission and Service help make this ministry possible. They allow us to be present in the lives of young adults as they navigate questions of faith, relationships, education, work, and their future.

Together, our gifts help create communities of care, welcome, and hope. Let's give generously.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



CASH & CHEQUE



CANADA HELPS



SCAN ME for more details



ETRANSFERS TO
standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com



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.

We would love to share our News from the Pews! Please feel free to share with a friend...

Share This Email | Share This Email | Share This Email

www.standrewsuc.ca

St. Andrew's United Church | 89 Mountainview Road S. | Georgetown, ON L7G 4T9 CA

Unsubscribe | Update Profile | Constant Contact Data Notice

Try email marketing for free today!