

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday February 29, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

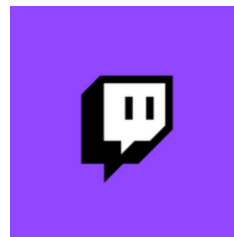


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, March 3rd

Thank you to Rev. Kate Young for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for our Sunday service as we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent!

Theme: Jesus Clears the Temple

The Responsive Psalm: Psalm 19 VU 740-741

The Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

Sermon: "If its gotta Be Clean its gotta be Jesus"



Scripture Summary

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul; God's instruction is sure, giving wisdom to the simple; God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart; God's commandment is pure giving light to the eyes.

Humour Corner

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

Membership Announcements

Future State Committee Members wanted

At the AGM we decided to look at what opportunities may exist for a possible amalgamation with another or multiple communities of faith in Halton Hills. To undertake the work for this, we are striking a new committee to investigate all options and present their findings to the board and ultimately the congregation for a decision on what St. Andrew's future may look like. We are needing diverse individuals from our congregation to help with this endeavour to sit on the main committee or possible sub-committees. If you are interested in helping with this process please contact Mark Wyatt at communications@standrewsuc.ca by Monday March 11, 2024.

Thank you!

A special thank you to Bill and Craig Pennycook, Bill McMaster, Alex MacKenzie, Matt and Bryan Scott for your assistance at the church last Saturday! Your help was very appreciated!

-Stephanie Scott

Coffee time: please remember to check out the sign up sheets for March and April outside of the sanctuary. It is wide open.



Happy Birthday Bryan!

Best wishes go out to Bryan Scott celebrating his 60th birthday!



Congratulations to Florence Riehl on receiving the 2023 Ontario Senior Achievement Award!

Exciting News! Florence Riehl has been awarded the Ontario Senior Achievement Award! Hillsview will be sharing the presentation by the Lieutenant Governor this afternoon through a live stream (Thursday, February 29th) at 2:00pm on the TV in the Hillsview café lobby or you can watch using the link below.

[Please click here for more details and to watch the livestream](#)

Rev. Kate Young

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St. Andrew's Announcements



The Sat. Feb. 24 **Coldest Night of the Year Walk (CNOY)** in Georgetown was a great success. It was special to have Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's United Churches walking as one this year. Our **"Angels United"** team had 32 walkers and raised \$8220 - the largest on both counts. Thanks to Joanne Wardle at St. Andrew's for establishing our team and the members at Norval for offering their beautiful facility. Thank you as well to all those who supported our team. The Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care address important needs in our community and it felt good to be supporting them. It was also a great opportunity to meet a wide cross-section of committed individuals and groups from Halton Hills. Together the community raised over \$61,000 which is 122% of its goal.

The 4 Georgetown United Churches are joining up again to walk as the **"United4Hospice"** team on the May 4, 2024 **Hike for Hospice** in Georgetown. With your support we can build a hospice for North Halton. See you in May!

Please click [here](#) to sponsor our Coldest Night of the Year walkers! It's not too late!



NATIONAL PIE DAY AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY

Sunday, March 10th, 2024
The 4th Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Service

Join Kate after church on March 10th for a slice of pie and continue to learn how to be public, intentional and explicit about welcoming everyone to church. We will also be welcoming our newest church family member through Baptism.



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.

Community Announcements

Rotary Club of Georgetown Free Community Dinners

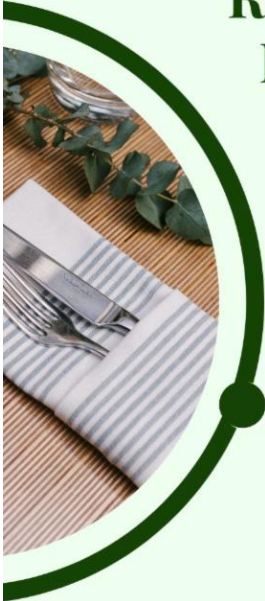
Everyone is welcome.

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

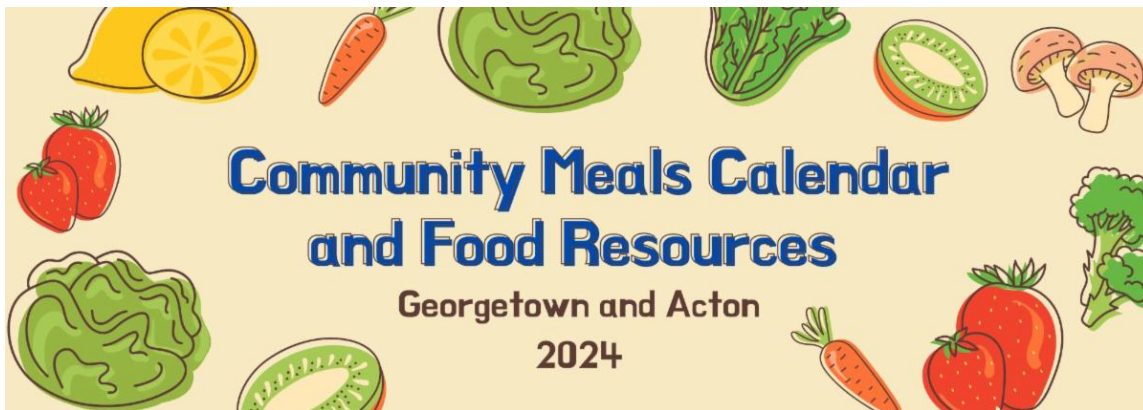
Fri. March 1st at 6:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

Knox Presbyterian Church
116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON



GFORCE3 – Almost There! GFORCE3's second Afghan family could be here by mid-March. A 3-bedroom apartment has been rented. If you can help with any of the following items, please contact Susan Tupling at 416.200.8675. Set of dining room chairs, coffee table, coffee maker, microwave, kettle, Corelle (or similar) baking dishes, tea pot, sugar bowl and cream pitcher, bedside tables, single or double bed sheets, single or double blankets/duvets, sleeping pillows, metal storage rack.



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



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**. At that time we will be having people distribute Easter gifts to those in need in our community. 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. With these funds Community Unity will then purchase grocery gift cards for distribution.

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

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Executive Director Easter Basket Brigade

Community Unity – Halton Hills



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Lessons of Racism Learned when Young

The name calling started when she was about three years old.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



The following is an excerpt from a [blog](#) written by Adele Halliday. Your [Mission and Service](#) gifts support anti-racism programs and initiatives like the ones Halliday develops as the United Church's Anti-Racism and Equity Lead to help all of us be in deeper, more equitable relationships with one another.

The name calling started when she was about three years old. They were racial slurs, and names, and taunts. My child, my own flesh and blood, was being ostracized for having Black skin. The people slinging the insults? Other children on the playground....

She may not have necessarily always understood the particular terms that they used, but she knew that they were related to her Blackness and her racial identity. And this deeply wounded her tender heart....

Despite all of our intentional modelling, teaching, and proactive actions, our child is still already developing internalized racism and inferior notions of herself.

The children who were taunting her were offering explicit and overt notions of racism, but they were children! They had not even started primary school! And yet, the children had already learned behaviour (at home, or elsewhere in society) that Whiteness is superior. And, they had the audacity to vocalize that to an innocent little child....

This is in part why I am so deeply committed to dismantling racism in all its forms—racism is damaging and destructive for all people in society. It reinforces negative notions for people of colour. I live it in a particular way because of my own racial identity, as a Black person who has lived with racial injustice my entire life.

The systemic nature of racism is something that cannot be ignored.... This effort to overcome racism is a continuous effort. And I am committed to this work for the long haul. I hope that you will be too.

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.



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



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