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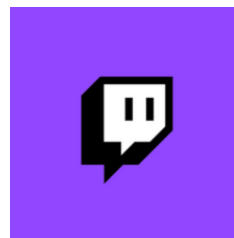
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Sunday February 5, 2023

**We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am
on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch & 100.3 FM
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St. Andrew's United Church



February 12 following worship at 10:30 AM. This year our meeting will be held in the sanctuary and will be both in person and online by zoom. As zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting. For those planning to connect by zoom, we will try to provide microphones for all speakers in the sanctuary so all can be heard.



Our annual report can be found by clicking the button below. Our AGM will be held next Sunday on February 12, 2023 at 10:30 am.

[Annual Report 2023](#)



There are a few key vacancies on the St. Andrew's church board. Alan Grundy's term on the board is now up and we are looking for a replacement. And Brian Heinmiller has submitted his resignation as our church treasurer after many years of dedicated service. We thank both of them for their time on the board and wish them well in future endeavors.

The following vacancies are available:

Board Chairperson
Board Director for Finances
Board Director for Building and Maintenance
Treasurer
Vice Treasurer
M and P committee – 2 members
Worship Leadership team- 2 members
Board of Trustees- 2 members
Christian Education Leadership Team- 1 member
Finance Leadership Team- 2 members

For the board positions members will need to be members of St. Andrew's United Church, but for other positions, they are open to anyone willing to provide leadership.

If you are interested in any of these positions or want to nominate someone, please speak to Alan Grundy or Grant Williams.



St. Andrew's has a team of people assisting in the Out of the Cold program 'housed' at Knox Presbyterian Church in downtown Georgetown. An evening meal, safe overnight accommodation, and a simple breakfast is offered to anyone who desires it. Over the last 6 weeks, 'Out of the Cold' volunteers have provided 4-5 nights shelter out of every 7. Our own volunteer roster includes-Jackie Gray, Ove Andersen, Ross and Jean Leckie, Alex Mackenzie, Jan and Bill

Pennycook, Joanne Wardle, and Grant Williams. We can use more volunteers for the overnight shift (11pm-6 am) and the morning shift (6-8am). For more information please contact Ross Leckie.



Please save your Georgetown Independent newspapers that contain the obituary for Alice Greenway. If you drop it off at the office we will ensure it gets to Gail.

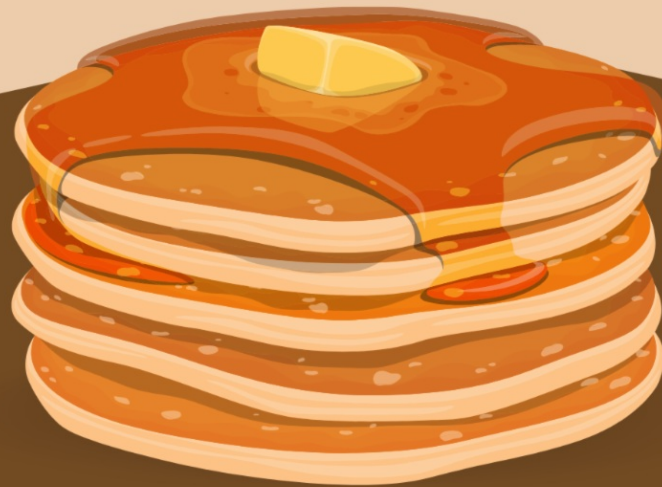
Happy Birthday!

Jean Lawr will be turning 80 on February 25, 2023!

If you would to send Jean Lawr a birthday card please contact the office for her mailing address!

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
SHROVE

Tuesday



All are welcome!
Admission will be by donation only.

February 21, 5-7 PM



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We will be hosting our Pancake Supper. This will be a meal for anyone with pancakes, sausages, fruit and beverages. All are welcome! Admission will be by donation only. We are in need of youth and adult helpers. Please sign up on the bulletin board or see Grant Williams.



CAShh (Cancer Assistance Services Halton Hills) is in need of drivers. The incidence of cancer in our community is growing as is our population in Halton Hills. As a result, we have an increased number of clients needing our services. We need more volunteers who are interested in becoming drivers for CAShh. Our clients generally go to various hospitals in the

GTA as well as local ones (Oakville, Credit Valley, Juravinski in Hamilton). We are in great need of drivers that are willing to go into the GTA (Sunnybrook,

Princess Margaret). We are hoping that drivers could commit to a minimum of 2 days per month...more if possible. Drivers are reimbursed for their expenses. Contact the office if you are interested.

GFORCE3 AFGHAN SPONSORSHIP TEAM
Presents

*A Lovely Evening
with GFORCE3*



Saturday, February 11, 2023
Norval United Church
14015 Danby Road, Georgetown
Cocktails at 6:15PM
Dinner at 7:00PM
Cash Bar: Beer, Wine, Cider
Live Entertainment
\$65.00/person

Bringing New Canadians Home

Reserve your tickets with Susan Tupling by sending your details ASAP to tupling@swdsl.com

GFORCE3 is having a fundraising dinner entitled "A Lovely Evening with GFORCE3" on Saturday, February 11, 2023. These funds are to bring two Afghan families to Canada, and until then support them while they are hiding out in Pakistan. Could you please advertise this community event in your bulletin/announcements throughout the month of January and the first Sunday in February? A poster with details of the dinner is attached. A silent auction may be added to the evening.



It's cold out there. On **February 25, 2023**, our team "Georgetown United Angels" is going to do something about it. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we're walking and fundraising to support and serve people and families experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger in our community. Please, give generously by clicking the "Donate Now" button below. You're also welcome to join our team too with the link below!

Coldest Night of the Year

USED BATTERIES

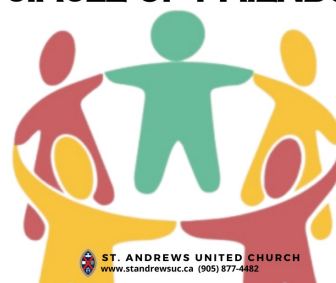


The Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association has an ongoing fundraising program for the recycling of used batteries. We now have a collection box on the table by the photocopier where the pop tab and other collection boxes are.



If you or your child wishes to be baptized at St. Andrew's, please contact Grant Williams to find out more information.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Circle of Friends meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday, 5th if there is one in the mornings. All are welcome to attend.



Our weekly bible study is held on thursdays at 10 am in person at the church. Everyone is welcome!



The choir practices Thursday evenings at 7 pm. All are welcome! No previous experience required!



United Church Mission & Service Fund



Grandmothers connect love for their grandchildren to God's love for all.

In the Rift Valley of Kenya, 7 percent of the people who live there are HIV positive—nearly 900,000—and many will not survive. Grandmothers whose children have died of AIDS are often left alone to care for their grandchildren, and to add insult to injury, their church community condemns them, leaving them without support as they raise their grandchildren.

Some pastors in the Rift Valley, as in many other places, believe and teach that faithful Christians cannot contract the disease and that it is a judgment from God—a disease for sexual sinners.

“The pastors had little information about HIV and AIDS; to them, and others in the community, it was a strange disease.... [They believed] HIV was a result of sexual sin and was a judgement from God for the sexually immoral,” writes Esther Mombo of the World Council of Churches.

In partnership with the United Church, Mombo and Pauline Wanjuru of St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, led a series of workshops in one Rift Valley community that has been hit especially hard by HIV/AIDS. They invited grandmothers and pastors to connect and learn from each other.

One grandmother who attended the workshops was 70 years old. She had lost both her daughter and her son and was left to raise three grandchildren on her own. Instead of stepping up to help, her neighbours refused to visit her because they said her daughter and son had been sexually immoral. Her pastor wouldn't even attend her children's funerals because he didn't want to be seen associating with her family. When she went to church, the pastor

preached about the punishment for sexual immorality.

At the workshops, this woman bravely told her story to the pastors who attended. She also shared with them how it felt to be shamed for loving her children and grandchildren. Another grandmother explained that her grandchildren were born with the virus and couldn't have been involved in any sexual immorality. Yet another spoke of God's love for everyone. Pastors listened and learned, and ended by making a commitment to extend compassion and offer pastoral care to the grandmothers.

All of us know from our own life experience that when we know better, we do better. Your Mission & Service gifts gave these grandmothers the opportunity to help their pastors learn to do better by connecting their love for their grandchildren to God's love for all. Thank you.



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