NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 29, 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!

St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Sunday, November 1st 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's UC

23rd Sunday after Pentecost - Ordinary Time
All Saints Sunday

Scripture Readings: Revelation 7:9-17, Matthew 5:1-12
-**Sermon:** 'A Wild and Precious Life'

Thank you to our volunteers and everyone participating in the service!
Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl
Greeters: Lorne MacLeod

Scripture Reader: Gail Bancroft
Offering Counters: Pat Moore and Ross Yahiro
Coffee Time: Carol Hall

Please click here to view the Order of Service

Important Announcement

At the October Board Meeting, Kate Young advised that she would be retiring, and St. Andrew's needs to begin the process of finding a new minister.

Because of this, the Board set two important dates.

The first is a Town Hall gathering. On Sunday, November 8th, following worship, to choose between two options for finding a minister.

The second is a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 15th, following worship. At this meeting, a vote will be taken on the options presented at the Town Hall.

Also at the Congregational Meeting, documents for the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council will be presented for approval by the congregation. This will allow St. Andrew's to begin the process.

These are important meetings, and your attendance is very important.

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 didn't the skeleton go to the Halloween party?
He had no body to go with!

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.

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.

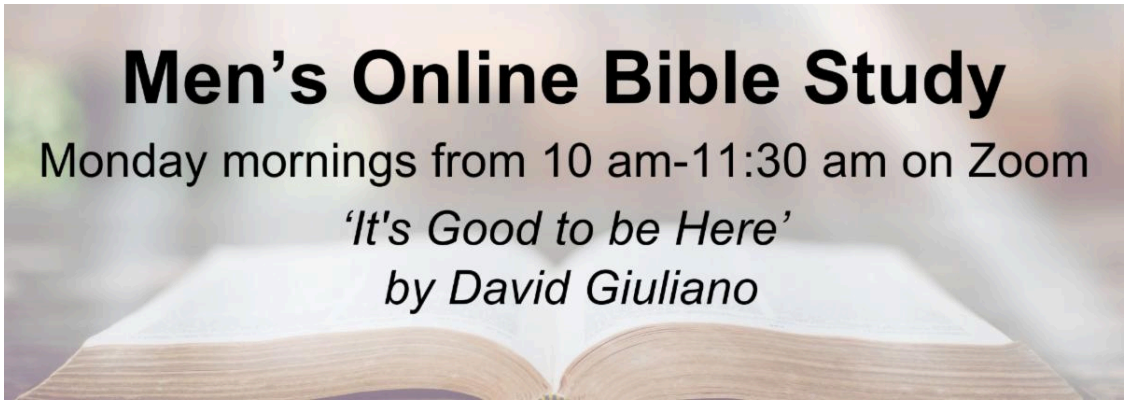
Pastoral Care
If you would like a visit or know of someone who is in the hospital, please let Kate or the office know!



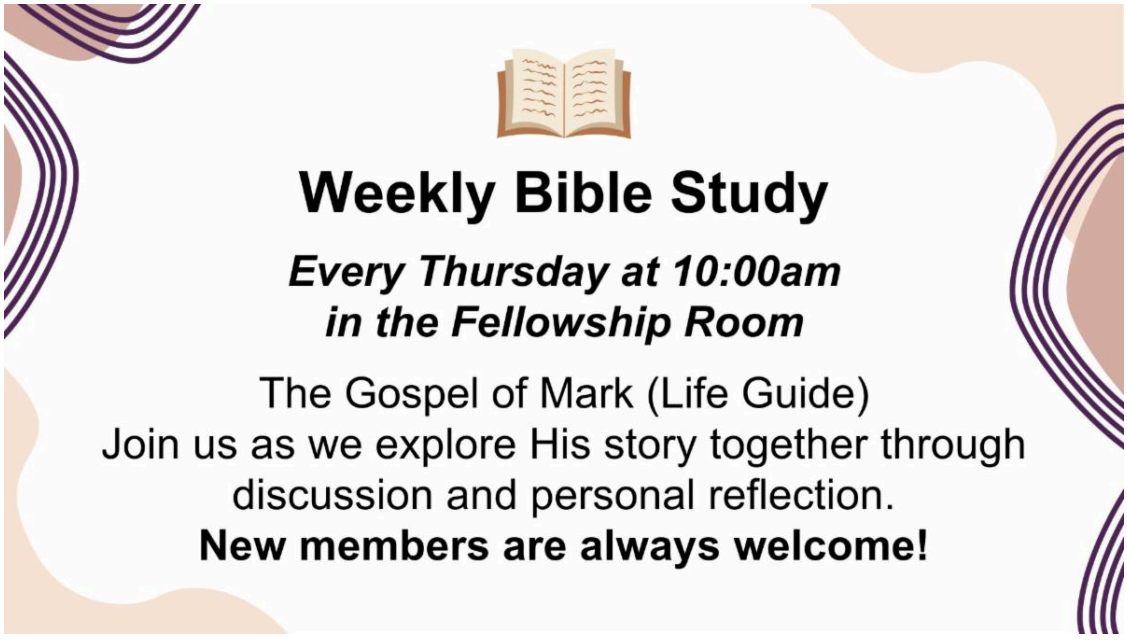
Please click here to view the obituary or share condolences on the tribute wall

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.

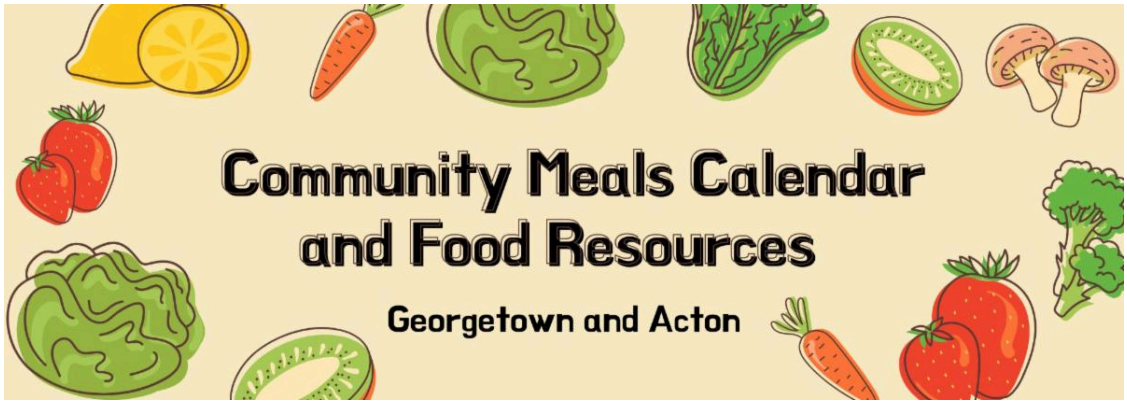
Drop-Off Information

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!



Community Announcements



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

St. John's United Church
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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

Christmas Artisan Market

Nov. 7th, 10am - 3pm

at Norval United Church

14015 Danby Rd., Georgetown

Get your Christmas shopping done early and shop unique finds from over 40 amazing local vendors!

Bring your friends, bring the family, and join us for a fun-filled day of shopping, community, and holiday cheer!





Norval United Church

presents a

Christmas Concert

featuring the

Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir



Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 2:30 pm

Doors open at 2 pm

The choir will be performing a selection of sacred and secular pieces based around a Christmas theme

Tickets are $50 with those under 12 admitted free
Refreshments at the intermission are included

Tickets are available in person at the Church
By phone at 905 877 6122 or by email at
office@norvalunited.ca

Norval United Church
14015 Danby Road, Georgetown

United Church Mission & Service Fund

Youth Leadership Animators

Credit: The United Church of Canada



The United Church's Leadership Animator program helps young people grow in faith, develop leadership skills, and discover their gifts. Through mentorship and hands-on experiences, youth are helping shape the future of the church. Here is the Mission and Service Story for November 1, 2026.

What does it mean to be a leader in the church? For eight young people from across the United Church of Canada, this summer was an opportunity to explore that question through the Leadership Animator program.

The Leadership Animator program employs six youth (ages 15-21) from across Canada to participate in leadership development, vocational discernment, Collective conference leadership, and church staff placements. Now in its third year, the Leadership Animator program continues to empower youth and expose them to the life of the wider church.

This past summer, the Leadership Animators took part in General Council, helped lead workshops and discipleship groups at Collective 2026, and spent time shadowing church staff to learn more about the work happening in congregations and communities.

They also ensured they took the time to learn from one another. During time together at Crieff Hills, they shared stories about their lives and experiences in the church, enjoyed a nature walk, and explored the church's role in truth, reconciliation, and decolonization.

Opportunities to connect happened online, too. Through daily gatherings, the young leaders took turns guiding worship and land acknowledgements, while learning about everything from anti-racism and Indigenous reconciliation to church history, finance, and growth.

But leadership isn't just about learning how to organize an event or lead a group. It's also about building relationships, encouraging others, and helping people recognize their own potential.

Through these experiences, the Leadership Animators each year gain confidence, explore their passions, and discover the many ways they can be involved in the life of the church. They're also bringing fresh perspectives and voices to a wider church where youth leadership continues to grow in importance.

Thank you for supporting programs like the Leadership Animators through Mission and Service. Let's give generously. Together, we're helping young people grow in faith, discover their gifts, and shape the future of our church.

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



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

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