

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 30, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

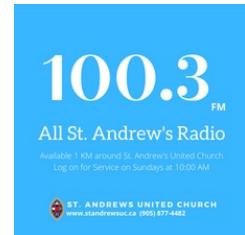
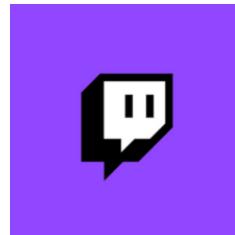


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Week - Sunday, November 2nd

All Saints' Sunday

Theme: What does it take to be a saint?

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 1: 11-23 and Luke 6: 20-31

Sermon: "Weeping and Laughing"

Thank you to Mary Parsons for leading us in worship and to our volunteers this Sunday!

Scripture Reader: Mark Heinmiller

Coffee Time: Joanne Wardle and Jan Pennycook

Offering Counters: Linda McKinnon and Ross Yahiro

Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl



Scripture Summary

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

Humour Corner

Why did the ghost bring a Bible to the party?
He heard it was full of spirit!

Membership Announcements

Congratulations, Matthew!

Sending our congratulations to Matthew Tyhurst on receiving the United Nations Youth Champion in Environmental Action and Awareness Award! His dedication to environmental justice and community leadership continues to inspire us all. Please see below for the full article.

Save the Dates - Special Services

December 7th - Join us as Stephanie, the Sunday School, and friends present their joyful Christmas play!

December 14th - The choir will be performing the cantata *Hear the Prophet Callin'* by Pepper Choplin. More details to come.

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



Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am

October 30th: Lesson 8 – 2 Samuel 7

God's Promise to David

In what ways has God used you to accomplish
his purposes?

Have you ever wanted to do great things
for God?

Circle of Friends

**The 2nd, 4th, 5th Friday
of the Month**

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, October 31st at
9:30 am in the Fellowship room



Volunteers Needed!
Volunteer Orientation Nights:
Monday, October 27th & Sunday, November 2nd

As the colder months approach, we are once again preparing for another season of the Out of the Cold program at Knox. Each year, this most crucial ministry makes a vital difference by providing shelter through the coldest nights and by serving warm, nourishing meals on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Last season, thanks to your commitment, compassion, and hard work, we were able to serve our community consistently—missing only four nights all winter long. That is a tremendous accomplishment and a testament to the heart and dedication of our volunteers.

This year, however, we are facing a potential challenge: we need more volunteers. To continue providing meals and shelter without interruption, we need to grow our team. That's why we're asking each of you to consider bringing a "buddy"—a friend, family member, or colleague—to one of

our Volunteer Orientation Nights.

Volunteer Orientation Night:

- Sunday, November 2nd at 7:00pm

By attending this kick-off and bringing along a buddy, you can help us spread the word and increase our volunteer base. Every new pair of hands means more meals served, more beds filled, and more lives touched.

Together, we can make sure no one is left out in the cold this winter. Thank you for your continued dedication, generosity, and willingness to invite others into this important community initiative.

Further information can be obtained from Rev. Ross Leckie, 905-873-9808

THE 11TH ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S **Christmas CRAFT SHOW**

SAT. NOVEMBER 8TH

**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
Cancer Assistance Halton Hills**



Calling All Bakers at St. Andrew's!



Once again, we'll be holding a Bake Sale at the Christmas Craft Show! It's time to start thinking about what you'll be baking! Cookies, squares, loaves, pies, or any of your favourite festive treats! 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!

We kindly ask that donations be brought to the church **by 4:00pm on Friday, November 7th**, if possible, so that we can begin packaging.

Please do not cut any squares, as we'll be cutting them to a uniform size for the sale.

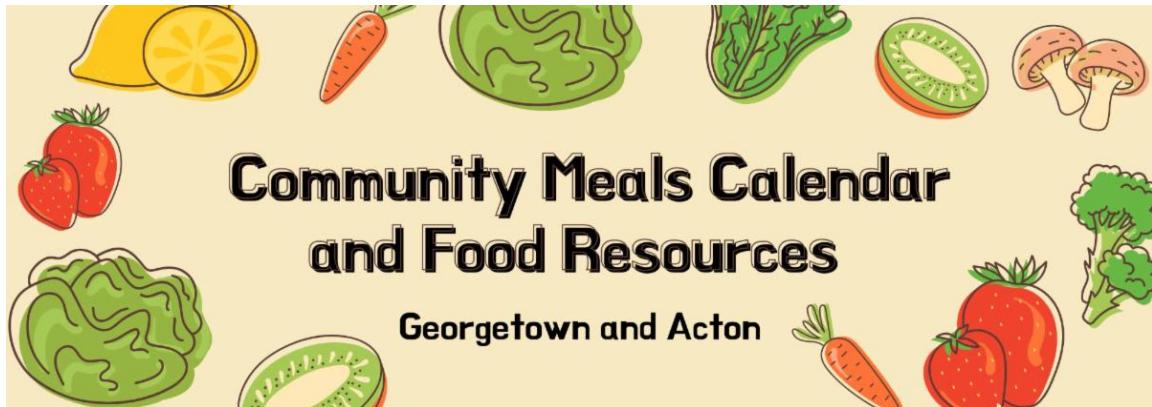


We are asking for donations for our silent auction and raffle! Items should be new or handmade or a gift of time such as handyman work, babysitting, etc. We are also looking for Business Donations - The best way to get donations is a good customer asking the business for a donation!

Your donations can be dropped off anytime now until Sunday, November 2nd. There are donation forms and a table set up for the donations at the end of the hallway outside of the office. All donations big or small help make this fundraising event successful and we thank you in advance for your generosity!

[Click here to visit our website and download the donation or registration forms](#)

Community Announcements



[Click here to view November's calendar, as well as more details about local food resources](#)



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST,
2025**

**NORVAL UNITED
CHURCH- 14015
DANBY RD**

**STARTS AT
7PM**

Join us for an evening of music, unity, and action as we raise our voices and funds to help preserve the beauty and balance of the place we call home.

FEATURED PERFORMERS

Russell Braun & Carolyn Maule

World-renowned baritone and pianist duo who captivate audiences with their artistry and connection. A rare chance to hear this world-class duo, who call The Glen home.

Katherine Wheatley

Poetic songwriter whose nature-inspired music evokes the landscapes we fight to preserve.

Chris & Simon Dawes

Georgetown's father-son duo blending choral mastery and rising jazz talent in a heartfelt performance.

Maeve Sharkey

A local favourite with a global voice. Maeve's heartfelt connection to the environment and community shines through her music.

TICKETS ARE \$35! - INCLUDES HORS D'OEUVRES. AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR VIA E-TRANSFER GLENWILLIAMS@GMAIL.COM

All concert proceeds will support legal and advocacy efforts to protect the unique character and heritage of our beloved hamlet! Please join us for an inspiring evening of music and community resolve.



2025 Fall Yard Clean-up

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

When: Saturday Nov 8th, 2025

Time: 8:15am to noon. Great Lunch after at Knox

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"*



CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

Embrace the season's spirit and discover
a treasure trove of unique handmade crafts,
delightful treats, and festive joy

8 November

**10:00 AM / 4:00 PM
FREE ENTRY**

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United Church Youth Activist Matthew Tyhurst Given UN Environmental Action Award

The 18-year-old Climate Motivator's climate activism efforts have included successfully advocating against fossil fuel expansion

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Matthew Tyhurst receiving the Youth Champion in Environmental Action and Awareness Award from Dr. Rohit Ramchandani, at St. Lawrence Hall in Toronto on September 25

Matthew Tyhurst, a youth leader in the United Church of Canada, was recognized recently for his climate activism with a Youth Champion in Environmental Action and Awareness Award, granted by the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment, and Health (UNU-INWEH), a branch of the academic arm of the United Nations.

The awards were given at a benefit event at St. Lawrence Hall in Toronto on September 25 to four Ontario youth aged 15 to 24, who according to the UNU-INWEH, “demonstrate exceptional dedication to advancing environmental issues through activism, research, innovation, or community engagement” and “the ability to mobilize others toward sustainable solutions.”

Matthew, an 18-year-old student of Political Science and Legal Studies at the University of Waterloo, has worked both as a United Church Climate Motivator, a program which empowers youth to lead climate justice projects with local congregations, and a Youth Leadership Animator.

A public speaker on democracy and climate issues, in 2023 Matthew gave a speech to Halton Hills town council which played a role in persuading the town to reject the development of a fossil-fuel plant. He’s advocated for clean energy in communities of faith, and served on the Halton District School Board’s Environmental and Global Leadership Committee, devising a mock council curriculum to teach students the principles of municipal government and environmental stewardship.

“I am honoured to be a recipient of the United Nations Youth Champion in Environmental Action and Awareness Award alongside three other incredibly talented changemakers. This award recognizes the important role youth have in community mobilization and advocacy,” said Matthew. “I am thankful for the leadership opportunities the United Church has given me through the Climate Motivator and Leadership Animator programs. This award is proof of the transformative power of youth programming and first-third ministry.”

Other award recipients have worked on projects including expanding clean

water access in the Global South, aiding in industrial waste reduction, and amplifying awareness of issues such as plastic pollution and water scarcity. "These awards highlight what's possible when youth are empowered to lead," said Professor Kaveh Madani, Director of UNU-INWEH. "Each of these remarkable young people proves that environmental action is not limited by age—it's driven by vision, courage, and purpose. Their leadership gives us hope that the next generation will not only inherit the planet, but actively reshape it for the better."

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