

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 24, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

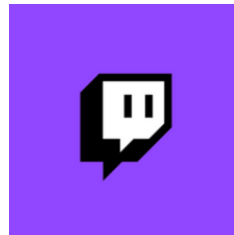


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, October 27th

Thank you to Rev. Kate for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for our Sunday Service, all are welcome!

Theme:

Bartimaeus' persistence paid off. The sound of the blind man's voice carried over the protestations of the crowd and reached Jesus' ears. That single voice, repeatedly crying out for Jesus' mercy, brought the entire journey to Jerusalem the status symbol of being to a dead stop.

Thought for the Day

"Never once did Jesus scan the room for the best example of holy living and send that person out to tell others about him. He always sent stumblers and

sinners. I find that comforting." -Nadia Bolz-Weber-

The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

The Responsive Psalm: Psalm 34, VU 761-762

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

The Sermon: Fighting with Squirrels; the Healing of Bartimaeus



Scripture Summary

Which of you delights in life, and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies.

Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

God's eyes are upon the righteous, God's ears open to their cry.

Humour Corner

The only ghost that lives in this building is the Holy Ghost.

Membership Announcements

Thank You

Exciting News! We have a new printer in the office being setup to replace the broken hallway printer. Thank you to Rick Armstrong for this very generous donation!



Sunday Coffee Volunteers Required! A big thank you to everyone who signed up for coffee time! We are looking for volunteers for December 1st, please consider signing up on the sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary.

Scouts Popcorn Fundraiser!

The Scouts will be joining us for Coffee Time this Sunday, October 27th and will have a table set up in the gym taking orders for their annual popcorn fundraiser! If you order through the church, your order will be delivered here and you won't have to pay the online delivery fees.

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.

St. Andrew's Announcements



Volunteers and Donations Wanted!

Out of the Cold will be opening once again (in late November) at Knox Presbyterian Church in downtown Georgetown. This is the third year of operation. Last year, 2023-4 we averaged 5 persons accommodated each night that we were open. The downstairs space under the sanctuary is where the program takes place. During the day this space is used for other purposes. In order to prepare for this 'season', new 'roll away' beds (heavier duty) are being obtained. A washer/dryer is available (for use early in the evening) and Knox is proceeding to obtain a commercial grade dishwasher. **We are seeking donations of some clothing and cleaning items at this time**-Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Hand soap, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, mens and women's underwear(new), packs of socks (new), and packs of gloves to be distributed as the temperature plummets. **There is a need for more volunteers** as the number of guests has increased. St. Andrew's United Church has been providing a team every other Wednesday night for the last two years. Speak to that team about their experience-Ross and Jean Leckie, Bill and Jan Pennycook, Joanne Wardle, Allison MacIntosh (Acton, family of the Leckies). **There are three shifts.** The first 2 or 3 people arrive at 8 pm and prepare the space for the night. They speak with the guests, review the rules and routine for newcomers and assemble a lite meal (the kitchen is kept 'stocked') for those that wish one. At 10 pm, 2 people arrive for the overnight shift. Guests are expected to settle in around 11 pm. The 2 people are available to speak to guests, respond to situations that arise, keep one another awake and hopefully have an uneventful night. Security concerns are taken in to account and usually a steady calm is experienced. Washrooms are monitored for cleaning, the building is secured and the kitchen is for the volunteer workers to provide needs for the guests only. The 'morning shift' comes in at 6:00 am. Their role is to relieve the night shift, deal with light 'cleaning up', prepare a coffee and breakfast, get the guests going in the

morning, and to put away the 'beds' for storage, all by 8:00 am. Speak to one of us who has volunteered in previous years. Volunteer information sessions, training in First Aid, and Food Preparation are all made available from time to time. **An online scheduling software allows you to communicate when you are available, so even a few evenings during this winter season would be great. Please consider how you might take part in this valuable, essential service to the vulnerable in our community.**

Blessings, Ross Leckie

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, October 25th at 9:30 am
in the Fellowship room



Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room

We are studying the letter of Paul, 'Jesus Our Joy'.

Philippians Lesson 2: An Encouraging Example

Purpose: To help people strengthen their Christian relationships as they encourage each other with affirmation, godly affection and prayer.

Invite your friends. Add to your spiritual journey.



Men's Online Bible Study

Monday mornings on Zoom

The Men's On-line Study Group will discuss the book, Life After Doom, Wisdom and Courage for a World falling apart, written by Brian McLaren, led by Ross Leckie.

Please email Ross Leckie,
rleckie@sympatico.ca
for more details



Our Daily Bread Booklets

The October/November/December issue
is now available!

Please find them on the table across from the office.

A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.



VENDORS WANTED FOR ST. ANDREW'S Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, November 9th, 2024

stacraftsale@hotmail.com

Donations REQUESTED (PERSONAL and BUSINESS)

There will be a silent auction and raffle table during this event on November 9th and once again, we are asking for donations. **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. **If there are any businesses that you have contacts for**, we would appreciate any donations from businesses for the craft show since we no longer are holding our Spring Auction.

Your donations can be dropped off **anytime now** until November 3rd, 2024.

There are donation forms available (personal and business) and a table set up for the donations at the end of the hallway outside of the offices. Please make

sure a donation form is fully filled out for each item being donated. **If you are donating a lot of items**, you can contact the office or Margaret Yahiro to get forms printed with your contact information on them to save some handwriting! **All donations big or small help make this fundraising event successful and we thank you in advance for your generosity.**

Please click [here](#) to download the application form and donor forms



BAKE SALE

Once again we are having a Bake sale at the Christmas Craft Show! We are again asking **all the fantastic bakers** of St. Andrew's to make **ANY kind of baked goods to sell**. Cookies, cakes, loaves, pies, tarts, squares (Christmas squares would be wonderful for this time of year!), etc. would be gratefully accepted. **Please leave all squares uncut.** We would appreciate receiving the baked goods by 4:00 pm on Friday, November 8th to give the volunteers time to plate and price them.



Community Announcements


JONES
FUNERAL HOME

An Invitation
For you & your family to attend our

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Annual Christmas Candlelight Service

3:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 7, 2024

Jones Funeral Home
11582 Trafalgar Rd.
Georgetown



Presiding Clergy
Reverend Paul Ivany
Father David Walter



Musical Accompaniments
Organist - Haydn Evans
Soloists - Paul and Natalie Litster

Refreshments to follow in the Trafalgar Room

Please call the Funeral Home at
(905) 877-3631 or RSVP online
to confirm your attendance

Live Stream available by visiting
www.jonesfuneralhome.co

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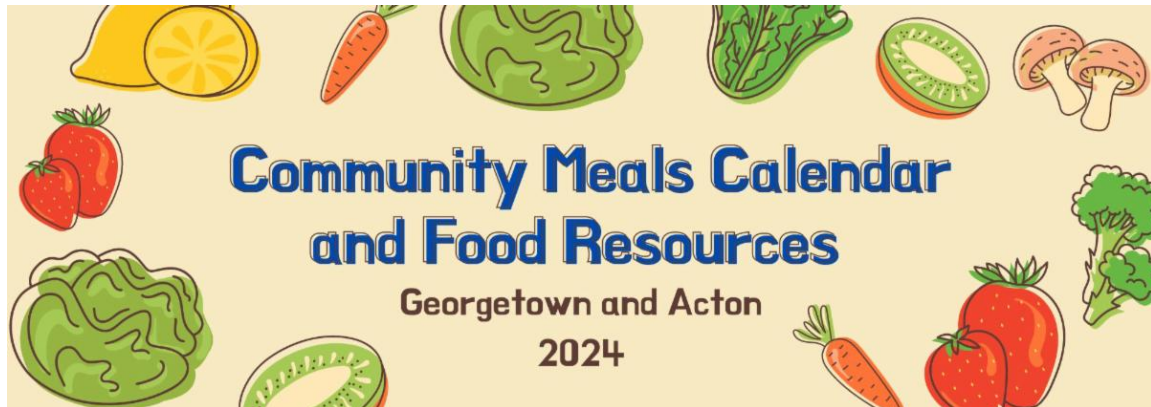
TOBY M. CHISHOLM
FUNERAL DIRECTOR



Afghan Refugees Update

The Afghan family supported by GFORCE3 has arrived in Georgetown and are very thankful for the support!

GFORCE has an obligation to support the family for the next year while they adjust to employment and life in Canada. St. Andrew's board has voted to support GFORCE3 as an outreach initiative. **That means we can accept and receipt donations and forward them to GFORCE3. You can mark your gift "Refugees" and every cent will be used for the welfare of these wonderful people.**



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



Fall Yard Clean-up

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

When: **Saturday Nov 9th, 2024**
Time: 8:15am to noon. Great Lunch after at Knox
Where: Georgetown Christian Fellowship, 13619 Highway 7 (North of where Trafalgar/Hwy 7 intersect at the North end of Georgetown)
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"***



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Hope and Transformation

Empowering families to grow more, sustain their land, and secure their futures

Credit: The United Church of Canada



In a part of El Salvador where the climate is harsh and mining projects have impacted the environment, the Association of Economic and Social Development Santa Marta (ADES) is making a remarkable difference. Partnered with Mission and Service, ADES has launched a transformative agroecology project, bringing hope to rural farmers.

This initiative is centred at the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm. Here, rural families—primarily led by women—learn sustainable farming practices that recycle nutrients into the soil, protect biodiversity, and reduce production costs. Thanks to your generous gifts, this project can equip farmers with training, technical expertise, and native seeds, all while promoting environmental stewardship and gender equality. In a region affected by increasing droughts and disrupted agricultural patterns, these new methods help farmers adapt and thrive.

Your support has the power to extend to communities facing severe challenges. By contributing to this project, you are not just providing food; you are also empowering families to grow more, sustain their land, and secure their futures.

Thank you for supporting projects like this through Mission and Service. Your gift ensures that others can look forward to a future where their tables are full.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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