NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, November 19, 2026



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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Sunday, November 22nd 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's UC

Christ the King Sunday
The 68th Anniversary of St. Andrew's
Scripture Readings: Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46
Sermon: 'At the Water's Edge'

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

Scripture Reader: Mark Heinmiller
Offering Counters: Linda McKinnon and Ross Yahiro
Coffee Time: Joanne Wardle and Jan Pennycook

Please click here to view the Order of Service

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 couldn't anyone play cards on Noah's Ark?
Because Noah was standing on the deck.

Membership Announcements



Quilt Fundraiser
Joan Lovegrove will be selling raffle tickets to auction off one of her beautiful homemade quilts. It is 81x92.5, queen sized. She will be donating all proceeds to St. Andrew's. Tickets are $7 each or 2 for $10. Please speak with Joan if you would like to purchase tickets. The draw will be on December 20th.
A big thank you to Joan for her generous donation!



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!



CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW 2026 THANK YOU!
A big thank you to Joanne Wardle for once again coordinating this year's show as well as coordinating the vendors – both are big jobs! Thank you to Margaret and Michelle Yahiro for doing all the behind the scenes administrative work that needed to be done.

We are grateful to the entire committee: Joanne Wardle (Chairperson), Colleen Armstrong, Gail Bancroft , Jennifer Holloway, Valerie Jordan, Joan Lovegrove,

Kathy MacLeod, Christina, Ashley and Jennifer Martin, Linda McKinnon, Marie McMaster, Jan and Bill Pennycook, Pat Moore, Jo-Anne O'Quinn, and Margaret and Ross Yahiro.

This year, we did extremely well at the Bake Sale raising $2,982! Thank you to Marie and Jennifer, their helpers, all of our talented bakers, and all who purchased items for contributing to this amazing success.
The Silent Auction also surpassed last year's total by about $1,400, with $5,801 in bids. Thank you to everyone who donated items, including local businesses, and a special thank you to those who canvassed. We also appreciate everyone who bid!

The raffle brought in $775, approximately the same as last year, and the Café earned about $75 more than last year, raising $675 before expenses and selling out on soup and hotdogs.

Ticket sales increased as well, totaling $1,320.30, with an extra donation of $179.70 for a total of $1,500 which will be donated to the Bennett Village fundraiser.

This year's Christmas Craft Show committee is thrilled with the overall fundraising effort—over $14,000 before expenses. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended the event and supported this fundraiser. Special thanks to all the St. Andrew's members and friends who assisted the committee before, during and after the Craft Show: Also, a very special thank you to Valerie Jordan and friends for the wonderful decorations, the beautifully decorated Christmas trees and the signs. Thank you to the group creating gift baskets, putting together the raffle items and silent auction! Thank you to Joanne Wardle and Bill Pennycook for posting the signs around town!

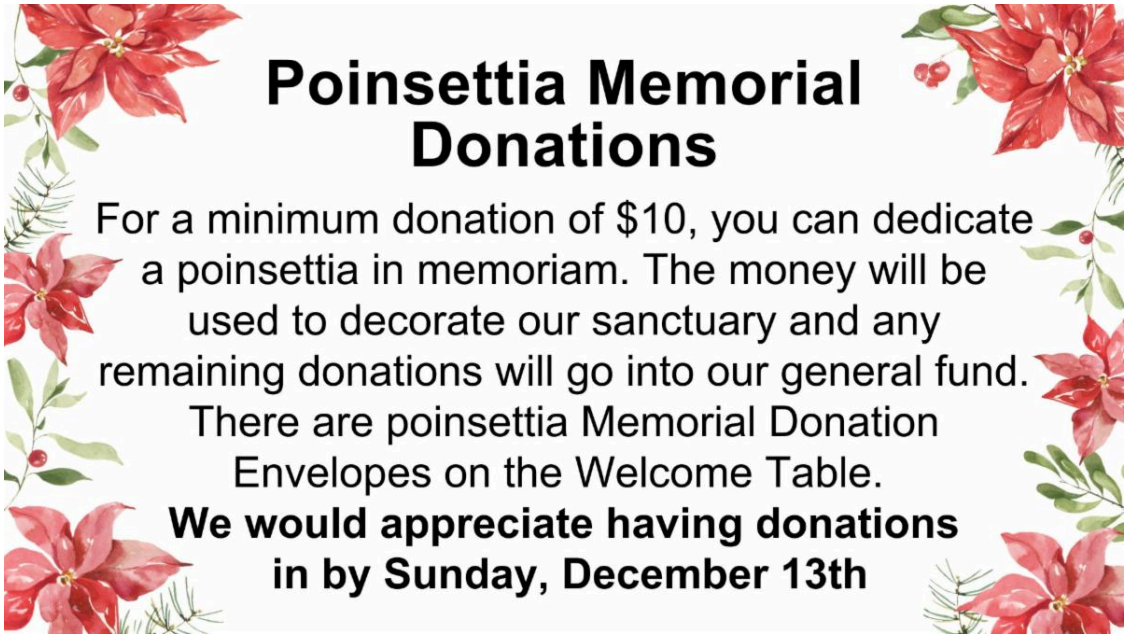
Also special thanks to everyone who donated items and baked goods and a big round of applause to the people stepping up and helping the Christmas Craft Show committee members out on the day of the event: setting up, collecting ticket money, helping with the Raffle, Silent Auction, Bake Sale and the Café. A special thank you to the 4th Georgetown Scouting group members who again this year helped with the ticket table! Thank you to the café workers and volunteers – preparing soup, making bunwiches and helping in the café itself. Also, a big thank you to our Santa Claus this year who volunteered his time and did a wonderful job! Thank you to the volunteers taking care of the raffle and silent auction – preparing the items, setting them up and recording the registration and winners. Thank you to the few people that stayed afterwards to call the winners. A big thank you to all the volunteers that stayed afterwards for the big job of cleaning up. Thank you also to the volunteers that came back on Sunday to help with the Raffle and Silent Auction pick-ups. We didn't want to name everyone in case we missed a name, but we appreciate all the people involved including the people that attended to make this event a success!

Congratulations and thank you to the 2026 Christmas Craft Show Committee for another amazing event!

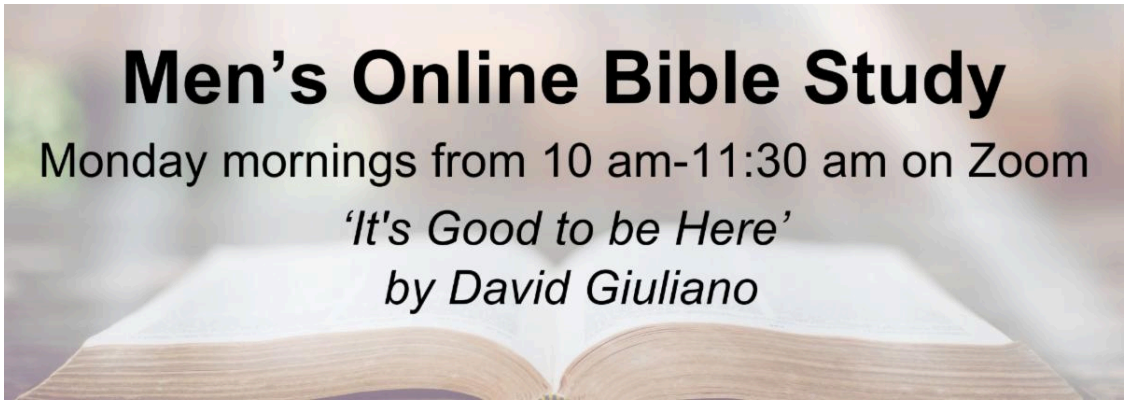
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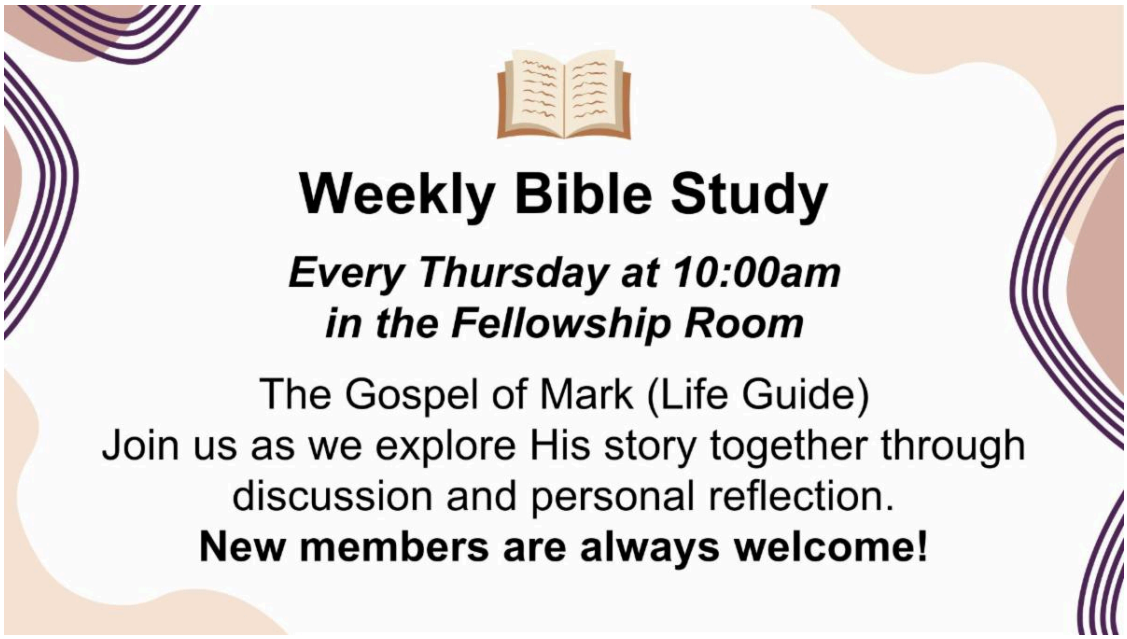
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St. Andrew's Announcements

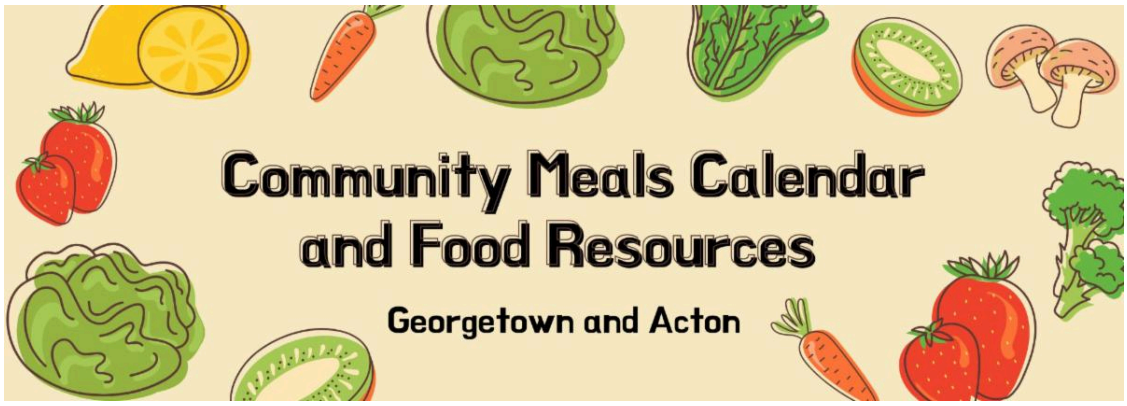








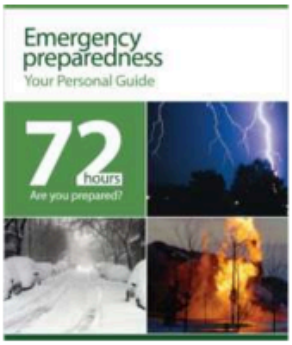
Community Announcements



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



Preparing for emergencies begins with you! In an emergency, everyone has a role to play – from individual residents to the different levels of government.



This presentation will provide an overview of personal emergency preparedness for older adults, including the role of emergency management, common hazards in Halton Region, and practical steps individuals can take to stay safe during emergencies.

Participants will learn how to identify risks, create a personalized emergency plan, and build an emergency kit tailored to their needs, including considerations for mobility, hearing, vision, medical needs, and other disabilities

Event Details:

- **Date:** Monday, November 23, 2026
- **Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - 45 min. plus Q & A.
- **Open:** to the broad Georgetown Community
- **Where:** Hillsview Georgetown Active Living Center
- **Location:** 318 Guelph St. Unit #9. 905-877-6444
- **Register:** In-person, ahead of time… for numbers preparation
- **Presenters:** Lauren Sokolowski and Kassandra Zheng, Halton Region Emergency Management
- **Promoted by**: Halton Hills Stronger Together for Climate Resilience

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Christmas Concert

featuring the

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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

A Place to Turn

Credit: The United Church of Canada



House of Lazarus in eastern Ontario supports people facing homelessness, food insecurity, and financial hardship. Through practical services and a welcoming community, it helps individuals and families find stability and hope. Here is the Mission and Service Story for November 22, 2026.

“Coming here feels like coming home.”

That’s how one visitor described the Warming Centre at House of Lazarus in eastern Ontario, after spending two years living on the streets.

It’s a simple statement, but it speaks to something we all need: a place where we feel safe, where we’re treated with dignity, and where we know we don’t have to face everything alone.

For people experiencing homelessness, families struggling to afford groceries, or individuals trying to make ends meet, House of Lazarus offers practical support and a welcoming community. The work is guided by the mission: Building Community, Sharing Hope.

At the Community Hub and Warming Centre, people find a warm place to rest, access to showers and laundry facilities, opportunities to share a meal, and connection with resources in the community. In 2025, the Warming Centre welcomed visitors over 900 times. Some people also received personalized support that helped them find housing and take steps toward stronger stability.

For families with children, the challenges look a bit different, but the need for support is just as prominent. Through Operation Backpack, House of Lazarus sends food home with students every Friday during the school year. Each bag contains food for two breakfasts, two lunches, and four snacks. In the 2025–2026 school year, over 12,500 bags were distributed to 295 students across 16 local schools.

Sometimes, the help that makes the biggest difference is financial. House of Lazarus offers a free income tax program so people can access the benefits and credits they’re entitled to. Last year, volunteers filed 580 tax returns, helping community members receive more than $1.4 million in refunds, credits, and benefits.

One single mother received more than $20,000 in backdated benefits and refunds. For her and her children, that support was life-changing in creating greater financial stability and a more secure path forward.

Each of these services responds to a different need, but the heart behind them is the same: meeting people where they are and helping them take their next step.

Through Mission and Service, we help support House of Lazarus and its work alongside people facing difficult circumstances. Thank you for helping make these essential services possible.
Together, we can help ensure that when someone needs support, there is a place to turn. Let's give generously.

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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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