# St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews





# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday June 1, 2023

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### **St. Andrew's United Church**

# Worship This Week - Sunday, June 4th Theme: The Trinity

This Sunday we will be holding our worship service at Dominion Gardens Park in the Gazebo and a church picnic will follow. No service will be held at St. Andrew's Church.

The theme this week will be on the Trinity. The Trinity is a profound mystery that has perplexed theologians throughout the ages. In our human understanding, we often seek to compartmentalize and define everything. However, the nature of God defies our limited comprehension. The Trinity reveals the essence of our Creator, who exists eternally as three distinct persons, yet in perfect unity. Just as God is one, so too is He three.

At the core of the Trinity lies unity. In John 10:30, Jesus declared, "I and the Father are one." Though distinct in personhood, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are inseparable in their essence and purpose. Their unity is a dance of perfect love, harmony, and self-giving.

As humans, we long for unity in our relationships, communities, and even within ourselves. The Trinity demonstrates that unity is not merely a good idea, but an intrinsic characteristic of our Creator. When we model our lives after the divine unity, we reflect the image of God to the world. Let us strive for unity within our families, churches, and the body of Christ, demonstrating the transforming power of the Triune God.

Within the Trinity, we witness the perfect communion and love shared between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person of the Godhead delights in glorifying the other, constantly pouring out and receiving love. This divine communion serves as the template for our fellowship with God and one another.

In our reading this Sunday from 2 Corinthians 13:14, Paul gives a benediction: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." This verse encapsulates the profound truth that we, as believers, are invited into the eternal communion of the Trinity. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we experience a deep, personal relationship with God, made possible by the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commissions His disciples, saying, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This great commission reveals that our mission as believers flows from the very heart of the Trinity. As we share the love and grace of God, we participate in the divine mission of reconciling the world to God.

Please join us this week at 10 with your lawn chairs and lunches in hand and enjoy a classic church outdoor picnic. Dogs are of course welcome to join us!

Scripture Readings this week: Matthew 28: 16-20, 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Sermon: Seeing God in Different Ways!



#### Scripture Summary Matthew 28: 16-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching



them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

#### **Humour Corner**

A Sunday school teacher asked a young boy if he thought Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark. The boy replied, "No, how could he with just two worms?"

# Membership: Important Dates and Announcements

TWO More Sleeps until......

JUNE 3 - OPERATION CLEAN UP 9AM

There's still time to sign up!

Lunch will be provided

BRING bucket, mop, rags, gloves, squeegee

Cleaning solutions, necessary tools, carpet cleaners and pressure washer will be provided.

Kitchen clean up - cupboards, fridges, stoves, walls.

Hallways - wash walls, baseboards need cleaning and repair - clean basement stairs.

Gym - tables and chairs need to be checked and repaired as required. Some items removed from loft.

Washrooms - wipe down walls.

Sanctuary - clean pews and carpet.

Friendship room /small kitchen.

Wash Windows inside and out.

Curbside cleanup.

Sign up by: the posted sheets, call the office at 905-877-4482 email: office@standrewsuc.ca or press the button below



Please click here to sign up online

*It has been 5 years since our last photo directory.* We were unable to update it during Covid.

We have blocked off Aug. 22, 23, 24 from 1:30 - 8:30 pm and Oct. 18, 19, 20 from 1:30 - 8:30 pm and Oct. 21 from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm.

There is no charge to have your picture taken, you are not obligated to purchase pictures. You will receive 1 photo and a directory plus we will have access to jpeg files password protected to use and update.

We will be starting to set up appointments very soon so be thinking about when it would be convenient for your family.

At this time we will also be updating privacy consents and contact information.

# **St. Andrew's Announcements**



# Outdoor Worship and Picnic Sunday June 4th at 10 AM

We will be holding our annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic in the Dominion Gardens Park Gazebo and play field.
The area is accessible to all people.
Please bring your own chair, lunch, dishes and cutlery.
Parking is best in the lot off Maple Ave.
In the case of rain, we will hold the service at the church.
All are welcome!

# Help is Needed! June 4th Picnic day

We are looking for some people to help with transporting and setting up some tables and chairs, Keyboard and sound system in Dominion Gardens, and providing beverages, cups etc. If you can help with this please speak to Grant.



# JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH BASEBALL TEAM

St. Andrew's Baseball Team- Once again St. Andrew's has a baseball team in the local church league. This league is co-ed and is non competitive. We play on Wednesday nights at 7 PM. It is open to anyone ages 14 and up. If you are interested, please speak to Grant Williams or Joanne Wardle.

Please come show your support and cheer on our team! Our next game is

Wednesday, June 7th at the Conservation Baseball Diamond.

# **Food Donations**



The Georgetown Bread Basket is running low on food due to high demand. If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church.

Some of the most needed items include: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Juice Boxes, Crackers, Chicken Rice Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jam, Ketchup, Instant Coffee, Cereal, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter.

Please click here for the full list of food items needed

#### **Collecting Used Batteries**

In support of Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Assocation

## **Collecting Eyeglasses**

In support of the Lions Club

### **Collecting Pop Can Tabs**

In support of the Shriners

### **Collecting Used Pens**

For proper recycling

> Drop off at the church, collection boxes are beside the photocopier

# **Community Announcements**

# Rotary Free Community Dinners at Knox Presbyterian Church

Supported by Out of the Cold Volunteers

# **Everyone is Welcome**

Donations to cover the cost of those who are able to would be appreciated.

# Friday, June 2nd

Doors open at 5:30 116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON

# Menu

Meat or vegetarian lasagna, penne pasta, caesar salad, coffee, tea, juice and desserts

### Trinity United Church BBQ Half Chicken Dinner

\$16.00 Takeout Only



For tickets call 519-853-0806

#### Friday, June 2, 2023 Pick-up 5:00-7:00pm Trinity United Church, 70 Mill St. E., Acton

Dinner includes: BBQ half chicken, baked potato w/sour cream, coleslaw, bun w/butter, dessert



#### THE INSPIRING SPACES CONCERT SERIES AND THE SANCTUARY CONCERT HALL PRESENT....

# INSPIRING BROADWAY

Sunday, June 11th, 7:00PM St. John's United Church. 11 Guelph St. Georgetown. Lisa Horner entertains songs and stories from Broadway with help from her friends and the St. John's Choir.







Please click here to purchase tickets



# Your Generosity Inspires Healing through Storytelling

A powerful way to learn and share the story of cultural resilience



Storytelling is a powerful way to preserve and share history. The theatre performance, <u>Bunk #7</u>, does just that.

Bunk #7 shares the true story of six boys rioting against the mistreatment and many forms of abuse they received at Edmonton Indian Residential School in St. Albert, Alberta, in the early 1960s. Written by the late Nisga'a MLA Larry Guno, the play is based on his own experience at the residential school and named for his bunk number.

The cast features Indigenous youth and young adults, offering a powerful way for the cast and audiences to learn and share the story of cultural resilience. In November 2021, the play premiered at Raven Theatre in British Columbia to a full audience. With overwhelming support, the performers went on a tour of northwestern BC to share the transformative journey.

Your <u>gifts to Mission & Service</u> open opportunities for storytelling to move forward in an impactful and powerful way. Thank you for your generosity.



Last night we had another fun night at baseball. We played well against North Bramalea United. We had another new player, Jonathan join our team. From the beginning we saw many great hits and some amazing catches. A big shout out to Steph for a hard hit line drive to the short stop and a few long hit balls to the outfield caught by Jonathan and Joshua. Overall, we started off the game in the lead and finished successfully winning 13-11. Congratulations team!

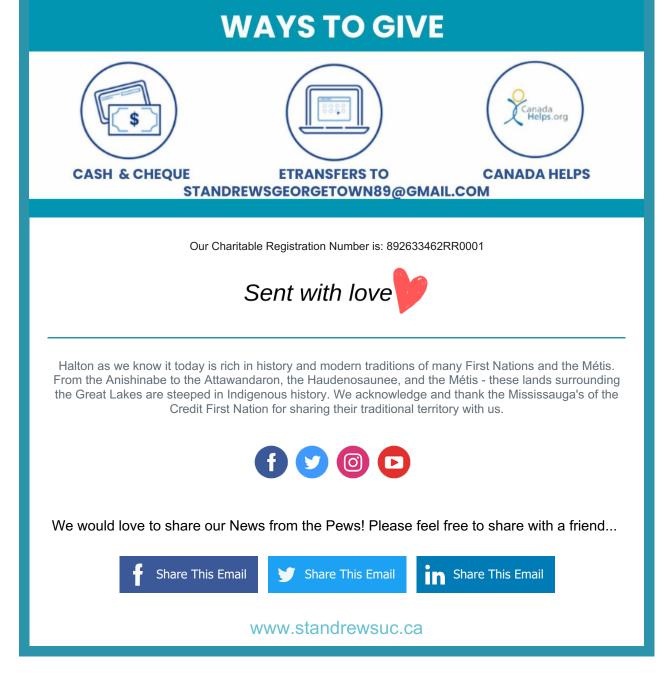
This Saturday we will be holding a big clean up day around the church. Many hands make light work, so they say! So come on over at 9 am with your shovels, wheelbarrows, mops and willingness to get dirty and do some work. Did you notice that large pile of wood chips in the back of the parking lot? We hope to be moving a portion of that to put into the church gardens and the remainder is there for the taking if you need some at home.

Next week I will be away at our annual men's retreat up in Temagami at the Thompson resort on Island 198. We have 15 of us attending this year. we always look forward to going up there and spending time with God in nature. One of the highlights is holding the worship service on chapel point on Sunday morning. The men's group have been attending annually for more than 20 years and the chapel was dedicated as a place of worship by Rev. Ross Leckie in 2003 when it was his last year as the minister of St. Andrew's. This year both Ross and I will be attending the retreat and this year will be my last year as minister of St. Andrew's 20 years later. It seams suiting that we both will be in attendance. We do hope the annual men's retreat will continue for many years to come, God willing.

Blessings on your week and we will see you all at Dominions Garden's Park on Sunday morning.

Thanks, Grant





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