

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, February 26, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

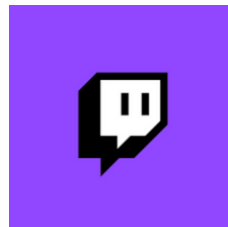


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on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitch & 100.3 FM
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St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Week:
Sunday, March 1st
10AM at St. John's**

Join us this Sunday at St. John's for our Combined Worship Series! Both congregations will worship together in a joint service led by Rev. Kate Young.

For the month of March, all Combined Worship Services will be held at St. John's. We look forward to worshipping together and strengthening our shared community of faith.

We will have boxes with our nametags at the front, we encourage everyone to please wear your nametags. Thank you to our volunteers this week!

Important Meeting this Sunday

Following worship at St. John's, this Sunday, MARCH 1st, you are invited back to St. Andrew's for a conversation facilitated by Kate to hear and listen to each other about collaborative ministry. This is your opportunity to share hopes, address concerns, and ensure that everyone is informed about what is at stake going forward in 2026 for our congregation. This is the conversation that was scheduled and then cancelled due to the snowstorm on January 25th.



Humour Corner

The temporary Sunday School teacher was struggling to open a combination lock on the supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn't quite remember it. Finally she went to the pastor's study and asked for help. The pastor came into the room and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers he paused and stared blankly for a moment. Finally he looked serenely heavenward and his lips moved silently. Then he looked back at the lock, and quickly turned to the final number, and opened the lock. The teacher was amazed. "I'm in awe at your faith, pastor," she said. "It's really nothing," he answered. "The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

Membership Announcements



Thank you to everyone who stepped up to assist with the AGM lunch on Sunday. You are amazing. Thank you to Robin and Kathy for bringing in the cake. Thank you to Stephanie and the bell choir for their wonderful performances!

Thank you also to those members who continue to serve on our Board. You are greatly appreciated for all the hours you donate to St Andrew's.

We continue to keep Alex, Linda and others in our prayers for continued healing.

Rick and I will be away from Mar 5-29. If there are any pastoral care needs please notify the office and Michelle will redirect the call to Kate or one of the pastoral care team.
Colleen

Thank you notes:

Thank you to everyone who signed the big birthday card or wished me a happy birthday. It was quite a surprise, as was the cake!

Thanks again,
Lorne MacLeod

Thank you to all at St. Andrew's! You are a truly awesome church family.
Thanks,
Linda McKinnon

Lent..... Temptation

A poem written
by Greg Howard



Once we're on the spirit path that leads to love in life
We all end up in wilderness where there is pain and strife
It's then that we are tempted to take the easy way
Enjoy the fruits that we have won and never stop to pray

It's in that wilderness where soul is tempted to give in
It's there the devil in our head will tempt us all to sin
To turn the stones to loaves of bread or water into wine
To slake our thirst and break our fast with treats that are so fine

It's when we're shown the vista from the mountain top
The voice within our head will say "My friend you have to stop
Yes stop this spirit nonsense and all this can be yours
Just come with me and you will see I open many doors"

We say no to voice inside we know who speaks within
That one that tempts us every day that lives within our skin
That one is there that we must fight we have to be so strong
For that one is the tempter who bids us all do wrong

No I will stay upon this path that leads to higher ground
I'll pass on body pleasures that can be easily found
I'll focus on the moral way that heals the hurts in life
I'll try to help those ones who fall those ones who deal with strife

I'll try to be like Jesus each and every day
I'll try being kind in all I think and everything I say
For he is my companion on this road of love
For he's my inspiration from his home that's up above

He too was sorely tempted in the desert of his mind
He refused the glory and chose to just be kind
By healing those who'd fallen down while struggling on the road
The priests all really hated him because he broke their code

So they arrested Jesus and put him then on trial
And finally convicted him and did it with a smile
But he was not to be rubbed out although his body died
In three days he was with his friends walking by their side

He walks with every one of us if we but call his name
He helps us being kind each day in life's complex tough game
He's there when we need his help to know the proper way
He'll show us how to act in love every single day

So know my friend that Jesus lives just open up your heart
And ask him to come into you to help you play your part
In this life we are given as one with soul within
To know that every one of us were born as God's loved kin

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



Combined Worship Schedule

Services for both congregations will be held together at 10:00 a.m., led by Rev. Kate Young. We look forward to worshipping with St. John's Untied and strengthening our shared community of faith.

Combined Service at St. John's
Combined Service at St. Andrew's
Combined Service at Hillcrest
Individual Service at St. Andrew's

March 1, 8, 15, 22 - St. John's

March 29 - Palm Sunday at St. John's

April 2 - Maundy Thursday at St. Andrew's, 7pm

April 3 - Good Friday at St. John's

April 5 - Easter Sunday at St. Andrew's with Kate

April 12, 19 - St. Andrew's

April 26 - Hospice Sunday at Hillcrest

May 3 - St. John's with Mary Parsons

May 10, 17, 24 - St. John's with Kate

May 31 - St. Andrew's with Mary Parsons

June 7 - St. Andrew's with Mary Parsons

June 14, 21 - St. Andrew's with Kate

June 28 - St. Andrew's with Mary Parsons



Weekly Bible Study

***Every Thursday at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Room***

We pray and we listen for God's voice
through Scripture, reflection, and silence.
All are welcome!

Circle of Friends

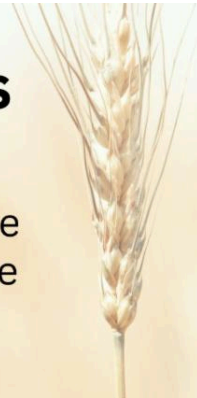
**The 2nd, 4th, 5th Friday
of the Month**

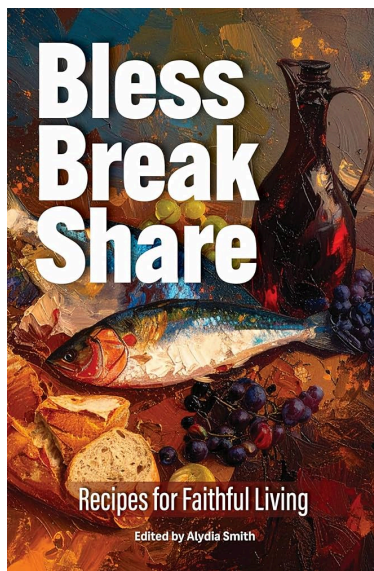
Join us for our next meeting
Friday, February 27th at
9:30 am in the Fellowship room



Our Daily Bread Booklets

The April/May/June issue is now available!
Please find them on the table across from the
office. Donations to the Daily Bread would be
greatly appreciated.





Lenten Study

St. John's and St. Andrew's United Churches

Using the United Church Lenten Study Book for 2026, Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living, please join Kate for a time together each week during March. Most of the sessions will be on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm, with two in-person meetings. One in-person gathering will be held at St. John's on Wednesday, March 4 and one in-person meeting at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, April 1.

Wednesday, March 4th at St. John's 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bless, Break, Share study books are available from Kate for \$20.00, tax included. You can also purchase your own book through UCRD (soft cover or e-book).

A Zoom link will be available for those who are participating in the study. The book can be ordered through Kate or by going to the United Church Resource Centre. www.ucrd.com. The book is available as a softcover or an e-book. Please let Kate know if you are planning to join the study. I look forward to sharing Lent with you.

[Please click here to purchase the softcover or E-book](#)

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***night**
OF THE YEAR



Angels United

Hillcrest • Norval • St. Andrew's • St. John's

Saturday, February 28, 2026
4:00PM Check-In Time
St. George's Anglican Church
60 Guelph St, Georgetown

The United Churches will be walking together as one in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care. Please use the QR code or go to the Angels United CNOY webpage to register. Thank you for your support!



Please use the QR code to register or sponsor our team



We have the few days remaining before the Sat. Feb. 28 CNOY Walk to still donate. Angels United has reached its original goal of \$8000, so do you think we can get to \$10,000? Let's give it a try!

Sat. Feb. 28 will be the Coldest Night of the Year!

It will be a cold Saturday night, but Joanne, Marlene, Mark, Brian, Ross and Jean, Bill and Marie, and Ross and Margaret. will be walking as part of our 4 church **Angels United** team to raise funds in support of the **Georgetown Bread Basket** and **Links2Care**. You can help the effort by sponsoring the team, or a specific team member, by making a donation through the CNOY website link

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1039871>

The Coldest Night of the Year Walk 2026 is this year's first combined outreach event by Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's. Together the

Please click here to register or sponsor one of our walkers



Easter Basket Brigade
Saturday March 28, 2026



We together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...and this is happening with your action and answering "**His Calling**" loudly. Jesus has chosen you as "**His Voice**" and calls each and every one of us to walk in his ways, and together we are taking a beautiful step in our journey in his name.

Collection of Cards/Donations: From Churches Latest Tuesday March 24, 2026

God's Ask...

In conjunction with the Georgetown BreadBasket, Community Unity has identified approx 225 Families in need of Groceries in the Halton Hills area and will be convening **Saturday March 28th 9:30 AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. We are Praying for and "Asking" Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by ideally purchasing **(2) \$50.00 Grocery Gift Cards** and also writing an **Easter Card** to the family and share God's love between us... Any size of donation is greatly appreciated and please forward all Cards, Donations and Easter Cards to your Church Representative.

Or

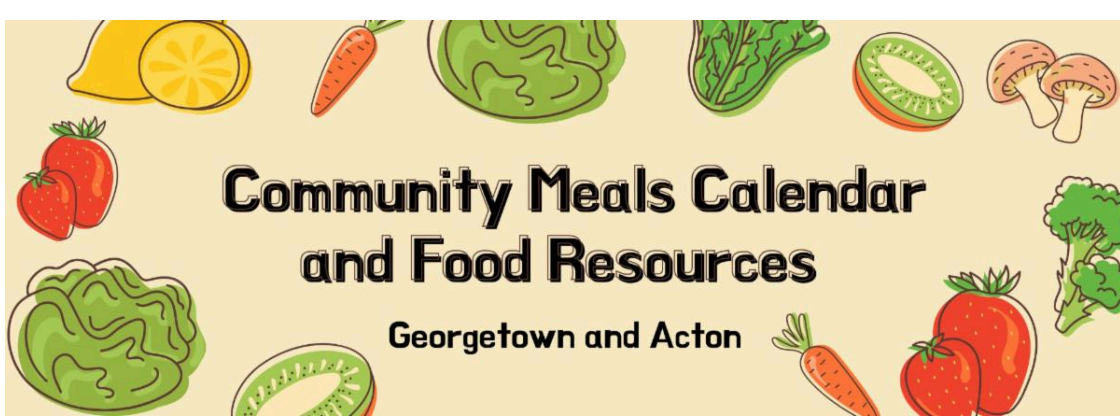
Donations to Community Unity

Individual Donations will also be gratefully accepted and donations may also be made at <http://www.communityunityhaltonhills.com/> and clicking on "Donate" - Canada Helps - a tax receipt will be instantly generated. It would be ideal to receive the donations prior to March 22nd as it takes a week for the funds to be released to Community Unity.



Please click here for more information or to make a donation

Community Announcements



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

A photograph of Leah Holtom, a folk singer/songwriter, performing on stage. She is wearing a white, long-sleeved, button-down shirt and is playing a mandolin. She is looking down at her instrument. A microphone is positioned in front of her. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on her.

THE SANCTUARY
CONCERT HALL

Presents

LEAH HOLTOM

Saturday, March 7th, 7:30pm
Doors open at 6:45pm

Folk singer/songwriter Leah Holtom, blending the best of folk and country, shares a fresh expression of storytelling with a unique take on traditional instrumentation.

The Sanctuary Concert Hall at St. John's United Church
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, ON L7G 3Z1
Tickets available at: TSCH.ca

 St. John's
United Church
of Georgetown and Glen Williams
Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds

This event is a co-fundraiser
for St. John's and for
TownsendSmith Foundation



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World Day of Prayer Journée mondiale de la prière

2026

**"I Will Give You
Rest: Come"**

Matthew 11:28-30

Title: Rest for the Weary

Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah



**« Je vous procurerai le
repos. Venez »**

Mattieu 11, 28-30

Titre : Le repos pour vous qui peinez
sous le poids du fardeau

Artiste: Gift Amarachi Ottah

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/ Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

10 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2026
(arrive 9:30 for Fellowship)

Location/l'endroit

Norval United Church
14015 Danby Road, Georgetown
Church 905 877 6122, office@norvalunited.ca
Margaret Walbank m.e.w@sympatico.ca 905 867 2381

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Bringing hope to women and children touched by injustice. Join with Christians from over 170 countries to learn and pray about issues affecting women and children.

Service written and Prepared by WDP Nigeria, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Œcuménisme des chrétiennes du Canada



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Where Play Builds Community

Credit: The United Church of Canada



“I’m going to sleep here!” Amarah, age 6, threatens from under the table. Along with her sisters, she hides from her family at the Tomken Grove Afterschool Program’s pickup time. This is a common occurrence because every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., the children feel that two hours together is not enough.

Through the passion of Westminster United Church in Mississauga, ON, the Tomken Grove Afterschool Program aims to encourage community among local children. The program creates a recreational space outside of school where neighbourhood kids can spend time together in an electronics-free environment.

Some form of physical activity is always scheduled: dance battles, obstacle courses, hula-hooping, spending time outdoors, and more. Snacks such as fresh fruits and yogurt keep the kids healthy and energized, and everyone is involved in cleanup responsibilities for snack and outdoor time, which encourages independence and innovation.

Your gifts through Mission and Service help programs like this as they encourage community and connection. Thank you.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. We acknowledge and thank the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory with us.



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