

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



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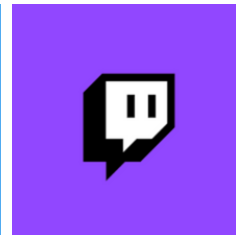
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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday May 25, 2023

We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am  
on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch & 100.3 FM  
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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship This Week - Sunday, May 28th Theme: Pentecost

This week in worship we will be celebrating Pentecost. The feast of Pentecost was a pivotal moment in the life of the early Church. Pentecost, which means "fiftieth day" in Greek, refers to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them for their mission. This event marked the birth of the Church and revealed to us the transformative power of God's Spirit.

In the Old Testament, Pentecost was a Jewish festival known as the Feast of Weeks, commemorating the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. It was a time of gratitude and celebration for God's provision. On that fateful day of Pentecost, however, the promised Comforter—the Holy Spirit—descended

upon the disciples in a new and unprecedented way. This event marked the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Advocate, who would guide and empower them in their ministry. It was the dawn of a new era—a divine outpouring that would forever change the course of human history.

One of the remarkable aspects of the Pentecost narrative is the diverse gathering of people present in Jerusalem. As the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in languages they had not known before, enabling all the people present to hear the message in their own native tongues. This miraculous event demonstrated God's desire for unity amidst diversity. It shattered barriers of language, culture, and nationality, emphasizing the inclusive nature of God's kingdom. Pentecost reminds us that the Church is called to embrace diversity and extend the love of Christ to all people, regardless of their background.

In the service we will look at how the spirit of Pentecost can guide us in our personal walk of faith and as a church community in our serving God in the world. At Pentecost the spirit blessed the church and empowered the early Christians, and it continues to empower us today in the 21st century. To help us celebrate Pentecost we will be celebrating holy communion.

The Readings this week are:  
Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
Sermon: Power for People with Purpose!

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## Scripture Summary

**Acts 2:1-21**



'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

## Humour Corner

A boy came late to Sunday School. Knowing he was usually very prompt, his teacher asked, "Johnny, is there anything wrong?"

"No, ma'am, not really," he said. "I was going to go fishing, but my daddy told me that I needed to get on up and go to church." The teacher was very impressed and asked Johnny if his father had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing.

"Yes ma'am, he did," Johnny said. "My daddy said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

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# Music Sunday





Thank you to everyone for joining us last week for our Music Sunday Service! Our sanctuary was filled with joy and beautiful melodies! Thank you to all of our incredible solo and duet performers for sharing your talents! A special thank you to Sue and the choir for creating a wonderful service!

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## Membership: Important Dates and Announcements

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### **JUNE 3 - MAJOR CLEAN UP DAY: 9 AM**

We need all hands on deck - 12 yr and up.

#### **SIGN UP AS A FAMILY**

We hope to see some strong backs and people under 70.

Youth looking for volunteer hours this is your opportunity.

This is **IMPORTANT** because in order to attract new members or renters it is essential to have a clean and uncluttered environment.

Kitchen inspection happening soon. We have not had a major clean up day since Covid. We know you care about your church as the property committee is contacted regularly about concerns.

**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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD MAJOR CLEAN-UP DAY SIGNUP

We need your help! Please sign up below or on the sheet posted on the bulletin board!



[Please click here to sign up online](#)

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A senior with a walker needs a ride to the picnic. Please let the office know if you can assist.

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***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.

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## St. Andrew's Announcements

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# Circle of Friends

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

The next meeting is tomorrow  
Friday, May 26th at 9:30 am in the  
Fellowship room



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE TIME

If you have been enjoying fellowship and the baking offered we invite you to consider signing up to help with coffee time in the upcoming Sundays. If you are unable to assist with serving, please consider donating baked goods or store bought cookies to our fellowship hour.

Thank you everyone for your participation, it is greatly appreciated!

**Sign up required for: June 11, 18, 25**

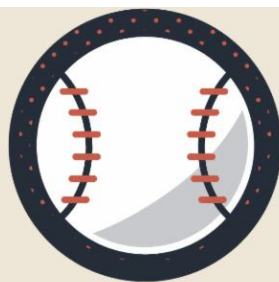


## **Outdoor Worship and Picnic Sunday June 4 at 10 AM**

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, and some food to share in Potluck. Beverages will be provided. 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, May 31st at the Norval 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 Association

## 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



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## Community Announcements

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# Cantando Women's Choir Concert

You are invited to attend an evening presentation  
and sing along by the Cantando Women's choir.

Saturday May 27th.

Sanctuary Concert Hall at St. John's United Church.

11 Guelph St. Georgetown.

Tickets are \$20, available at the door.

Doors open at 7 pm, performance at 7:30 pm



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## Spaghetti Dinner and Trivia Night

Saturday May 27 @ 5:30 PM

Bethel Church Acton

365 Queen St, Acton.

| Dinner by Donation | Dessert by Auction |

| Kids Welcome |

To reserve your space, please visit  
the link below or call 519-853-2121 x1

Please click here to reserve your spot



# 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

We are unfortunately not wheelchair accessible,  
but an electric stair chair is available

## 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.

THE  
**SANCTUARY**  
CONCERT HALL

  
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**United Church Mission & Service Fund**

## **Affirming that Gender and Sexuality Are Gifts from God**

Activists and Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ folks share their personal and collective struggles and gains.



The United Church of Canada affirms that gender and sexuality are gifts of God, and that all persons are made in the image of God. We welcome into full membership and ministry people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

In February 2023, a consultation with Mission & Service partners in Asia provided a safe space for gender and sexual minorities to share their personal and collective struggles and gains. Scholars, theologians, and grassroots activists gathered to present theologies from the region, with a particular focus on the diverse and specific contexts, cultures, and challenges in Asia.

Through a series of panel presentations and in worship, participants heard stories from mass movements for social change, “revolutions toward gender justice,” and experiences of advocacy work.

Mission & Service partners included the National Councils of Churches in Korea, India, Japan, and the Philippines; Pembizo Christian Council; and All Africa Theological Education by Extension. Solidarity partners included Union Theological Seminary, Jakarta Theological Seminary, and Beyond the Boundary: Knowing and Concerns Intersex.

Your Mission & Service gifts allow programs like these to help people continue to flourish. Thank you for your generosity.

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I first want to say a huge thanks to all those who participated in the music Sunday service last week. A shout out to Sue and the choir, the youth singers and those who sang. Well done!

Last week I was away on a week of study. I was able to spend some time up north in Temagami with the guys helping Graeme open up his cottage. We did some very interesting activities that involved an outhouse while it was snowing out as it was so cold. And those who participated won a certificate of achievement wards for "diligent and fine attention to detail and deserved the highest humanitarian award". Thank you Graeme for the opportunity! I can now hang my award prominently in my bathroom at home!

The trip up was great but while we were there it felt more like November than May! I guess being up in God's country in Northern Ontario you would expect sub zero temperatures for those who dare to open a cottage in the middle of May. I'm not sure that Mike appreciated the minus 3 degree weather for sleeping on an outside porch! Although we did do a bit of work to open the cottage up it was nice to be away to sleep in and read while I was there.

Last night we held our first baseball game for the season. It was a fun game against Mayfield, and although we didn't win it was a great time to get into shape and start the season. This year we have gained a few new players (Grayson, Jose, Tara) and one of our original team players Colin, returned to the team after an absence of about 5 years.

I was reflecting on the memory that right now of the 4 teams that are active in the league, St. Andrew's is now the longest playing team in the league. We are now in our 18th year, minus the two missed due to Covid. And of our original team just Colin and I are still at it! I guess we are beggars of punishment. Before I started the St. Andrew's team back in 2005 the last time I played on a league was when I was 11 years old and most of the time then, I sat in the outfield! Fortunately, things have changed!

Next week, on June 4th we will be holding our annual Church outdoor worship and picnic. It will be held at Dominion Garden's Park at the usual church time

of 10 am. Please bring your own chairs, some food to share in potluck for lunch and your own plates and cutlery. We will be providing beverages. Looking forward to seeing you all this Sunday.

Blessings,  
Grant



**We have changed our email addresses!**  
To contact us via email now please use:  
**office@standrewsuc.ca or minister@standrewsuc.ca**

## WAYS TO GIVE



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