

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, March 27, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

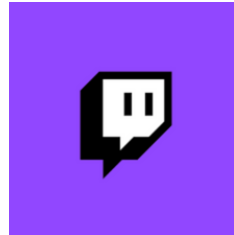


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, March 30th

The 4th Sunday of Lent
The Responsive Psalm: Psalm 32 VU 759
The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
The Sermon: 'Homecoming'

[Please click here to view the Order of Service](#)

Scripture Summary

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you in time of trouble; when great floodwater rises, it shall not come near them. You are a hiding place for me, you will preserve me from trouble; you will surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Humour Corner

Lent is the best time of the year to run a marathon.
Because that's when you fast.

Membership Announcements



In Memory of Barb Munro

Last Sunday these flowers were placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Barb Munro, who passed away one year ago. Her presence continues to be deeply missed, but her spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew her

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



ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH
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Easter Services



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13th at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm

*We will be welcoming all of the United Churches
in Georgetown and share in communion.*

Good Friday

Friday, April 18th at 10:00 am

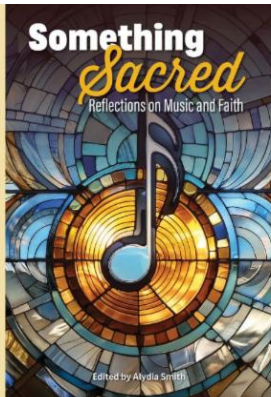
Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 20th at 8:00 am.

Joint service, location & details to follow.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th at 10:00 am with communion.



A Lenten Study

7:00pm on Monday Evenings
March 10th, 17th, 24th, and
31st ; April 7 and 14th

Join Kate for one hour 6 Monday evenings as we explore together how the power of music can deepen our connection to God and form us as disciples of Christ. March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st ; April 7 and 14th.

Using the book *Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith* as our guide, we will spend time each week reflecting on how music has shaped our spiritual life.

Topic: LENTEN STUDY

Time: Mar 31, 2025 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, 6 occurrence(s)

Meeting ID: 871 1287 1915

Passcode: 425491

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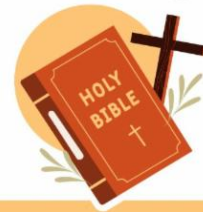
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[Please click here to purchase the e-book \(Ucrd\)](#)

[Please click here to join the meeting](#)

Men's Online Bible Study

10:00-11:30 am
Monday mornings on Zoom



On Monday mornings there is a Men's Study Group meeting on Zoom from 10:00-11:30 am. Throughout Lent this year we are studying the book, *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. The book is available as an e-Book or hard copy (\$25).

Here is one person's review-*"I recommend Freeing Jesus to anyone looking for a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. Bass's incredible wisdom is a breath of fresh air in a time where hope is desperately needed."* (Kirsten Powers)

We would welcome newcomers.

Please speak to Ross Leckie for further information.

905-873-9808 rleckie@sympatico.ca

Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room

The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Lesson Twelve, Romans 9:1-29

The Potter and His Clay

To explore the subject of Israel's unbelief from the standpoint of God's sovereignty.



MAY 3, 2025 | 10:00AM

PRESENTED BY:



Walking to raise funds to build a hospice in North Halton.

Choice of 3 routes in either: Acton, Georgetown or Milton!

Participate solo or with a team. Everyone is welcome!

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JOIN US!

\$25 Registration Fee



HIKE FOR HOSPICE - We are walking to raise funds to build a hospice! Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's United Churches along with other community reps will be walking as one team **UNITED4HOSPICE**, for a second year in a row to raise funds to build a hospice. The annual **Hike for Hospice is set for Sat. May 3, 2025 at 10:00AM**. There will be accessible and visible 5km and 2.5km routes running through Georgetown South, with Norval United Church serving as our start/finish location. Your support as a walker, sponsor or volunteer will help the **Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF)** build a hospice for North Halton. <https://townsend-smith.ca/hike4hospice/>

Join as a Walker or Sponsor someone else

It is time to build our team! We are inviting you to join the **UNITED4HOSPICE** team by signing-up as a walker or by sponsoring a familiar name from St. Andrew's. Please encourage your friends, neighbours, relatives and co-workers to sign up and join us on hike day.

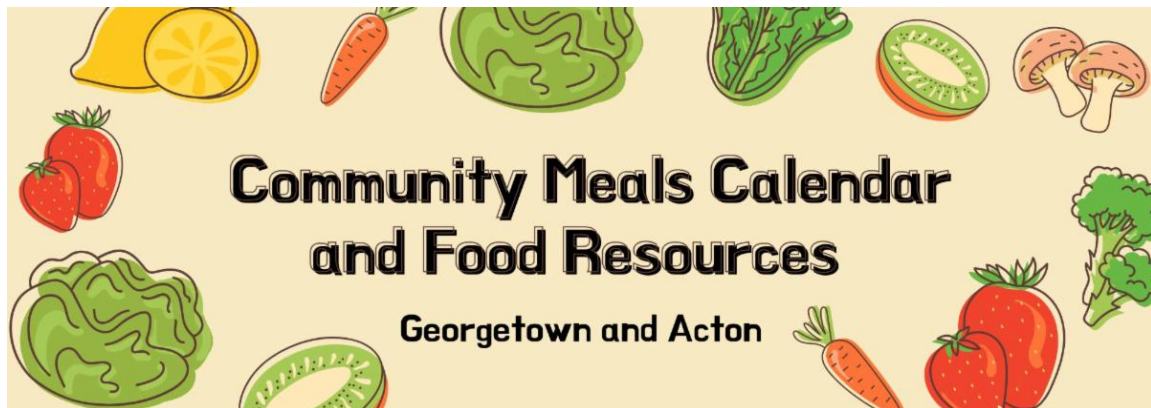
You can register to be a walker, sponsor someone else, or donate to our team in general by using the **U4H** team's direct link <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/6WqJK3>

Join as a Volunteer

We need a cadre of 45 volunteers from the 4 congregations to run the event on May 3rd at Norval UC. We could use your help with the Hike Route (serving as guides along the street route to provide safety and encouragement to walkers), Inside (checking-in and welcoming walkers), Outside (welcoming walkers, directing parking and assisting with outside activities).

Please contact Jean Leckie (905) 873-9808 j.leckie1@sympatico.ca before April 15, 2025 to let her know how you would like to volunteer on hike day.

Community Announcements



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



Easter Basket Brigade

Saturday April 5, 2025

We are 10 days away from our 2025 event and **we are a long way from matching** our fund-raising goal from last year and an even bigger need from our Community/Neighbours for assistance...

2024 and as we move into 2025 has been a time where with the continuing war in the Ukraine, hope for peace in the Holy Land in Israel/Palestine but also for our neighbours here in our world are calling out for our hand to comfort them. This is a year where we together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in the World and in Halton Hills...but it only happens with action and it has begun at the top – with God. Jesus has chosen you as “**His Hands/Heart**” 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.

Request:

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 April 5th 9:30 AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. We are suggesting our 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.

Let's keep the message moving forward that as a “Christian Community” we need to pull together in times and are called by Jesus to love and help thy neighbour.

Please see the volunteer sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary!

[Please click here to make a donation, watch the video, or get more information](#)

On behalf of your Community Unity Team!
Timothy Chisholm
tjc@chisintl.com
Executive Director Easter Basket Brigade
Chair - Community Unity – Halton Hills

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Sale

HANDMADE CRAFTS
BAKE TABLE
LOCAL VENDORS
COFFEE & MUFFINS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29
9AM TO NOON**

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
70 MILL STREET EAST, ACTON



"Words are hard to find that adequately describe the concert I experienced today by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir. It lifted my spirits, brought me to tears, gave me goosebumps and cleared the heavy sadness I've been feeling lately from my heart and the confused fog from my mind."

CONCERT ATTENDEE FROM EXETER ON, 2024

Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir

- Saturday April 26
- Norval United Church



Tickets \$50 Concert tickets are available in person at the Church or order by phone at 905 877 6122, or email office@norvalunited.ca.

Light refreshments, beer and wine will be available for purchase during the intermission and after the concert.



Saturday April 26, 2025, from 7 to 9 pm. | Doors open at 6:30
Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Road, Georgetown.

For more information go to: <http://norvalunited.ca/news/>



GFORCE3 Rental Request

GFORCE3 (The Georgetown Friends of Refugee Committee) is currently looking for a three Bedroom Apartment at a reasonable rent for our Afghan Refugee Family. Hopefully, this rental apartment would be close to Downtown Georgetown or the GO Bus. If you are aware of such a facility or know of an upcoming three-bedroom vacancy, please forward your information to Susan Tupling at 416-200-8675 or Dennis McLay at 905-877-2948.



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Breaking Barriers: Women in Theology and Leadership

Working to Empower Women and Change the World

Credit: The United Church of Canada



In India, social and cultural factors limit access to theological education for women in comparison to men. The Rev. B. Silpa Rani is actively encouraging women to pursue theological education and engage in leadership roles. When Silpa started her first degree in Theology, she spent two years as the only woman in a class of 16. Now, years later, as she works on her doctoral dissertation, she has seen a gradual increase in the enrolment of women in theological programs. While this is encouraging, Silpa recognizes that there is still a long journey forward. While she seeks to empower modern women, she is also working to shed light on the experiences of women and minorities of the past.

Silpa was the recipient of a theological education scholarship, which paved her way to join the faculty at Bishop's College, Kolkata. She has been exploring the unique identity of the Qumran community within the context of the Dead Sea Scrolls. She is actively researching to identify the women, children, and minority groups of the society, drawing parallels between the Qumran context and contemporary Indian context.

Your Mission and Service gifts provide support to leaders like Silpa, who are actively working to empower women and change the world.

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