

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday January 4, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

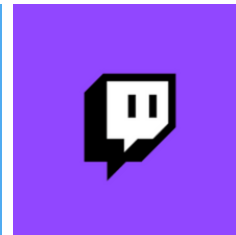


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St. Andrew's United Church



Welcome Rev. Kate Young to the St. Andrew's Family!

Worship This Week - Sunday, January 7th

Happy New Year! We are excited to have Rev. Kate Young as St. Andrew's part-time interim Minister for a 6-month appointment. She brings 37 years of ministerial experience and has recently served churches in Weston and in Oakville. We hope you can join us this Sunday for Kate's first service as we welcome her to our congregation and church family! We also look forward to welcoming our newest members into the United Church as we share in Holy Baptism.

Theme: We are Welcome Here

Sermon: 'Signs of Welcome'

Scripture Readings: Psalm 29 Voices United 756, Mark 1:4-11



Our Sunday School has been hard at work trying to inspire and brighten your day! Look around the church and see if you can spot their sticky notes filled with words of inspiration!

Scripture Summary

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Humour Corner

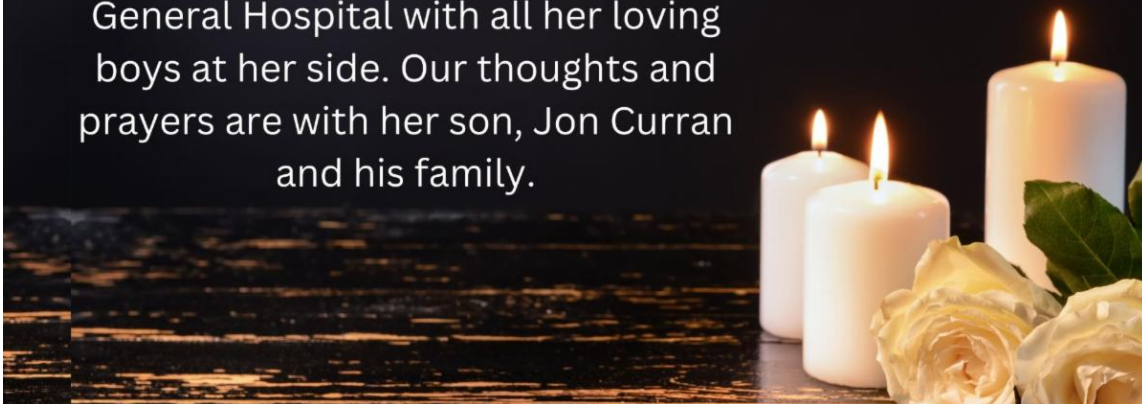
A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."
His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Membership Announcements

Happy New Year to all and we hope that everyone who has been plagued by viruses are all recovering and in good form.
Rev. Kate Young joins us this Sunday, January 7th. Please join us to give her a big St. Andrew's welcome!

In Memoriam - Linda Curran

Linda Sue Curran, passed peacefully
December 28, 2023, at Meaford
General Hospital with all her loving
boys at her side. Our thoughts and
prayers are with her son, Jon Curran
and his family.



[Please click here to view the obituary and share memories or words of condolence](#)

St. Andrew's Announcements

Upcoming Congregation Meetings

Saturday, January 6th, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

In the Sanctuary. Town Hall meeting
group discussions for feedback and possible options
for the future direction of St. Andrew's.

Sunday, January 14th, 11:00am-12:30pm

After church service, in the sanctuary.
Follow-Up meeting to Town Hall: To provide a
consolidation of the learnings from the Town Hall
meeting, and full disclosure of the options available.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2023

It's hard to believe that it is this time of year again!

To all Ministries, Committees and Groups:

Please submit reports for the 2023 Annual Report to the office by Sunday, January 7th, 2024.

Email them to: office@standrewsuc.ca.

If you do not have a Chairperson for your committee, please assign a member or members to create the report. If you have questions, please contact the office. Thank you!



**St. Andrew's Out of the Cold Team
(operating at Knox Presbyterian Church)
Looking for: 2 Morning Shift People.**

These folks come in at 6 am to relieve the two people who have done the overnight shift. Duties are waking guests so they are ready to go for 8 am, preparing a breakfast for guests (kitchen is pre-stocked) and minor clean-up. Currently our team is doing every other Wednesday night-Thursday morning throughout the colder months. For further information, speak to Ross Leckie or Joanne Wardle.

Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday

Book of Matthew: The Law of the King

Invite your friends.

Add to your spiritual journey.



Please click [here](#) to view January's calendar of local community meals and resources

Combined Church Service



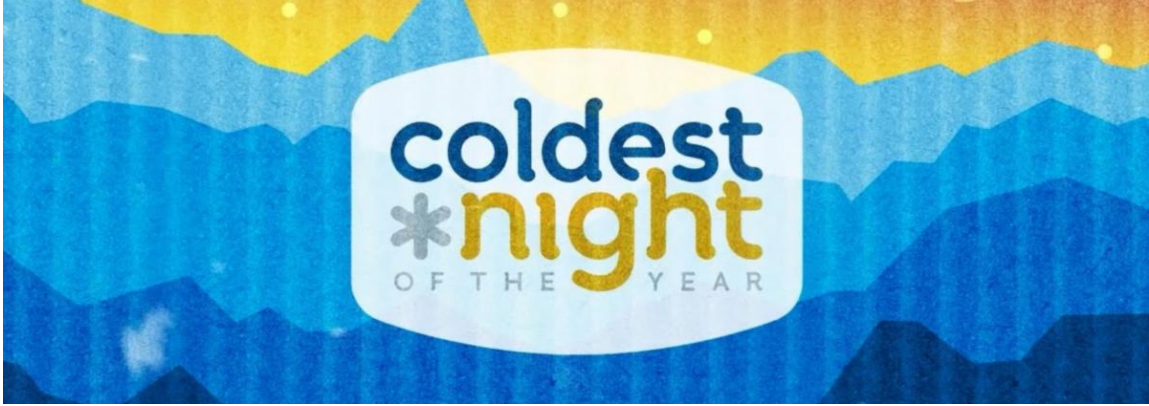
**Sunday, January 21
10:00am at St. John's United
11 Guelph Street**

Hillcrest • St. Andrew's • St. John's

**There will be no service at St. Andrew's.
We hope you can join us at St. John's,
as we worship as one.**

Combined Church Service at St. John's United on Sun. Jan. 21, 2024 @ 10:00AM

The people of St. Andrew's United and Hillcrest will be visiting St. John's for a combined service to celebrate the The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Sun. Jan. 21, 2024 @ 10:00AM**. The service will be led by Sue Cowan from St. John's, with support from Kate Young, the new Interim Minister from St. Andrew's. It is hoped that members from the 3 congregations will stay afterwards in the Celebration Hall to enjoy refreshments and further grow our friendship.



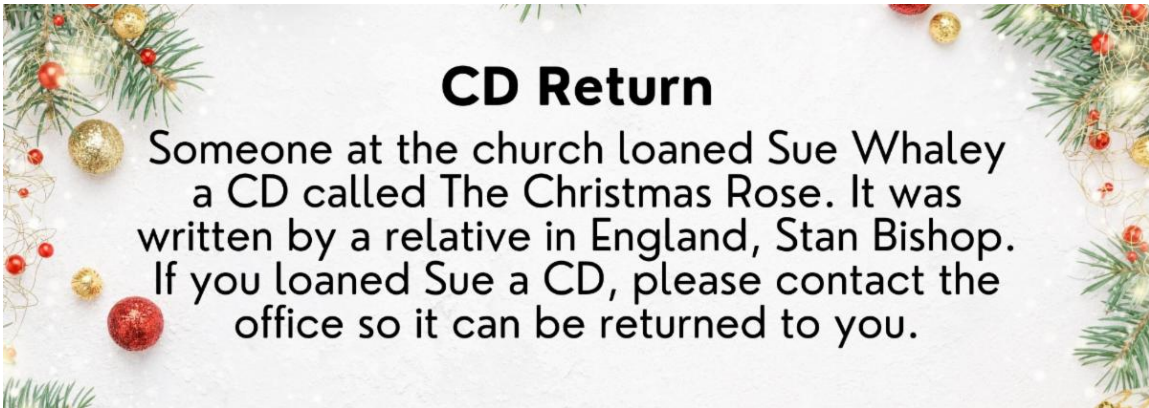
Walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year - Sat. Feb. 24, 2024

Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's will be walking together as one on the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) under the team banner **Angels United**. Our team captain is Joanne Wardle (St. Andrew's). Please go to the **Angels United CNOY webpage**

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1007733>

to join up as a walker or to sponsor a familiar name. All funds raised through the CNOY Halton Hills Walk stay in the community and will be directed to the Georgetown Bread and Links2Care.

Please click here to register



CD Return

Someone at the church loaned Sue Whaley a CD called The Christmas Rose. It was written by a relative in England, Stan Bishop. If you loaned Sue a CD, please contact the office so it can be returned to you.

Community Announcements



Rotary Club of Georgetown Free Community Dinners

Everyone is welcome.

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

Fri. Jan. 5th at 6:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

Knox Presbyterian Church

116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON



*The Halton Hills Interfaith Council
cordially invites you to:*

World Religion Day 2024

*An afternoon of interfaith
dialogue and fellowship on
the topic of
"Being a Good Neighbour"*



Date: Sunday Jan 21, 2024 A Free Community Event

Place: John Elliot Theatre

Georgetown Library

9 Church St, Georgetown

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Info: hfwrd2024@gmail.com

Open to All

Please register in advance at:

haltonhills.ca/theatre



*Program: Interfaith
Presentations,
Community Booths and
Information Displays,
Refreshments*

*Supported by the Town of
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Rental Unit needed for GFORCE3 Afghan Family

GFORCE3 is widening its search for a rental unit for its second Afghan Family. We will now looking for a 3-bedroom rental unit within walking distance of amenities, especially a grocery store within Georgetown, Acton or Milton. GFORCE3 will be responsible for all costs associated with the unit until the

family has lived here for 1-year. Please let others know of this need. Contact Greg MacDonald (416.219.9113), Don Robinson (905.703.0043), or Susan Tupling (416.200.8675) with any possibilities.



THE SANCTUARY
CONCERT HALL

Presents

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY

FRIDAY, JAN. 26TH, 7:30 PM
(Doors open at 6:45pm)

All your favourite Eagles, Neil Young, Fleetwood Mac, Doobie Bros. tunes and many more in a coffee house setting sure to have a party vibe.

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

Tickets available at [Showpass.com](https://www.showpass.com)

This event is a co-fundraiser for St. John's and for the Townsend/Smith Foundation



Get Tickets



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Learning the Gospel at Camp

"I met so many different people from different cultures and regions, and got to learn their journeys in faith."



Lindsay Vautour, the United Church's Engagement and Stewardship Associate, started attending a United Church camp at the tender age of five. There, she not only met lifelong friends and gained job skills as a counsellor, but it also helped chart her course to eventually work for The United Church of Canada.

"Coming from a financially tight background, I'm extremely grateful for the assistance available that let my brother and me attend camp every summer. I met so many different people from different cultures and regions, and got to learn their journeys in faith. I still keep in contact with some camp friends over 20 years later," she says.

"One of my most prominent memories was with a fellow 13-year-old camper who told me that she loved camp because she could be herself without any expectations. She said, 'I'm not the weird kid or the foster kid here, I'm just me,'" she recounts. "That's something I resonate with because I wasn't particularly popular in school, but popularity never mattered at camp, and it's beautiful to know that that's a widely shared perception."

Children come together at United Church camps across Canada to learn the gospel in a safe and supportive environment. Through campfire stories, hiking, music, canoeing, and so much more, campers gain confidence while enjoying unique activities and exploring their curiosity. At camp kids learn soft skills like self-confidence, patience, and organization as well as hard skills in sports, crafting, and music.

Without the generosity of supporters, children who attend camp wouldn't be able to continue having such affirming and defining experiences. Your gifts through [Mission and Service](#) are deeply appreciated.

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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.

Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

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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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