

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 10, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

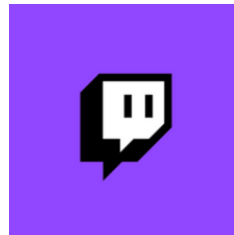


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, October 13th



Thank you to Scott Martin, LLWL for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us this Sunday for our Thanksgiving service, all are welcome!



Scripture Summary

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

Humour Corner

A Piece of Pumpkin Pie?

Jolene was only 8 years old and lived with family in the country with her parents and brother. Consequently they did not often have visitors from the city. One day Jolene's mother said that father was bringing two guests home for Thanksgiving supper.

After they had enjoyed the turkey, Jolene went to the kitchen to help her mother, and proudly brought in the first piece of pumpkin pie and gave it to her father. He then passed the plate to a guest. When Jolene came in with the second piece and gave it to his father, he again gave it to a guest.

This was too much for Little Jolene, who blurted out, 'It's no use, Daddy. The pieces are all the same size.'

Membership Announcements

Combined Service World Communion Sunday



Over 125 members from Hillcrest, St. Andrew's and St. John's combined together in worship on Sunday October 6 to celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. The service involved a trio of worship leaders, a three church choir and an innovative approach to sharing communion. Afterwards attendees enjoyed refreshments and the opportunity to talk and renew friendships. The experience brought people together to worship as one.

A big thank you to St. John's for hosting the World Wide Communion service! It was wonderful to join together once again.

Reuniting Sunday Bible Trivia Part 3: Please see the below for the answers.

21. How old was Jesus when he started his ministry?
22. What city mentioned in the Book of Revelation is also the name of an American city?
23. What color are the four horses in the Book of Revelation?
24. Name the shortest verse in the Bible?
25. What book in the Bible does not mention God by name?
26. Who shut the door of Noah's ark?
27. What street did Judas live on?
28. What book in the Bible mentions mowed grass?
29. What person in the Bible was a fast and furious driver?
30. What is the last word in the Bible?

Sunday Coffee Volunteers Required! Please consider signing up for one of the following days:

- Oct. 27th
- Nov. 24th
- Dec. 1st
- Dec. 8th
- Dec. 15th
- Dec. 22nd

Bible Trivia Part 1: Answers

21. 30
22. Philadelphia
23. White, Red, Dark and Pale
24. "Jesus wept." Gospel of John, chapter 11, verse 35.
25. The book of Esther.
26. God. (Genesis 7:16)
27. Straight street. (Acts 9:11)
28. Psalms. (Psalms 72:6)
29. Jehu. (2 Kings 9:20)
30. Amen. (Revelation 22:21)

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.

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, October 11th at 9:30 am
in the Fellowship room



Saturday, October 12th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!

A top-down view of a white ceramic plate set on a wooden surface. A silver fork is on the left and a silver knife is on the right. The plate contains text for a community dinner.

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Friday, October 18th
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

ST. ANDREW'S
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown
Anyone wanting takeout
please contact the office by Thursday.

Supported by Community
Donors and Free Will Offerings

Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room

We are studying the letter of Paul, 'Jesus Our Joy'.

Philippians Lesson 2: An Encouraging Example

Purpose: To help people strengthen their Christian relationships as they encourage each other with affirmation, godly affection and prayer.

Invite your friends. Add to your spiritual journey.



Men's Online Bible Study

Monday mornings

beginning October 21st on Zoom

The Men's On-line Study Group will discuss the book, Life After Doom, Wisdom and Courage for a World falling apart, written by Brian McLaren, led by Ross Leckie. The cost of the book is \$40.

Please email Ross Leckie,
rleckie@sympatico.ca for the link
and to order the book.



Our Daily Bread Booklets

**The October/November/December issue
is now available!**

Please find them on the table across from the office.

A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.





Donations REQUESTED (PERSONAL and BUSINESS)

There will be a silent auction and raffle table during this event on November 9th and once again, we are asking for donations. **Items should be new or handmade or a gift of time such as handyman work, babysitting, etc.**

We are also looking for **Business Donations** - The best way to get donations is a good customer asking the business for a donation. **If there are any businesses that you have contacts for**, we would appreciate any donations from businesses for the craft show since we no longer are holding our Spring Auction.

Your donations can be dropped off **anytime now** until November 3rd, 2024.

There are donation forms available (personal and business) and a table set up for the donations at the end of the hallway outside of the offices. Please make sure a donation form is fully filled out for each item being donated. **If you are donating a lot of items**, you can contact the office or Margaret Yahiro to get forms printed with your contact information on them to save some handwriting!

All donations big or small help make this fundraising event successful and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

[Please click here to download the application form](#)



BAKE SALE

Once again we are having a Bake sale at the Christmas Craft Show! We are again asking **all the fantastic bakers** of St. Andrew's to make **ANY kind of baked goods to sell**. Cookies, cakes, loaves, pies, tarts, squares (Christmas squares would be wonderful for this time of year!), etc. would be gratefully accepted. We would appreciate receiving the baked goods by 4:00 pm on Friday, November 8th to give the volunteers time to plate and price them.



Community Announcements



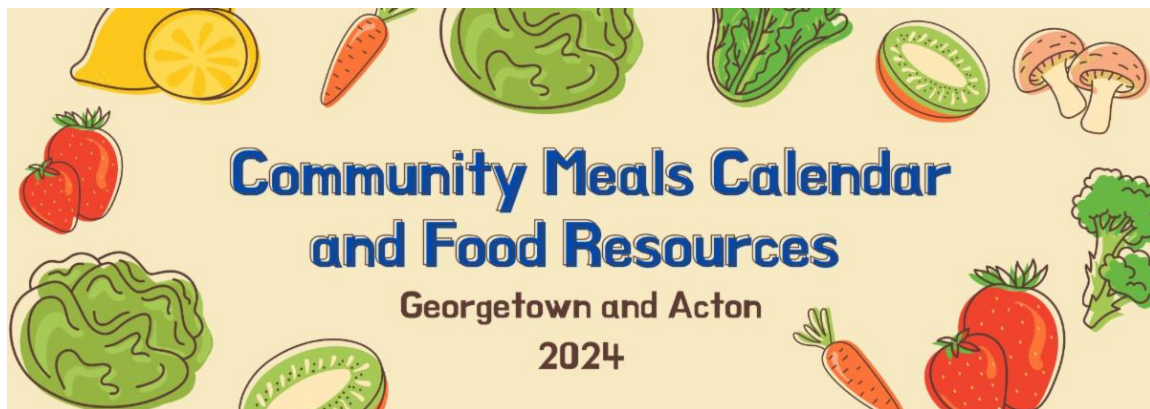
Afghan Refugees Update

The Afghan family supported by GFORCE3 has arrived in Georgetown. The father Ghulam Sakhi, 73, is widowed but in good health. He is starting to learn English. Son Farhad, 29, has a 2-year business degree and worked as a customer service rep for a travel company and speaks English well. His association with the pre-Taliban government in Afghanistan made him a target of the Taliban. Daughter Nahida, 26, has a Political Science degree and was teaching computer skills to young girls. Her English is exceptional. She was being actively pursued by the Taliban due to her support of girls' education. Both siblings are now anxious to work.

Another son Fawad is believed safe in Turkey and plans to join the family in Canada in the near future.

These people are over the top in their appreciation for the work of GFORCE3 in arranging for a life in safety and saving them from a life on the run at best, and punishment at the hands of the Taliban at worst.

GFORCE has expended a lot of money over the past two years to keep the family in relative safety in Pakistan pending their approval to come to Canada. They have an obligation to support the family for the next year while they adjust to employment and life in Canada. St. Andrew's board has voted to support GFORCE3 as an outreach initiative. **That means we can accept and receipt donations and forward them to GFORCE3. You can mark your gift "Refugees" and every cent will be used for the welfare of these wonderful people.**



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



Fall Yard Clean-up

Assisting families in need due to age, health or circumstance.

When: **Saturday Nov 9th, 2024**
Time: 8:15am to noon. Great Lunch after at Knox
Where: Georgetown Christian Fellowship, 13619 Highway 7 (North of where Trafalgar/Hwy 7 intersect at the North end of Georgetown)
Bring: Garden rakes, clippers, garden gloves, other small garden tools.

Please join us afterwards from 12:00 – 1:00 at Knox Presbyterian Church 116 Main Street for a time of fellowship, food and drink

If you can't rake, join us and be a "friendly visitor"

Should the date be rained out, homes will be assigned to individual churches to be completed at their convenience.

To volunteer or if you have a home in need please provide your church representative, Minister/Reverend or email to tjc@chisintl.com with your name, cell number, email address and number in your group, or look for the Volunteer Form posted in your church.

"My husband and I were the fortunate recipients of your generous help. We will never be able to thank you and your volunteers enough for what you did for us. Please thank them for taking all that time from their busy lives to help us. People like them are a breath of fresh air in our community and a gift to humankind." Homeowner

"The couple were in bad shape physically and really appreciated the work and when we prayed she broke down and cried and that really touched me." Yard Work Volunteer

"This is one of the best, if not the best service provided in our community. Young people today are so busy that it is hard to get them to help, so this is a service that I am very grateful for. The combined efforts of the members of churches in our community, setting aside a day to help seniors is such a loving, generous service. Thank you." Homeowner



*"Local Churches Working Together
Making a Difference In Our Community"*



6th Annual Townsend Smith Candlelight Vigil

Thursday October 24, 2024 at 7:00PM at Hillcrest United Church

Our UNITED4HOSPICE (U4H) team is inviting members of Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's to attend the Townsend Smith Foundation's 6th Annual Candlelight Vigil on Thurs. October 24 at 7:00PM at Hillcrest United Church, 8958 Trafalgar Road. The evening will be an opportunity for residents

from across North Halton to come together to honour those who have gone before us and to reflect on our shared dream to provide a quality end of life journey for our loved ones. The ceremony will be a meaningful, intimate gathering supported by musical reflection that will include speakers who have been positively impacted by hospice care. Please attend with family and friends to express your support for the creation of residential hospice palliative care in North Halton.

If you are planning to attend the Vigil, please [click here to RSVP](#)



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Our Journey towards Becoming an Anti-Racist Church

The 40 Days return Oct. 15-Nov. 26, 2024.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



From October 15 to November 26, 2024, the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism program offers daily and weekly opportunities for learning, reflection, and action.

This year, dynamic speakers will be offering live events each Tuesday of the 40 Days at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Small study groups will accompany each event, giving learners and leaders the opportunity to explore the content more deeply.

The program, designed to move people through a journey towards becoming anti-racist, offers an opportunity for participants within the United Church and beyond to engage in learning and develop their faith.

Written reflections explore internalized racism, systemic racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, and more. The readings encourage deep, thought-provoking discussion for both individuals and communities of faith.

The United Church of Canada has committed to becoming an anti-racist denomination, and this work is an ongoing journey for everyone. Your Mission and Service gifts support expanding this crucial initiative each year.

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