



LENT 2023

seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

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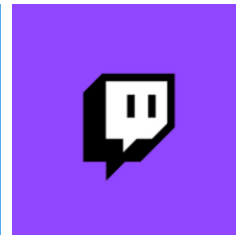
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday February 23, 2023

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St. Andrew's United Church

This week we will begin the season of Lent. The season of Lent is a period of approximately 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday in the Christian calendar. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Lent is observed by many Christian denominations, including Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and the United Church. During Lent, many Christians participate in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a way to reflect on their faith, seek forgiveness for their sins, and prepare for the celebration of Easter. For some, they may choose to give up something in their lives to be able to focus on their faith in their walk with God.

This year we are beginning a new lent series, by "A Sanctified Art". This year's theme is called Seeking: Honest Questions for a Deeper faith. During lent we will look at questions about our lives and about how God works through us. we invite you to come along on the journey.

This season we will be offering a time of fellowship and conversation on Wednesdays at noon. “**Lenten Lunches**” are offered for anyone wanting to ask questions and dive deeper through devotion. We will be using the home devotional guides that will be available to pick up on Sunday morning this week.

Also, this week it will be Scouting Sunday. We invite the participants from the 4th Georgetown Scout groups to join us in worship. We hope you will come and worship with us!

Scripture Readings are: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Matthew 4:1-11

Meditation: Lead us not into Temptation

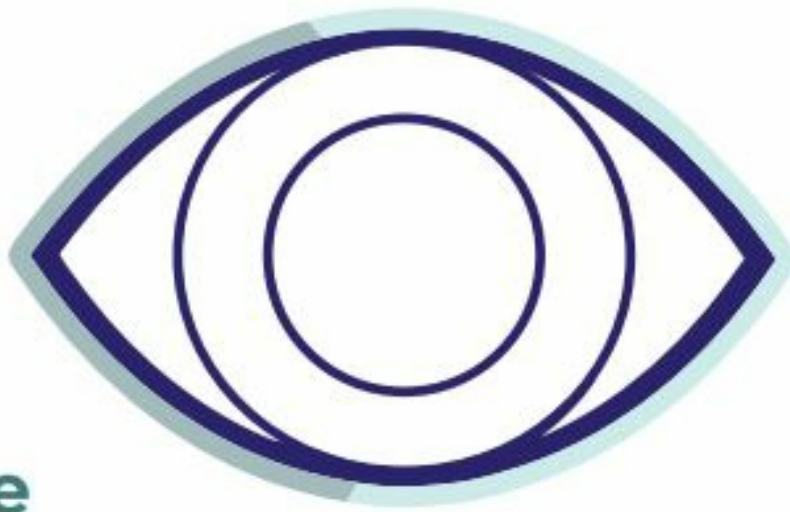


seeking:
Who will you
listen to?

1st Sunday In Lent | Year A

MAIN IDEA: *I can listen for the truth from people I trust.*

Scripture Summary | Matthew 4:1-11 When Jesus had been baptized, he went into the wilderness to listen to God. But Jesus did not listen to the Tempter. Realizing that he could not trick Jesus into disobeying God, the Tempter left.



eye

The Seeking logo was designed by Lauren Wright Pittman. Do you see the eye? The eye represents the theme of seeking. **Color the eye in the graphic above.**



[Click here to Watch a Video from the MECC - The Middle East Council of Churches](#)

On Monday, February 6, a massive magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit southern Turkey and neighboring Syria. The United Church of Canada is deeply concerned for all those affected, particularly the thousands who have lost their homes and their lives.

The United Church is in contact with partners in the region to learn more about the impact and understand how best to offer our support. Please include the people of Turkey, Syria, and other countries affected in your prayers.

God,

*In the face of destruction
that tears down homes and threatens life,
we pray that your deep abiding love
be felt by:
those who are grieving,
those who fear for themselves and their communities,
those who are struggling; and,
those who are offering aid.
May they continue to be strengthened by your Spirit.
May we extend our hearts in prayer.*

Amen

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Here's what's coming up in the April/May issue, which will start arriving the week of Feb. 27.

Unquiet in the Land

A generation ago, Saskatchewan Mennonites rallied to halt the construction of a uranium refinery in their community. Their struggle holds lessons for climate activists today.

The Last Letters

Carol Moskot's grandfather was murdered in the Holocaust. His final postcards tell the story of a young love cut short.

A New Earth

Rt. Rev. Carmen Lansdowne on Easter's call to change the world

FREE TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER!

We are allowed 4 trial subscriptions for anyone who is interested and has never subscribed previously.

Ginny Morecroft will be sitting at a table on Sunday for those who wish to renew and to answer any questions

Renewal of \$25.00 should be in by March 19 at the latest.

Ways to pay: Cash, cheque made out to St. Andrew's UC or by e-transfer

indicating on your envelope or transfer that this is for Broadview renewal to make it easier for the treasurer.

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Sat Feb 25, 2023

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
MEN'S Breakfast
CLUB

at 9 AM
at the legion.

All are invited to join us! Email the office to join!

The poster features a white coffee cup with brown coffee on a saucer on the left. The background is orange. The text is in black and white.



GFORCe3's Fundraising Dinner

The fundraising dinner "A Lovely Evening with GFORCe3" on February 11th raised over \$9,000 to support 2 Afghan families to come to Canada. The first, a family of 5, is scheduled to arrive this year. Many thanks to all those who attended, made appetizers and desserts, and donated silent auction items. The dinner's

success was a wonderful melding of efforts from members of multiple churches and the community. Thank you.



St. Andrew's has a team of people assisting in the Out of the Cold program 'housed' at Knox Presbyterian Church in downtown Georgetown. An evening meal, safe overnight accommodation, and a simple breakfast is offered to anyone who desires it. Over the last 6 weeks, 'Out of the Cold' volunteers have provided 4-5 nights shelter out of every 7. Our own volunteer roster includes-Jackie Gray, Ove Andersen, Ross and Jean Leckie, Alex Mackenzie, Jan and Bill Pennycook, Joanne Wardle, and Grant Williams. We can use more volunteers for the overnight shift (11pm-6 am) and the morning shift (6-8am). For more information please contact Ross Leckie.

We are asking families to share Easter with another family. Any donation however small is greatly received. Donations will be dispersed in the Easter Basket Brigade.

EASTER BASKET BRIGADE



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Gift Cards and Monetary Donations
can be dropped off at the church office until March 16, 2023.



Shrove Tuesday

We are thankful for all our helpers that helped out at our annual Shrove Tuesday dinner!



St. Andrew's United Church

CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, March 5, 2023

11:00 am after worship service



Can you help?

We have a request for queen bedding sheets. If you have one to spare. Please let the office know and we will arrange to have them delivered.

CASHh (Cancer Assistance Services Halton Hills) is in need of drivers. The incidence of cancer in our community is growing as is our population in Halton Hills. As a result, we have an increased number of clients needing our services. We need more volunteers who are



interested in becoming drivers for CAShh. Our clients generally go to various hospitals in the GTA as well as local ones (Oakville, Credit Valley, Juravinski in Hamilton). We are in great need of drivers that are willing to go into the GTA (Sunnybrook, Princess Margaret). We are hoping that drivers could commit to a minimum of 2 days per month...more if possible. Drivers are reimbursed for their expenses. Contact the office if you are interested.



It's cold out there. On **February 25, 2023**, our team "Georgetown United Angels" is going to do something about it. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we're walking and fundraising to support and serve people and families experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger in our community. Please, give generously by clicking the "Donate Now" button below. You're also welcome to join our team too with the link below!

[To Donate to our Team click here - Coldest Night of the Year](#)



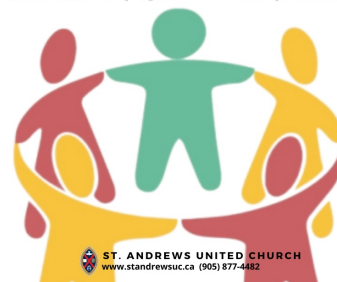
USED BATTERIES

The Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association has an ongoing fundraising program for the recycling of used batteries. We now have a collection box on the table by the photocopier where the pop tab and other collection boxes are.



If you or your child wishes to be baptized at St. Andrew's, please contact Grant

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Circle of Friends meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday, 5th if there is one in the

Williams to find out more information.

mornings. All are welcome to attend.



Our weekly bible study is held on thursdays at 10 am in person at the church. Everyone is welcome!



The choir practices Thursday evenings at 7 pm. All are welcome! No previous experience required!



United Church Mission & Service Fund



Elders teach students the words, phrases, songs, and stories of their ancestors

Take a moment to think about your favourite story.

Now imagine that story being at risk of disappearing because the language it's written in is endangered. This is something that nine Elders from Haida Gwaii are passionately trying to change.

Once there were over 15,000 fluent speakers of Haida, but today, because of assimilation tactics like residential schools, almost all Haida people speak English at home. The nine Elders—with an average age of more than 80—represent about half of the fluent Haida speakers who remain.

With partner support, the work of these Elders in a research-based revitalization project keeps the Haida language alive and growing.

The Elders are teaching students the words, phrases, songs and stories of their ancestors. The response has been empowering, with language learners near and far dedicating themselves to study. Lessons are given through the Longhouse of Skidegate village, but the program reaches much further, with more than 120 online lessons available. The opportunity to connect across the globe has allowed Haida language, stories, and culture to be shared broadly.

The program also gives young people from the Haida Nation the opportunity to connect with the Elders to nurture their cultural pride and understanding. "I

appreciate the work the Elders are doing with our language and culture,” said one young student. “They work very hard every day so that my generation can remember.”

The Haida language is not the only Indigenous language that has been endangered. Your gifts to Mission & Service support programs and partnerships for Indigenous cultural revitalization around the world.

*Grant's
World*



This Saturday we will be walking with the Coldest Night of the year walk. As of today, we have 30 people signed up to walk with the Georgetown United Angels. We have set an ambitious goal of raising \$10,000 and we are at over \$7500. Will you help us raise more to achieve our goal to help those who need

support through the Links to Care and the Georgetown Bread basket. Our team link is here to make any donations or to sign up and walk with us.

This year our route has changed. We will be starting at Norval United, walking ALONG 8TH line, 10th sideroad, Mountainview and back along Argyle, and taking a break at Holy Cross church and then back to Norval. Come on our to cheer us on as we walk.

On Tuesday this week, we held a successful Pancake supper at St. Andrew's. this year we had about 120 people coming to eat and around 20 helpers, mostly youth. It was so nice to see so many young people our making pancakes and lending a hand. Since this was the first time in 3 years, we have run this dinner, we are pleased with how well things went. Many thanks to all the youth and adults who came out to make this a success and to all those who came and ate the meal.

Since our annual meeting, we are still in need of a few people to fill positions. Happy to say that our board has now 3 new directors, Bryan Scott, and Rick Armstrong stepped up at the meeting and this week Margret VanderVoet agreed to become a director. However, we are still in desperate need for a Treasurer. It is a requirement of the United Church policy that a church member is named as a treasurer on the board. We may have to hire an outside bookkeeper to do the bulk of the financial work but we still need someone to be the treasurer. If you or someone you know may be interested, please let me know.

I hope you will join us in Lenten conversations on Wednesdays at noon starting this week as we explore deeper questions during Lent.

Blessings,
Grant



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To contact us via email now please use:

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