

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday February 22, 2024

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

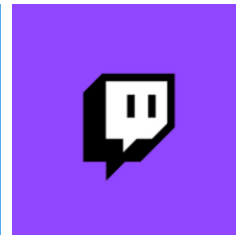


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## St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, February 25th

# SCOUT SUNDAY



Thank you to Rev. Kate Young for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for our Sunday service as we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent and welcome the Scouts for Scout Sunday!

**Theme:** Scout Sunday

**The Gospel Reading:** Mark 8:31-38

**Sermon:** 'The Powderheads!'

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## Scripture Summary

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

## Humour Corner

Lenten prayer

"So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper. Haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish. I'm really glad of that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed; and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help."

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## Membership Announcements

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The St. Andrew's Board of Directors After the Annual General Meeting, the first Board meeting was held on Tuesday February 20.

We welcome the 2024 St. Andrew's Board:

Board Chair – Joanne Wardle

Board Secretary – Stephanie Scott

Board Treasurer – Brian Heinmiller

Board Vice-Treasurer – Gail Bancroft

Chair of Trustees – Marlene Beitz

Finance Representative – Bryan Scott

Ministry and Personnel Representative – TBD

Building and Maintenance Representative – Rick Armstrong

Christian Development Representative – Nora McClure

Congregational Life Representative – Robin Thompson

Outreach Representative – Bill Pennycook

Communications Representative – Mark Wyatt

Member at Large – Beverly Tyhurst

Retiring from the Board: With sincere gratitude, we thank Kimberley Floyd for her excellence in leading the Ministry and Personnel Committee through the very challenging past 2 years of hiring and caring for the staff and paid personnel. Thanks to Beverly Tyhurst for her work as the Board Secretary and to Colleen Armstrong for filling in as needed. Thanks also to Margret Vander Voet for her work with the Ministry and Personnel Committee and for being the Congregational Life Representative. Thanks, Joanne Wardle for continuous hard work as the Outreach Representative. We are all happy to have you return once again as the Board Chair

Coffee time: please remember to check out the sign up sheets for March and April outside of the sanctuary. It is wide open.

NOTE: directions for coffee hour are now posted on the supply cupboard door. Directions for using the Dish Sterilizer (this is not dishwasher) are posted above the sink.

Lost: black choir bag with treble clef logo on it. ☐

It was sitting on a chair by the gym doors.

If anyone picked it up by mistake a couple Sundays ago with other bags please let Colleen know. Thank you!

## **Rev. Kate Young**

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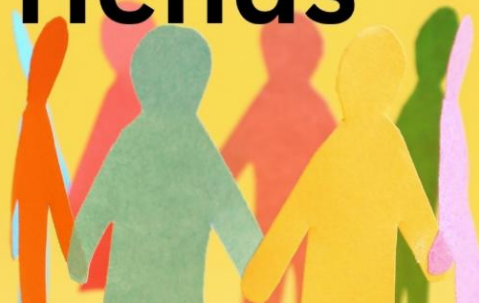
## **St. Andrew's Announcements**

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# **Circle of Friends**

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

Join us for our next meeting  
Friday, February 23rd at 9:30 am  
in the Fellowship room



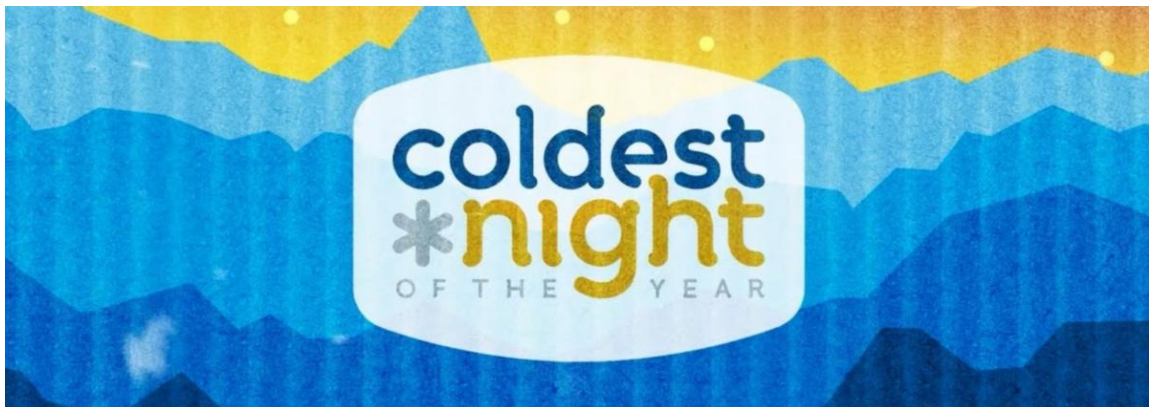
# Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday

Book of Matthew: Understanding of the King

Invite your friends.

Add to your spiritual journey.



**The walk is this Saturday! We're still hoping to get more walkers from St. Andrew's! 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** 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 for our CNOY Team or sponsor one of our walkers!](#)

## Photo Directory



Thank you to everyone who got a photo taken for the photo directory (and to those who submitted a photo) – you will be receiving a photo directory. If you didn't get your photo taken and would like a directory, it will cost \$17.00. **We need to receive your order and payment by March 1st.** Please place your order with the office or see Colleen Armstrong or Margaret Yahiro. We are hoping to receive the draft in the next week or so. If we order after that there is an extra surcharge. Thank you!

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



As the United Churches in our area are involved in the Townsend Smith Hospice planning, there is a request for more volunteers to be involved in moving this forward. Jean Leckie has been representing St. Andrew's but more support is required. If you have a strong belief in this much needed facility you are invited to put your name forward via the church office or to Jean Leckie.

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## Community Announcements

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



## Easter Basket Brigade Spring 2024



2024 is a year where we together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...but it only happens with action and it has begun at the top – with God. Jesus has chosen you as “His Voice” 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.

### **Collection of Cards/Donations: Now until Saturday March 9th, 2024**

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, March 16th at 9:30 AM at the Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. At that time we will be having people distribute Easter gifts to those in need in our community. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the easel outside of the sanctuary. We are suggesting our Families share Easter with another family by purchasing **Grocery Gift Cards** and 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, Ross Leckie.

**OR**

Donations to Community Unity

Individual Donations will also be gratefully accepted and donations may also be made at <http://www.communityunityhaltonhills.com/> and clicking on "Donate" - Canada Helps - a tax receipt will be instantly generated. It would be ideal to receive the donations prior to March 9th as it takes a week for the funds to be released to Community Unity. With these funds Community Unity will then purchase grocery gift cards for distribution.

This is going to be a great demonstration of the love of God and our love of our neighbour. Thank you so much for your help!

On behalf of your Community Unity Team!

**Timothy Chisholm**

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Executive Director Easter Basket Brigade

Community Unity – Halton Hills



**United Church Mission & Service Fund**

## Small Gifts with Big Impact

Cash Assistance program has been life-changing for families.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



In February 2023, just one year ago, earthquakes left people in parts of Türkiye and Syria facing the devastating loss of their loved ones, homes, and communities.

Today, those same people are still facing the ongoing impact of the disaster. On top of difficulties with accessing basic needs and medical care, there remains an economic crisis. The costs of fuel and basic commodities have doubled, and in some cases tripled.

Mission and Service partner the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) has been providing ongoing help to people living in the aftermath of the earthquakes. A Cash Assistance program has been life-changing for families, especially those who do not have a steady or fixed income.

Even the smallest amount can provide a family with a significant boost. Whether it is making house or rent payments, covering the cost of a medication, or being able to afford groceries, Mission and Service partners are there to provide support.

Your gifts to Mission and Service extend a loving hand of peace and warmth to those in need as they live through the worst crisis of their lives. Thank you for your generosity.

## WAYS TO GIVE

We thank all those that continue to support our Church with your giving!



**CASH & CHEQUE**



**CANADA HELPS**



SCAN ME for more details



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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.



Sent with love 

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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.



We would love to share our News from the Pews! Please feel free to share with a friend...



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