

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews



St. Andrew's United Church
89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown ON L7G 4T9
www.standrewsuc.ca (905) 877-4482



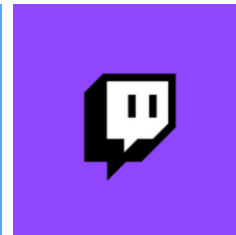
One Lincense: #738674-A
CCL Lincense #2633008

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday April 27, 2023

We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am
on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch & 100.3 FM
Click on the icons below to connect!



St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Week- Sunday April 30 Theme: Camping Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Camping Sunday, a day where we come together to recognize and appreciate the beauty and power of nature. We reflect on the passage from John 10:1-10, which speaks of the Good Shepherd.

In this passage, Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd who leads his sheep to safety and provides for them. He says, "The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice" (John 10:3-4).

Just as the Good Shepherd leads his sheep to safety, we too can find safety and comfort in nature. When we go camping, we surround ourselves in the beauty of creation, away from the chaos and noise of our daily lives. We can find peace in the stillness of the forest, and we can feel the presence of God in the majesty of the mountains.

But camping is not just about finding calm in nature. It is also about challenging ourselves to step out of our comfort zones and rely on God's provisions. When we camp, we have to learn how to build fires, pitch tents, and navigate through unfamiliar territory. We must trust in the Lord to provide us with the skills and resources we need to survive in the wilderness.

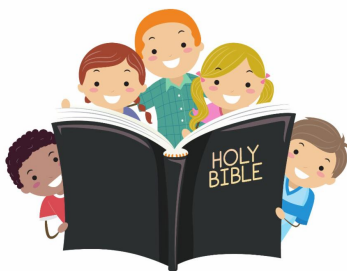
The Good Shepherd promises to provide for his sheep, and this promise extends to us as we venture out into the wilderness. We may face challenges and obstacles, but we can trust that God will provide us with the strength and wisdom we need to overcome them.

Scripture Readings: Acts 2: 42-47. John 10: 1-10
Sermon: Let's Go!!!



Scripture Summary

Acts 2: 42-47



Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Humour Corner

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

St. Andrew's Announcements

A Memorial Service in Loving Tribute to Joyce Gaudreau



There will be a memorial service for Joyce Gaudreau on Saturday April 29th at 1 pm at St. Andrew's. Joyce was a long time and faithful member of St Andrew's who passed away at age 98 on Jan.4, 2023.

Our sympathies are extended to her family and many friends, and especially to her son-in-law, Ove Andersen.

This Saturday we will be holding a memorial service for Joyce Gaudreau who passed away back in January. Joyce was a long-time member of St. Andrew's. We invite you to join with friends and family for this special celebration of her life in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary. This service will not be live streamed and offered in person only.

Circle of Friends

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

The next meeting is tomorrow
Friday, April 28th at 9:30 am in the
Fellowship room



Men's Study Group

Meeting in the Gym on Monday, May 1 before
our summer pause, 10:00-11:30 am.

Blessings, Ross Leckie



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

We are **HIRING**

JOB POSITION:

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR/
BOOKKEEPER**

Visit the link below for the
full job posting



[Please click here to view the full job posting](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE TIME

If you have been enjoying fellowship and the baking offered we invite you to consider signing up to help with coffee time in the upcoming Sundays. I realize that the people available to do this are small in number so greatly appreciate the fact that many of you have been stepping up more often. If you are unable to assist with serving, please consider donating baked goods or store bought cookies to our fellowship hour.



JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH BASEBALL TEAM

St. Andrew's Baseball Team- Once again St. Andrew's will have a baseball team in the local church league. This league is co-ed and is non competitive. We play on Wednesday nights at 7 PM starting in May. It is open to anyone ages 14 and up. If you are interested, please speak to Grant Williams or Joanne Wardle.

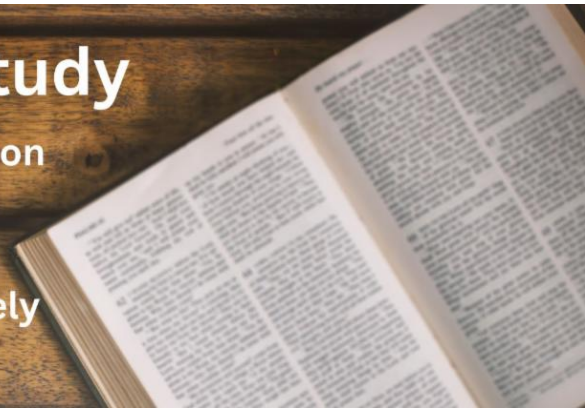


Our Daily Bread Booklets

The April/May/June edition is now available!
Please find them on the table across from the Office. A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.

Thursday Bible Study

Our weekly bible study is held on Thursdays at 10 AM in the Fellowship room.
Come and join us for some lively discussion on the bible.



In need of Baby Items!

A friend of Christina's is in need of baby items!
She is not able to afford new items and would greatly appreciate any donations. She is looking for a diaper bag, baby bottles, teethers, clothing, etc.

Please contact Christina at c.martin690@gmail.com or (905) 873-6614

Collecting Used Batteries

In support of Georgetown Hospital
Volunteer Association

Collecting Eyeglasses

In support of the Lions Club

Collecting Pop Can Tabs

In support of the Shriners

Collecting Used Pens

For proper recycling

> Drop off at the church,
collection boxes are beside the photocopier



Georgetown Bread Basket

If you are thinking of making a donation to the Georgetown Bread Basket this month, the items in most need are peanut butter, canned pasta, canned fruit, juice boxes, ketchup, sugar, chicken noodle or rice soup, pancake mix and syrup. Items can be dropped off at the church.

Service at St. John's United





Thank you St. John's United Church for hosting us last Sunday for a wonderful service and coffee hour! We appreciate the warm welcome to your beautiful church. It was lovely celebrating Earth Day together through inspiring

messages, reflection, hymns and prayers. A special thank you to our choirs for coming together to fill the sanctuary with beautiful harmonies, directed by Sue Whaley and Mark Peterson. Thank you to Pastor Sue Cowan for preparing a wonderful service. We were saddened to hear she was not able to attend and send our healing prayers to Pastor Sue, who is recovering after a successful gall bladder surgery. We look forward to the next time our churches join together again!

A note from St. John's United Church:

On Sunday April 23, our sanctuary was full for a joint service with St. Andrew's UC celebrating Earth Day. We had strong attendance with 131 participants evenly divided between the two congregations. The service was prepared by Sue Cowan, led by Grant Williams and concluded with a combined 40 voice choir singing a powerful rendition of Here I Am, Lord. Our thoughts and prayers were with Sue Cowan after her unexpected, yet successful surgery. After the service, Celebration Hall hosted a large Coffee Hour, full of laughter and good conversation. It was a great get-together among friends.

Community Announcements



St. John's United Church

Coronation Breakfast

Saturday May 6
from 5am until it is over
BBC Live feed

Continental Breakfast Tickets \$20 each
available from the church office at
905-877-2531 or office@stjohnsuc.ca

St. John's United Church Geranium Hanging Basket Sale

COLOURS: Red, Lavendar, Coral

COST: \$25 each, 10 inch pot

ORDERING DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2023.

Please email your plant order to

psargeant@sympatico.ca ,

or phone Pam Sargeant at **905-877-7500**

PICK-UP DATE: 9:00-11:00am - Saturday, May 20,

at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph Street

PAYMENT: Please pay upon pick-up, on Saturday, May 20, by cheque or cash, in an envelope with your name on it. Deliveries can be arranged.



Rotary
Club of Acton
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS IN ACTON!



Gala tapas dinner & live auction to help build a hospice in North Halton.

Date: Friday May 5, 2023

Location: Acton Town Hall, 19 Willow Street
North, Acton

Time: Doors Open 5:30PM

Tickets: \$75.00

[Please click here for more details and to purchase tickets](#)



United Church Mission & Service Fund

The Incredible Difference Your Gifts Make: Bill's Story



“Being at camp solidified my strong connection with the natural world.”

None of us can go a single day without having an impact on someone’s life. And we can’t always predict how what we do to help change a life might wind up changing ours, too.

Take Bill Darnell. Bill’s love affair with nature began at camp, but it didn’t end there. Far from it. Bill’s childhood experience of camp wound up inspiring one of the world’s most influential environmental movements.

“Camping had a big effect on me. I grew up in suburbia and didn’t have much access to the natural world. Camping was an opportunity to go out and be in nature. It was amazing. Being at camp solidified my strong connection with the natural world,” he says.

Bill’s early camp experience instilled such a love of nature that when he became an adult, he became an environmental activist. “When I was 25 years old, not far removed from my years in camp, I saw that they were testing nuclear weapons. That was so obviously wrong that I felt I had to do something to stop it,” he says.

So Bill and a small group of friends anxiously climbed on board an 85-foot fishing boat later dubbed Greenpeace. Together, they set sail for Alaska to stop the testing of a nuclear bomb. Greenpeace as a movement was born. Bill’s story proves that camping experiences in childhood can lead to a lifelong commitment to care for God’s creation.

As scientists and activists sound the alarm around climate change and experts report that not spending enough time outside is having an impact on our children’s health and well-being, outdoor ministry has never been more crucial. It’s just one of the many reasons why Mission & Service really matters.

Your Mission & Service gifts support over two dozen United Church-run camps across the country. Every year, your generosity gives thousands of children an opportunity to go to camp. There, they learn life skills, meet other campers, explore faith, and spend time outside.

Like Bill, some young people may leave camp so impressed by the natural environment that they get on board a movement to take care of it. "Camping made an incredible difference in my life. I know it will make an incredible difference to young people across Canada. I give thanks to those who support it," Bill says.



Last weekend was busy for me. On Friday I went to St. Catherine's to pack up my daughter from university residence and bring her home. Katie will only be home for a couple of weeks though before she begins a full-time job at a United church camp for the summer. I feel proud of her for her accomplishments at school this year and now lands herself her first job.

Also on Friday, I received the news that Sue Cowan was ill and would not be able to attend the joint service at St. John's with St. Andrew's attending. So, I scurried to get the service together for the Sunday for all the parts that Sue was intending to do in it.

On Sunday, we had a delightful service with a full sanctuary and about 40 choir singers. There was a good feeling with everyone together.

After the service I heard many positive comments from people in both congregations as we shared in fellowship together. Many thanks to all those who participated in the service and made it a joyful occasion.

I have heard that Sue is now home from hospital and is recovering well. Please continue to hold her in your prayers.

On Tuesday I attended the Crucifixion event for ministry leaders in the United Church in Hamilton. It was filled with joy and celebration as we gathered for worship, prayer and listening to a guest speaker, Angela Schmitt. She talked about how we are coping with new challenges in a post pandemic world. It was nice to see colleagues and friends from across Canada attending this event.

Blessings,
Grant



We have changed our email addresses!

To contact us via email now please use:

office@standrewsuc.ca or minister@standrewsuc.ca

WAYS TO GIVE



CASH & CHEQUE



ETRANSFERS TO

STANDREWSGEORGETOWN89@GMAIL.COM



CANADA HELPS

Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

Sent with love 

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...



Share This Email



Share This Email



Share This Email

www.standrewsuc.ca

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)
Sent by office@standrewsuc.ca powered by



Try email marketing for free today!