

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 17, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

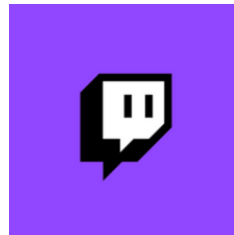


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, October 20th

**Welcome Back
Rev. Kate!**



We hope you can join us this Sunday for worship, all are welcome!

Theme: Mark often uses the disciples to represent the attitudes of his own

contemporary church. Here we have them vying for positions of prestige in glory. Jesus' response hints that suffering takes precedence over glory, that positions in glory are granted by a higher authority, and that in any case such quibbles belong to the world. Christian greatness, it seems, is a matter of servanthood, not status.

The New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

Sermon: 'Decaffeinated Christianity'



Thank you to Jean and the Sunday School for decorating our bulletin board!

Scripture Summary

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

Humour Corner

What does a Jack O Lantern and a Christian have in common?
They both have a light inside.

Membership Announcements

Joint Service at St. John's & Thanksgiving Sunday

October 6th and October 13th



Sunday Coffee Volunteers Required! Please consider signing up for one of the following days: Oct. 27th, Nov. 24th, Dec. 1st, Dec. 8th, Dec. 22nd, Dec. 29th.

Thank you from the Gardening Team!

Thank you to the mysterious elves who cleaned up all the weeds and grasses growing along the Mountainview Rd wall. It looks so neat and tidy now. Thank you! Your hard work is appreciated.

Scouts Popcorn Fundraiser!

The Scouts will be joining us for Coffee Time on October 27th and will have a table set up in the gym taking orders for their annual popcorn fundraiser! If you order through the church, your order will be delivered here and you won't have to pay the online delivery fees.

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.

St. Andrew's Announcements



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.



VENDORS WANTED FOR ST. ANDREW'S Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, November 9th, 2024

stacraftsale@hotmail.com



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. **Please leave all squares uncut.** 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.

The Townsend Smith organizers of the Candlelight Vigil would like attendees to RSVP to help them plan the evening's event.

If you are planning to attend the Vigil, please click here to RSVP



United Church Mission & Service Fund

An Abundance of Blessings in a Time of Need

Your generosity offers hope and a sense of community.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



With your generous support, many Canadian seniors who might otherwise face empty plates this season are able to enjoy nutritious meals and maintain their dignity throughout the year.

The Food Security for Elders program relies on your support to provide grocery cards to Indigenous Elders in the Morley First Nation and Lethbridge, AB area, where access to healthy food is limited. Without your support, these seniors face the harsh reality of choosing between essential needs and nourishing meals. They need your help to ensure their tables are filled with the food they deserve.

In a time of rising grocery prices and economic challenges, your kindness ensures that our most vulnerable neighbours are not left to struggle with food insecurity. Your gifts help transform their experience from one of worry and scarcity to one of comfort and nourishment. With your support, Elders can enjoy healthier meals and maintain their well-being.

Your generosity through Mission and Service gives more than just food; it offers hope and a sense of community. As we continue through our seasons of gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks to you for making such a significant impact. Thank you.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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