NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, November 5, 2026



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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Sunday, November 8th 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's UC

24th Sunday after Pentecost - Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7
Scripture Readings: Matthew 25:1-13
-**Sermon:** 'If Ye Break Faith'

Thank you to our volunteers and everyone participating in the service!
Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

Greeters: Diane Bergamin
Scripture Reader: Susan Quirk
Offering Counters: Linda McKinnon and Ross Yahiro
Coffee Time: Gail Bancroft and Marlene Beitz

Please click here to view the Order of Service

Important Announcement

At the October Board Meeting, Kate Young advised that she would be retiring, and St. Andrew's needs to begin the process of finding a new minister.

Because of this, the Board set two important dates.

The first is a Town Hall gathering. On Sunday, November 8th, following worship, to choose between two options for finding a minister.

The second is a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 15th, following worship. At this meeting, a vote will be taken on the options presented at the Town Hall.

Also at the Congregational Meeting, documents for the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council will be presented for approval by the congregation. This will allow St. Andrew's to begin the process.

These are important meetings, and your attendance would be appreciated as we discern the future together.

Partnering in God's Provision: The Heart of Stewardship

As we walk together through this Fall season of ministry, it is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on a fundamental truth: **everything we have is a gift from God.**
When we talk about "stewardship" in the church, it is easy to view it through the lens of a budget or a financial obligation. However, true biblical stewardship goes much deeper. It is not about funding a budget; it is about **aligning our hearts with God's generosity.**

An Honest Look at Our Shared Mission
Ministry is an act of faith, and it requires practical resources to thrive. Throughout the year, our church has faced ups and downs in our attendance patterns resulting in a gap in the church budget.
While this budget gap presents a financial challenge, it also offers our congregation a unique opportunity to help us "catch-up". It calls us to look closely at our shared priorities and ask how we can rally together to support the ministries we love.

What is Stewardship?
The word "steward" means manager. In a spiritual sense, we are managers of the time, talents, and financial resources that God has entrusted to us. In **1 Peter 4:10**, we are reminded: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."
When we give, we are not simply paying a bill—we are making a joyful statement of gratitude, trusting that God will always provide for our needs.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED kids MINISTRY

Humour Corner

What happened to the church crafter who accidentally glued herself to a quilt?
She's doing fine, she's just very attached to her work.

Membership Announcements



Tables Needed!!
We are in need of 6-foot folding tables for our craft show on Saturday, November 13th. If you have any we could borrow, it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the office, we can pick them up if preferred. Thanks for your support!

Broadview Update
The Anglican Church of Canada recently announced that the Anglican Journal is no longer continuing as a journalistic enterprise due to rising costs.
Two thirds of Canadians still identify as religious and it is important to have faith formed journalism where difficult questions and asked and thoughtfully explored. In addition, a faith perspective in issues that shape our lives and country and stories about people and communities of faith who continue to make a difference in our society is important.
Recently Broadview announced a pilot project in partnership with the Winnipeg Free Press as a new model for sustaining religion reporting while exploring a new way to fund and share public interest journalism.If this pilot succeeds it

has the potential to ensure that stories of faith reach more Canadians in more places.
In the latest issue of Broadview the following are discussed.

- What small churches offer the world
- How to embrace small as a strength
- 5 leading thinkers on new models of ministry

If you do not have a subscription there are copies available inside the church doors next to the bulletin boards beside the church office.

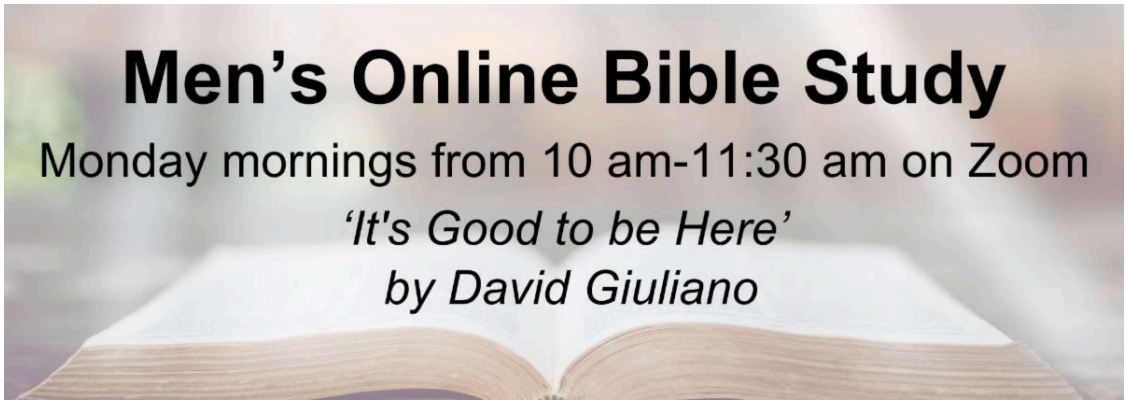
Prayers of the People
We continue to keep those in our church family who are dealing with health concerns, whether at home or in hospital, in our prayers. We hope to see you back with us soon.

Pastoral Care
If you would like a visit or know of someone who is in the hospital, please let Kate or the office know!

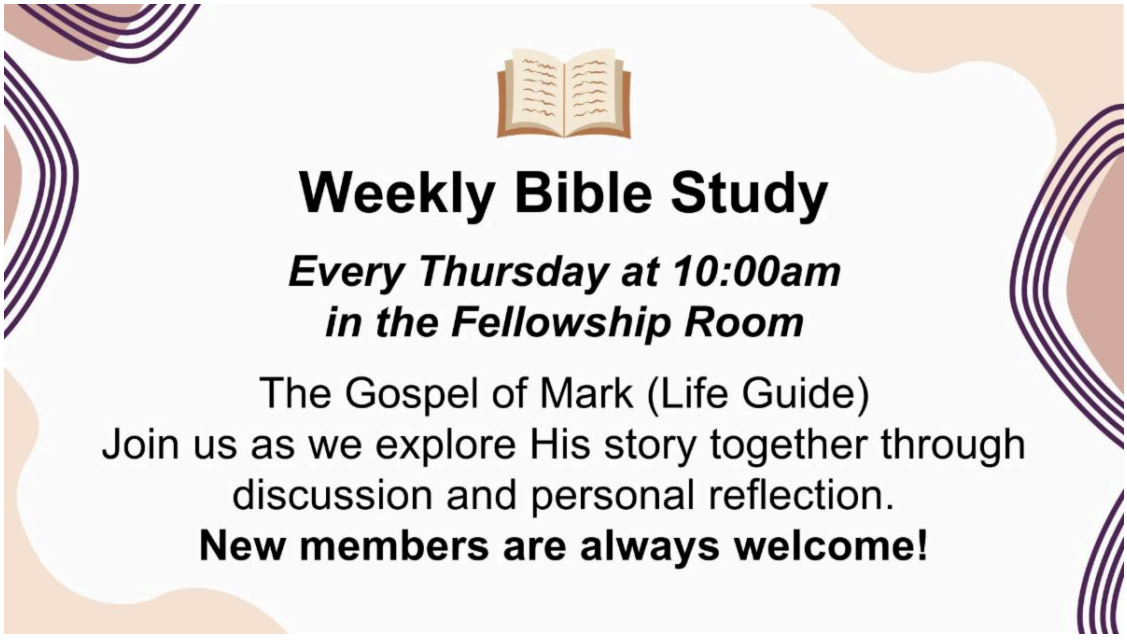


If you have announcements, milestones to celebrate, or photos to share for next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

St. Andrew's Announcements



Men's Study Group (Online-Zoom)
This group has begun once again and newcomers are welcome. Please speak to Rev. Ross Leckie for more information and the Zoom invitation. The group gathers Monday mornings from 10 am-11:30 am. A couple of times a year we gather in-person. This allows people to participate who are at some distance. We are currently discussing the book, It's Good to be Here by David Giuliano. This is David's pilgrimage with cancer over a 20+ year journey. This all began shortly after he was elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada in 2006. Soon thereafter, he began to rely on God in new ways that he had never experienced before. Join us for some discussion on "things we all need to think about to know how to work through our lives as human beings who will inevitably face ourselves and each other in times when we are frightened and fighting; in times when we would best be served by love, care, compassion, hope, dignity, forgiveness, and humour."



2026 Fall Yard Clean-up

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

When: **Saturday Nov 7th, 2026**
Time: **8:15am to noon.**
Where: **Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Road**
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"

Please see the sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary if you would like to volunteer or request a clean-up, or speak to our representative: Ross Leckie.


THE 12TH ANNUAL
ST. ANDREW'S
Christmas
CRAFT SHOW
SAT. NOVEMBER 14TH
Vendors • Silent Auction • Raffle
Bake Sale • Café • Visit with Santa
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
St. Andrew's United Church
89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown
905-877-4482
$2 Admission
All ticket sales will be donated to the
Bennett Village's
build of a new long-term care facility



St. Andrew's Christmas Craft Sale
Saturday, November 14th

Accepting Personal & Business Donations

We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction and Raffle! Donations can include:

- New or Handmade items
- Gift certificates or experiences
- Gifts of time, such as handyman services, babysitting, lawn care, etc.

We would also love to receive donations from local businesses!

The best way to get a business donation is to ask! If you have a favorite business you support, please consider asking them to donate an item, service, or gift certificate.

Drop-Off Information

Donations can be dropped off anytime between now and November 8th. Donation forms and a collection table are located at the end of the hallway outside the office.

Every donation, big or small, helps make this fundraising event a success! Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

St. Andrew's
Christmas Craft Sale

CALLING ALL BAKERS

We're calling on all the wonderful bakers of St. Andrew's to help make this year's sale another great success. Our bake sale is always a highlight of the event, thanks to your delicious contributions!

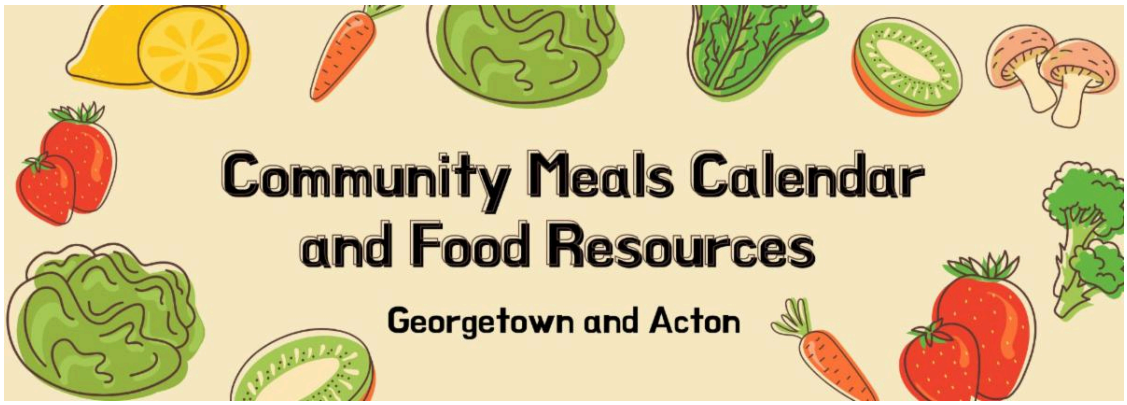
Please do not cut your squares, we will cut squares while preparing the Baking Boxes.

Please bring in baked goods
by 4:00 pm on
Friday, November 13th

Thank you for your support!



Community Announcements



Please click here to view November's calendar, as well as more details about local food resources


Grace United Church
Christmas Marketplace
Saturday, November 7
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
156 Main St. N., Brampton
Café Grace serving
snacks and lunch
from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Payments: CASH only please

Christmas Artisan Market

Nov. 7th, 10am - 3pm

at Norval United Church

14015 Danby Rd., Georgetown

Get your Christmas shopping done early and shop unique finds from over 40 amazing local vendors!

Bring your friends, bring the family, and join us for a fun-filled day of shopping, community, and holiday cheer!



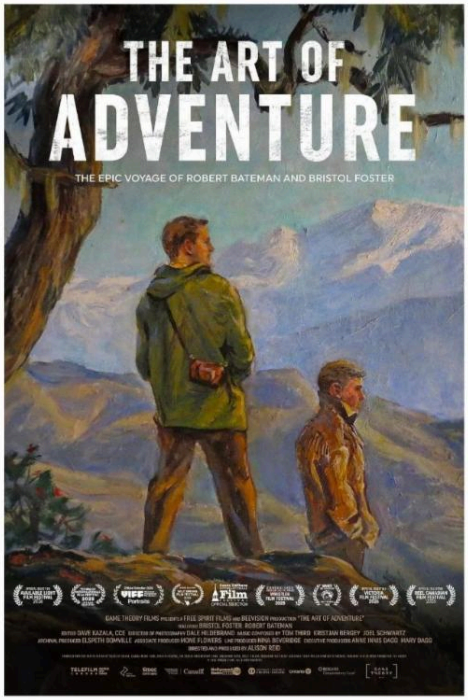




Wednesday, November 18

John Elliott Theatre - 9 Church St., Georgetown, ON
Ticket pick up & table displays: 6:30 p.m.
PowerPoint Presentation & Film: 7:00 p.m.

Tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office
or online at: www.haltonhills.ca/theatre
Adults: $10 | **Students: $5**



THE EPIC ADVENTURE OF ROBERT BATEMAN and BRISTOL FOSTER

In 1957, world renowned wildlife artist Robert Bateman and spirited biologist Bristol Foster embarked on a global expedition in a Land Rover they called "The Grizzly Torque" - a journey that ignited a deep love of our planet and set in motion a powerful story of environmental activism though art and science.

Guest Speaker: Alison Reid
to Zoom in

Film maker of *The Art of Adventure* and *The Woman Who Loves Giraffes* which we screened in 2020.

Special Fundraising Silent Auction for the Credit Valley Trail

In partnership with CVC Foundation

Robert Bateman's "*Lake, Loon and Lily Pads*" + 2 Bateman coffee table books

Value $1,000. Gifted by "Nature Scenes"

Bids: 6:00 – 7:00 **Film:** 7:00- 9:00

View Bateman prints in the Lobby




TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SHOPPE
& BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
9AM TO 2PM
70 MILL ST. EAST, ACTON
BAKE TABLE • COOKIE TRAYS • PUZZLES
SILENT AUCTION • JAMS & PICKLES • GIFTS & DECOR

Norval United Church

presents a

Christmas Concert

featuring the

Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir



Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 2:30 pm

Doors open at 2 pm

The choir will be performing a selection of sacred and secular pieces based around a Christmas theme

Tickets are $50 with those under 12 admitted free
Refreshments at the intermission are included

Tickets are available in person at the Church
By phone at 905 877 6122 or by email at
office@norvalunited.ca

Norval United Church
14015 Danby Road, Georgetown

United Church Mission & Service Fund

A Stable Start

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Wesley Youth Housing in Hamilton provides safe housing and practical support for youth experiencing homelessness. With help from Mission and Service, young people can build independence and work toward a stable future. Here is the Mission and Service Story for November 8, 2026.

Imagine being 17 years old and not knowing where you'll sleep tonight. You're trying to finish school, figure out your future, and navigate the world, but so much of your energy is spent just finding a safe place to stay.

For too many young people, this is what housing insecurity looks like. And without a stable place to call home, it can be extremely difficult to focus on anything else.

In Hamilton, Ontario, Wesley Youth Housing is helping young people move beyond that uncertainty. The program supports youth aged 16-21 who are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of losing their housing. This work extends beyond providing a bed to create a place where young people feel safe, can build relationships, learn practical skills, and begin to imagine a different future.

Some youth arrive at Wesley with very few belongings and limited resources. The program provides welcome kits with bedding, towels, kitchen supplies, and personal hygiene items. These essentials help young people settle in with dignity, and they can take these belongings with them when they move into independent housing.

Support continues beyond those first days. Youth take part in hands-on cooking classes, learn everyday life skills, and enjoy activities such as skating, movie nights, and community outings. Birthdays and holidays are celebrated, too. These moments might seem small, but for young people without strong family connections, they can make an extraordinary difference.

Since Wesley Youth Housing began in 2007, it has served 378 young people. In the most recent reporting year, all nine youth who completed the program moved into stable housing. These outcomes reflect what can happen when young people have the time, encouragement, and practical support they need to build independence.

Our gifts through Mission and Service help make this possible by supporting staffing, facility maintenance, essential supplies, and life-skills programming. In a time when operating costs continue to rise, and the need for affordable housing remains urgent, this support helps Wesley continue offering young people a safe place to take their next steps.

Thank you for supporting programs like Wesley Youth Housing through your gifts to Mission and Service. Together, we can help make sure that a difficult beginning doesn't have to determine what comes next. Let's give generously.

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



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

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