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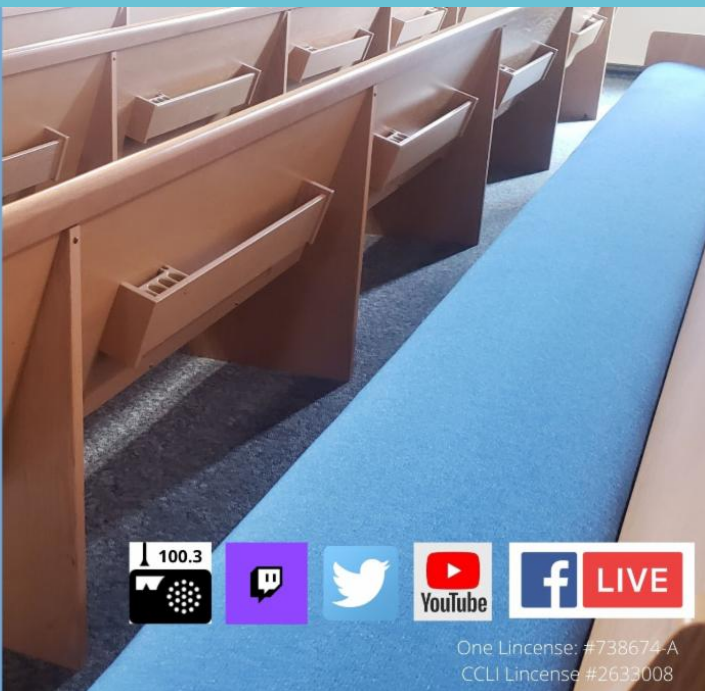
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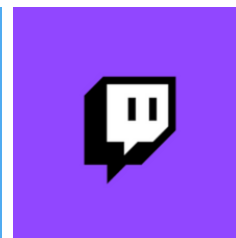


NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday February 16, 2023

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St. Andrew's United Church

This Sunday we will be focusing on the feast of Transfiguration. It is a day that commemorates the moment when Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, revealing his glory to them. This event is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and it is a moment that has great significance for our faith.

In this event, Jesus took three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, up to a mountain to pray. While he was praying, the appearance of Jesus changed. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with Jesus. Peter, James, and John were astonished, and Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But while he was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

The transfiguration of Jesus was a pivotal moment in his life and ministry. It revealed his divine nature and confirmed his identity as the Son of God. It was also a moment of preparation for his disciples, as they were about to witness his suffering and death on the cross. The transfiguration strengthened their faith and gave them a glimpse of the glory that awaited Jesus after his resurrection.

As we reflect on the transfiguration of Jesus, we are reminded of the great mystery of our faith. We believe that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. It is a reminder that we are called to follow Jesus and to listen to his words, just as the voice from the cloud commanded the disciples to do.

The transfiguration also reminds us of the importance of prayer in our lives. Just as Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, we too are called to seek God in prayer. It is in prayer that we can encounter God's presence and hear his voice speaking to us. It is in prayer that we can be transformed and transfigured, as we open ourselves to the grace and love of God.

On that mountain, the disciples saw the vision of Jesus in a new way. In our lives, we too may see Christ differently. We see Jesus on the mountain with the disciples, but we also can see Jesus here on earth with people living on the street, at the shopping mall or at church. The followers of Jesus come from all walks of life and we live out our calling in the world to make the world a better place. The vision of Christ is that we love one another as we live out the greatest commandment here on earth.

Scripture Readings this week: Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

Meditation: Come and See the Vision!



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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It is time once again to renew our Broadview subscriptions. We still get a group rate of \$25.00 for the year.

If you haven't subscribed before consider doing so as it is a good deal for the money or give it as a gift to that hard to buy for person in your life whom you know would enjoy it.

There are copies by the office if you wish to check it out.

Renewals 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.**

E-transfer address: standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com

Personally, I continue to enjoy this magazine for its variety of thought provoking and educational topics. This past issue dealt with Clergy sexual abuse, making foster care more inclusive, youthful belief and the United Church phasing in a new insurance plan. Broadview magazine has recently

relocated from it's current office to space in Eastminster United Church.

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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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can be dropped off at the church office until March 16, 2023.



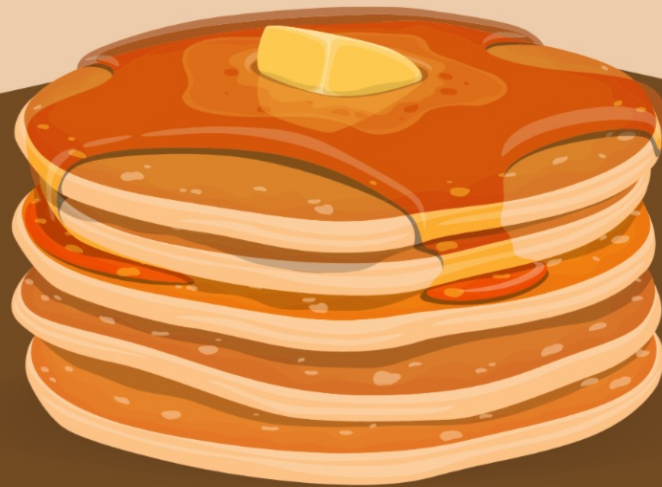
Happy Birthday!

Jean Lawr will be turning 80 on February 25, 2023!

If you would to send Jean Lawr a birthday card please contact the office for her mailing address!

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
SHROVE

Tuesday



All are welcome!
Admission will be by donation only.
February 21, 5-7 PM



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We will be hosting our Pancake Supper. This will be a meal for anyone with pancakes, sausages, fruit and beverages. All are welcome! Admission will be by donation only. We are in need of youth and adult helpers. Please sign up on the bulletin board or see Grant Williams.

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 and a comforter 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 Williams to find out more information.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



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



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"I never had the start that I

would have liked.”



A Fresh Start: Aria's Story



Photo: The United Church of Canada

“As a young person, I was thrown into the world. I never had the start that I would have liked. I had to figure a lot of things out. The best part about being at the Centre is that I feel like I am in a safe, supportive environment, and I am around other moms in the same situation. The staff are like family to me.

They show up for you, and that’s important,” she says.

Aria is a proud mother of a happy, healthy 17-month-old boy named Amari. She is finishing the fourth year of her law degree and has important dreams.

“I want to be a good mom. I feel that I am a good mother. But I want a good job so I can support Amari and help other people. I had a rough start in life. That’s why I’m studying law. I’m hoping to be of some use as a lawyer to benefit young people who went through things like I did,” she says.

Your gifts through Mission & Service give ambitious, intelligent young moms like Aria as well as their beautiful children the stability they need to thrive. Make a gift to Mission & Service today. Choose to give families a fresh start. Thank you!

Grant's World



Last week I was away on a study leave at Five Oaks in Paris Ontario along the banks of the Grand River. I attended the men’s spirituality event, an event that I have attended off and on for nearly 20 years. This year was a special one. One of the regular participants was Rev. Warren Schell. He was a very

extroverted openly gay man. When he walked in the room you knew he was there. His gave hugs willingly and offered words of empathy and care wherever he went. Unfortunately, Warren passed away about 6 months ago. As we gathered as a group of men we grieved his love greatly. He was a part of the “circle” as we call it.

In the centre of our circle is usually a candle burning, a grandfather stone, a feather, a coloured rainbow table cloth and some African drums. This year was a little different, as also on that table was a pink flamingo cookie jar. It was a beautiful addition to the centre piece. As we shared around the circle we soon found out that even though Warren’s earthy presence was no longer with us, but his soul remained. In fact, little did we know before we entered the circle Warren’s physical remains were also present. Warren’s husband John brought Warren’s ashes inside that Pink Flamingo cookie jar. It was so suiting to have Warren continue to bless us with his presence.

On Wednesday we held a special interment of his ashes in a sacred place that was very special to Warren. At Five Oaks there is a Labyrinth laid out on the lower playing field. We gathered as a group of men, beat our drums, said prayers, lit a smudge candle and scattered Warren’s ashes in that place of sanctuary. It was Warren’s wish to be laid to rest there. Of all the interments I

have been involved with this was the most special and unique in my life. It was a holy space where God is present to us. it was a place of sanctuary where the earth meets the divine presence of God. I will cherish this week as we laid to rest our Christian brother, Warren.

This week will be busy around St. Andrew's. On Friday night we will have our monthly community supper. Not sure what is on the menu but I am told it will be red, for Valentines day! No matter what it is I am sure it will be of high quality.

Then on Tuesday, February 21, we will be holding our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. The meal will be served from 5-7 PM in the gym. we are still looking for volunteers, so I you can help our please let me know of sign up on the sheet located in the church foyer.

Blessings,
Grant

A Little Humor...

**On our way to
church, we asked
our grandchild why
is it important to be
quiet in church.
She said "Because
there are people
sleeping!"**



We have changed our email addresses!

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