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

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St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

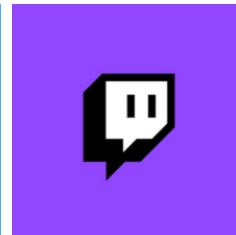


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, June 2nd

Outdoor Worship and Picnic

Sunday, June 2nd at 10 AM-1 Pm

Dominion Gardens Gazebo

The St. Andrew's Board would like to invite all to this year's church picnic. Please bring a chair, sunscreen, hat and something yummy to share for potluck, along with a plate, cutlery and drinks.

If looking like rain, the service will be held at St. Andrew's as usual. Followed by our potluck.

We hope you can join us this Sunday for our Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic at Dominion Gardens!

Theme: 2nd after Pentecost

The Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18

Sermon: 'A Text from God'



Scripture Summary

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

Humour Corner

Pentecostal Faith:

A little boy told by his mother that he might go on a picnic she had previously forbidden sighed, "It's too late Mummy, I've already prayed for rain."

Membership Announcements



Congratulations to Rev. Sue Cowan!

**Rev. Sue from St. John's
United had her Ordination
at the Tri-Regional
gathering last week!
We look forward to
worshipping with Rev. Sue
and her congregation
this summer!**

Hello all;

It was sure great to see you all last Sunday. I want to thank everyone for their well wishes. It was very heart warming to know people care about us even though I have not been out. I do not think of it as a goodbye but as so long, I will see you later.

St. Andrew's United is my home church and always will be. When I joined back in '93 or '94, I was welcomed right away and knew that this is where I wanted to be. Once we get settled in, I am hoping that I will be able to come back for visits in the fall. More than wishful thinking I hope.

I have love for St. Andrew's and all the people there.

May you all be blessed.

Phil and Judy McClure

Membership Notes

So nice to have Phil McClure at worship on Sunday and back in the choir loft. We said goodbye to Phil as he and Judy are relocating to Oakville June 10. We wish them all the best in their new home!

June 2nd is the picnic at Dominion Seed Gardens park. It should be a lovely day.

June 9th is the joint service at Norval UC kicking off the anniversary celebrations of the United Church of Canada which turns 100 in 2025.

During the month of July, St. John's will be worshipping with us and in August we will close our church and attend St. John's.



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



Join us **June 9th** as Norval United (14015 Danby Rd.) hosts all four Georgetown United Churches as we celebrate The United Church of Canada's 99th Anniversary and look ahead to 100 years! Guest speaker, Rev. Robin Wardlaw will reflect on the UCC's rich history and how we today will move into the centennial anniversary year with deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice. Please join us in-person or via livestream on Norval's [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube channel](#).

Our 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9th will include special music and refreshments before and after the service. There will be activities for children and youth and all families are welcome! Our loose offering that morning will be in support of the North Halton Hospice – something that all four Georgetown UC's have been working together to support and bring this dream to our community.

You can also donate online to support the hospice via the [Townsend Smith Foundation](#). We hope that you will join us for a great celebration together!



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JULY: We are pleased to welcome St. John's congregation for worship at St. Andrew's for the month of July!

AUGUST: We look forward to worshipping at St. John's United, there will be no services at St. Andrew's.

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, May 31st at 9:30 am
in the Fellowship room



Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday
Book of Matthew. Invite your friends.
Add to your spiritual journey.



Community Announcements



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



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Learning about God's Love

Young 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals explore and reconcile their faith with their identity.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Queer Kid Bible Camp is a unique and affirming space that has emerged to provide a supportive environment for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth within the framework of spirituality. Started by Mission and Service partner Silver Spire United Church in St. Catharines, Ontario, Queer Kid Bible Camp blends teachings of God's love with messages of inclusivity.

Queer individuals have often been marginalized or excluded in spiritual experiences, which can make them feel isolated and alienated. Queer Kid Bible Camp aims to challenge these negative experiences by fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance in a spiritual context. The camp offers a place for young 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals to explore and reconcile their faith with their identity. Through theological and spiritual discussions, youth can openly ask questions without feeling uncertain about their safety.

The benefits of Queer Kid Bible Camp extend beyond its immediate impact on individual campers. The camp experience sparks conversation with parents

and guardians who want to connect and understand their children better. As young participants gain confidence and self-acceptance, they become advocates for change within their own communities. The Rev. Karen Orlandi of Silver Spire United Church has seen a wonderful ripple effect, noting that she's seen "healing for queer adults as they see queer kids openly embracing their identity."

Your support through Mission and Service provides the queer community with opportunities to thrive in safe environments as they learn about God's love. Thank you.

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