

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 23, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

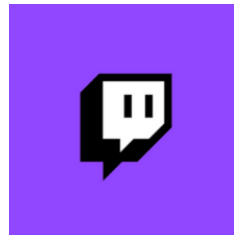


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Week - Sunday, October 26th

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Peace Sunday

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

Message: What did Jesus Really Say? Scott Martin, LLWL

Thank you to Scott Martin for leading us in worship and to our volunteers this Sunday!

Scripture Reader: Susan Whaley

Coffee Time:

Greeter: Jeannie Yach

Offering Counters: Susan Quirk and Ross Yahiro

[Please click here to view this week's Order of Service](#)



Scripture Summary

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Humour Corner

After the birth of his baby brother, a little boy was thoroughly annoyed at all of his crying and screaming.

"Where did we get him anyway?" he asked his mother.

"He came from heaven!" his mother replied.

"Well I can see why they threw him out!" the boy replied.

Membership Announcements

Volunteers needed for Coffee Time and Greeting

Thanks to everyone for their attendance and excellent questions last Sunday and for helping in the kitchen!

Please continue to check the sign up sheets. There is no one signed up for coffee time this weekend and for most of November. If there are no volunteers for a Sunday, there will not be coffee.

Save the Date: Christmas Cantata

The choir will be performing the cantata *I Hear the Prophet Callin'* by Pepper Choplin on Sunday, December 14th. Time is to be determined, more details to follow.

Exploring Amalgamation Team (EAT) Update

Thank you for your attendance and participation in our after worship session last Sunday concerning our work on exploring amalgamation with St. John's UC. Our main objective was to give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings in this process. We are so pleased with your thoughtful questions and your willingness to share your hopes and thoughts. We will take away this valuable input to share in our continuing discussions with the larger EAT group.

While you continue to ponder and reflect on what you've heard so far, please keep these key points in mind:

- This process does take time to do it well. We want to be sure that we gather all of the necessary information so that each person is well prepared when they vote on whether or not to amalgamate with St. John's.
- Our EAT members have had many discussions concerning the vision of a brand new church entity. While we would want to hold some of our key values in place from both congregations, we will need to be open to envisioning a new church and way of being should the vote be in favour of amalgamation. Some important considerations would include music, outreach, inclusive and meaningful worship - using these to attract young people and families to grow our congregation.
- There will be much work and many decisions to be made should we vote to amalgamate. This will include determining the vision, our properties, staffing and numerous other details, all of which will take more involvement from our members and will take time.
- We will continue to keep you updated leading up to the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Please reach out to one of our members of EAT: Colleen Armstrong, Brian Heinmiller, Joanne Wardle, and Mark Wyatt any time you need further clarification or have additional questions. We will do our best to listen and address these.



Wear your Blue!

This Sunday wear your Blue Jays
shirts/hats to church.
Go Jays Go!!!

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



Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am

October 23rd: Lesson 7 – 2 Samuel 6

God's Wrath & Blessing

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

David learns in a terrible way that the Lord, the God of Israel, isn't "safe". He gains a greater appreciation of God's goodness.

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, October 24th at
9:30 am in the Fellowship room



Join our Bell Choir!

Practice will be Sundays at 2:30-3:30pm
in the sanctuary.

Please contact Stephanie for more details.

Men's Online Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00am on Zoom

First meeting October 27th

*'The Other Side of the River:
from Church Pew to Sweat Lodge'*



The Men's Study Group will begin to look at a new book, meeting over Zoom later this month, Mondays at 10:00 am. Our first gathering will be October 27. It

has been 10 years since Canada's Truth and Reconciliation pathway began. I suggest we look at *The Other Side of the River*, from Church Pew to Sweat Lodge, by Alf Dumont.

Alf served as a United Church minister for over 40 years. This book traces Alf's path as the son of a French Canadian-Irish father and an Indigenous mother from life in Parry Sound, on to Laurentian University, Sudbury, to Emmanuel College, Toronto and eventually to walk with the church bringing the indigenous voice forward. Alf Dumont walks between the two worlds of Indigenous and settler, traditional spirituality and Christianity. He shares stories of building bridges between these worlds. Dumont challenges the church to re-examine the theology behind its past decision around residential schools, so that it might live out the words of its apologies. He challenges the country to re-examine its responsibilities and relationships with Indigenous people. Through stories, humour, poetry, and shared insights we gain some access to Alf's journey, his unique spiritual views and a partial summary of the work of the United Church of Canada from the 1980s to 2020.

Please speak to Ross Leckie, 905-873-9808 for a copy of the book (also available as an ebook) and/or further information.



As the colder months approach, we are once again preparing for another season of the Out of the Cold program at Knox. Each year, this most crucial ministry makes a vital difference by providing shelter through the coldest nights and by serving warm, nourishing meals on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Last season, thanks to your commitment, compassion, and hard work, we were able to serve our community consistently—missing only four nights all winter long. That is a tremendous accomplishment and a testament to the heart and dedication of our volunteers.

This year, however, we are facing a potential challenge: we need more volunteers. To continue providing meals and shelter without interruption, we need to grow our team. That's why we're asking each of you to consider bringing a "buddy"—a friend, family member, or colleague—to one of our Volunteer Orientation Nights.

☐ Volunteer Orientation Nights:

- Monday, October 27
- Sunday, November 2

By attending this kick-off and bringing along a buddy, you can help us spread the word and increase our volunteer base. Every new pair of hands means more meals served, more beds filled, and more lives touched.

Together, we can make sure no one is left out in the cold this winter. Thank you for your continued dedication, generosity, and willingness to invite others into this important community initiative.

THE 11TH ANNUAL
ST. ANDREW'S
Christmas
CRAFT SHOW

SAT. NOVEMBER 8TH

**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
Cancer Assistance Halton Hills**



FOR MORE DETAILS

Calling All Bakers at St. Andrew's!



Once again, we'll be holding a Bake Sale at the Christmas Craft Show! It's time to start thinking about what you'll be baking! Cookies, squares, loaves, pies, or any of your favourite festive treats! 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!

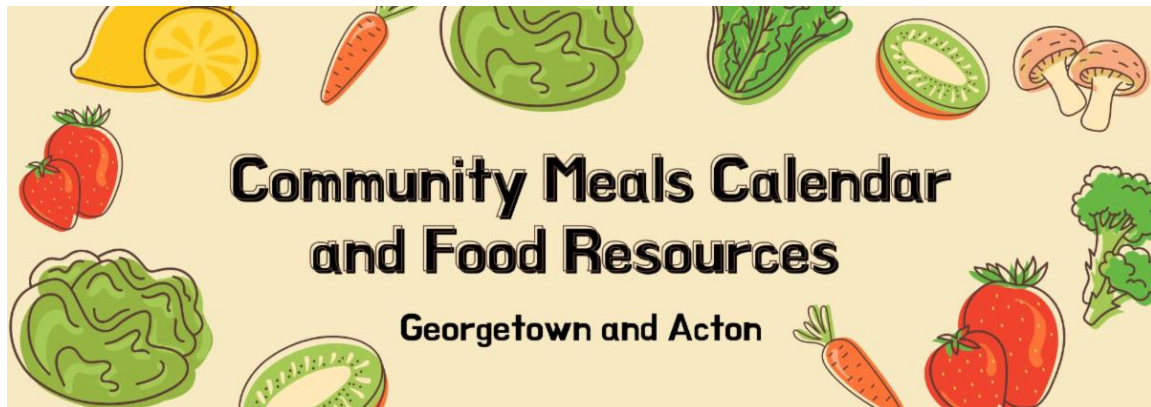
We kindly ask that donations be brought to the church **by 4:00pm on Friday, November 7th**, if possible, so that we can begin packaging. **Please do not cut any squares**, as we'll be cutting them to a uniform size for the sale.



We are asking for donations for our silent auction and raffle! 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!

Your donations can be dropped off anytime now until Sunday, November 2nd. There are donation forms and a table set up for the donations at the end of the hallway outside of the office. All donations big or small help make this fundraising event successful and we thank you in advance for your generosity!

Community Announcements



[Click here to view October's calendar, as well as more details about local food resources](#)



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST,
2025**

**NORVAL UNITED
CHURCH- 14015
DANBY RD**

**STARTS AT
7PM**

Join us for an evening of music, unity, and action as we raise our voices and funds to help preserve the beauty and balance of the place we call home.

FEATURED PERFORMERS

Russell Braun & Carolyn Maule

World-renowned baritone and pianist duo who captivate audiences with their artistry and connection. A rare chance to hear this world-class duo, who call The Glen home.

Katherine Wheatley

Poetic songwriter whose nature-inspired music evokes the landscapes we fight to preserve.

Chris & Simon Dawes

Georgetown's father-son duo blending choral mastery and rising jazz talent in a heartfelt performance.

Maeve Sharkey

A local favourite with a global voice. Maeve's heartfelt connection to the environment and community shines through her music.



TICKETS ARE \$35! - INCLUDES HORS D'OEUVRES. AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR VIA E-TRANSFER [GLENWILLIAMSCA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:glenwilliamsca@gmail.com)

All concert proceeds will support legal and advocacy efforts to protect the unique character and heritage of our beloved hamlet! Please join us for an inspiring evening of music and community resolve.



2025 Fall Yard Clean-up

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

When: Saturday Nov 8th, 2025
Time: 8:15am to noon. Great Lunch after at Knox
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"*



United Church Mission & Service Fund

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism are Underway

Credit: The United Church of Canada



The 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism are underway, and now is the best time to join in. Wherever you are on the journey, today is the right day to take the next step. Across Canada and beyond, people are gathering in faith and courage to confront racism, to listen deeply, and to act for justice. This is not a quick or easy process. The conversations can be uncomfortable. They reveal where racism lives—in systems, in communities, and within ourselves—and they push us to ask: What does justice look like in real life? Every day in this program offers tools to walk this path: prayers that ground us, reflections that shift perspectives, stories and videos that bring lived experiences into focus, and action steps that help turn awareness into change. These resources are created by ministers, lay leaders, educators, and community members—people who bring lived experience, wisdom, and hope. This work is not just about understanding racism. It's about dismantling it. From October 14 to November 28, 2025, the 40 Days include:

- Live online events with dynamic speakers every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. ET
- Weekly short videos with accompanying reflections and action items
- Downloadable resources designed for both groups and individuals

The learning doesn't stop there. All resources remain available online so that individuals, congregations, and community groups can keep learning, keep talking, and keep acting. Anti-racism is a lifelong journey.

Your Mission and Service gifts make this vital work possible, not just for 40 days, but every day. Through your generosity, the United Church of Canada continues to live into its commitment to becoming an anti-racist church, and to work toward a world where every person is treated with dignity, equity, and love. Thank you.

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



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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.



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