NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, November 12, 2026



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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Sunday, November 15th 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's UC

25th Sunday after Pentecost - Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25-14-30
Sermon: Multi-Talented

Thank you to our volunteers and everyone participating in the service!
Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl
Greeters: Diane Bergamin
Scripture Reader: Graeme Thompson

Offering Counters: Pat Moore and Ross Yahiro
Coffee Time: Bill and Marie McMaster, Lisa Porter

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.



Humour Corner

Why did the loaf of bread volunteer at the craft sale?
It wanted to rise to the occasion.

Membership Announcements

Craft Show this Saturday!
There is additional parking at the school and the Georgetown Masjiid accross the street.

Quilt Fundraiser
Joan Lovegrove will be selling raffle tickets to auction off one of her beautiful homemade quilts. It is 81x92.5, queen sized. She will be donating all proceeds to St. Andrew's. Tickets are $7 each or 2 for $10. They will be on sale starting this Saturday and the draw will be on December 20th. A photo will follow in next week's or you can view it in-person at our Craft Show!

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!

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



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!



VISIT OUR SILENT AUCTION

Kitchen Aid Mixer



$500 VALUE

Kate Spade Purse & Wallet



$150 VALUE

3 Piece Suitcase Set



$250 VALUE

Local Giftcards



$2000+ VALUE

AND MUCH MORE....

AT THE 12TH ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S

Christmas Craft Show





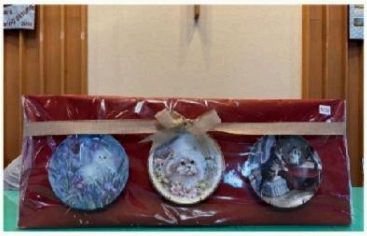








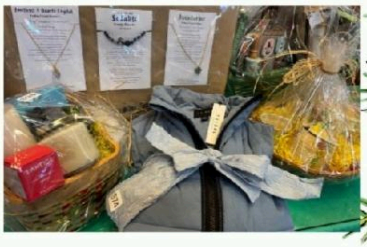














Saturday, November 14th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

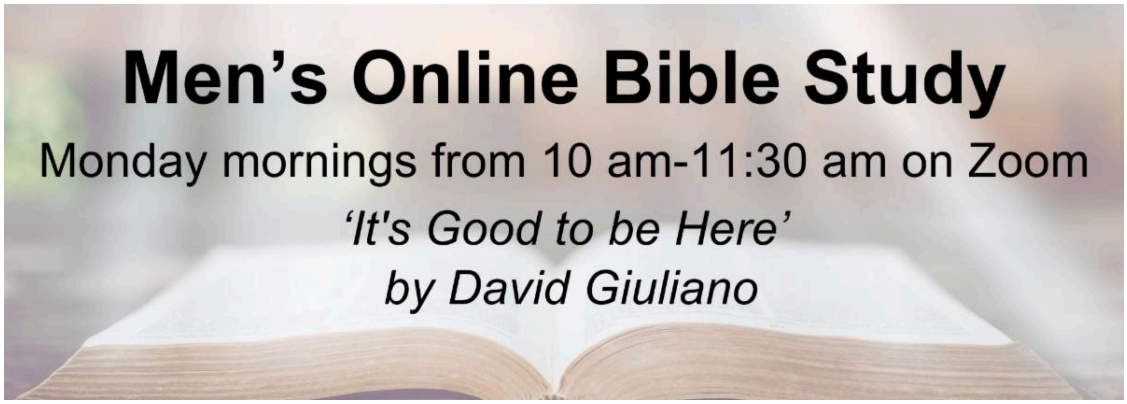
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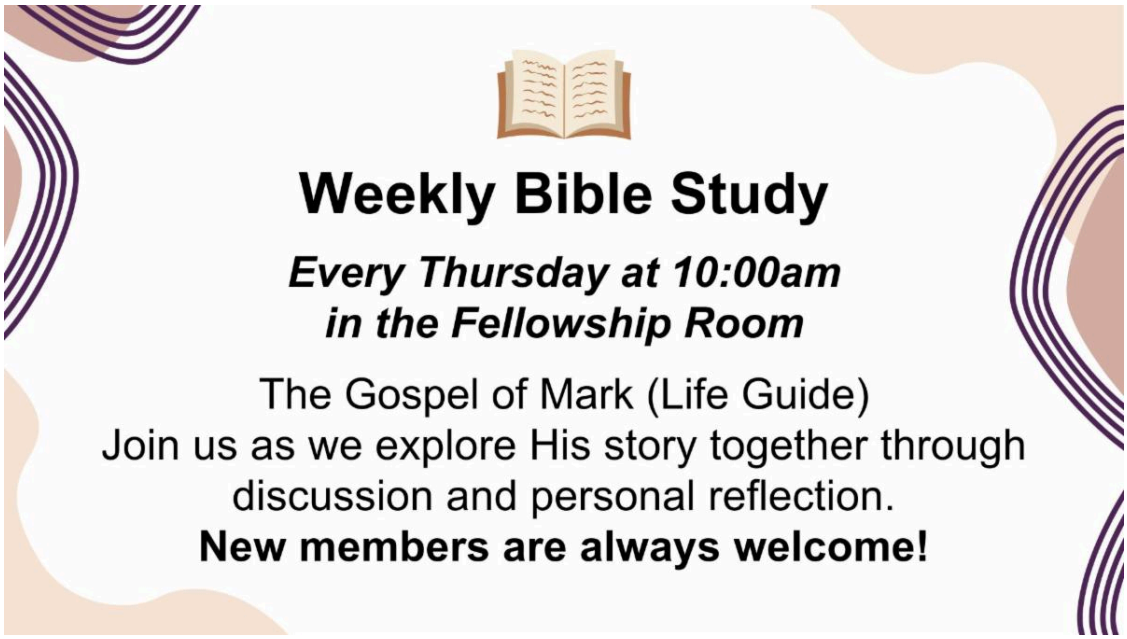
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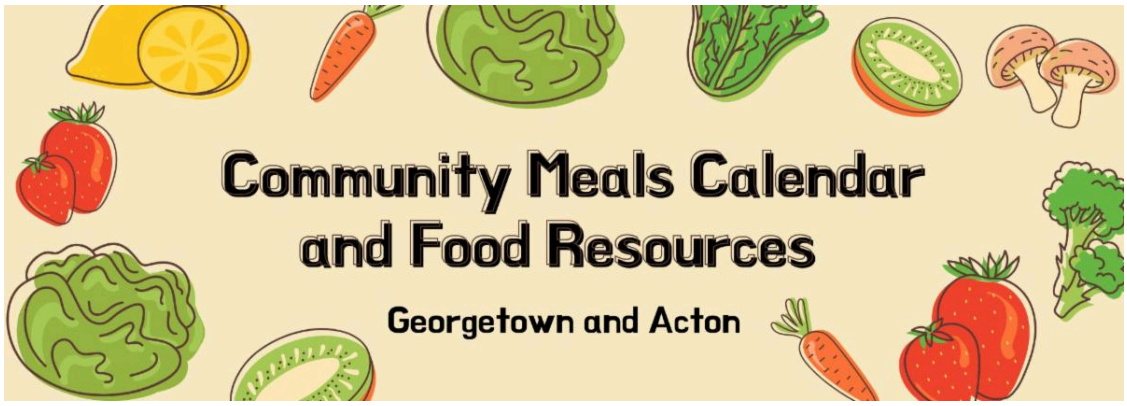
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All are invited to join us!





Community Announcements

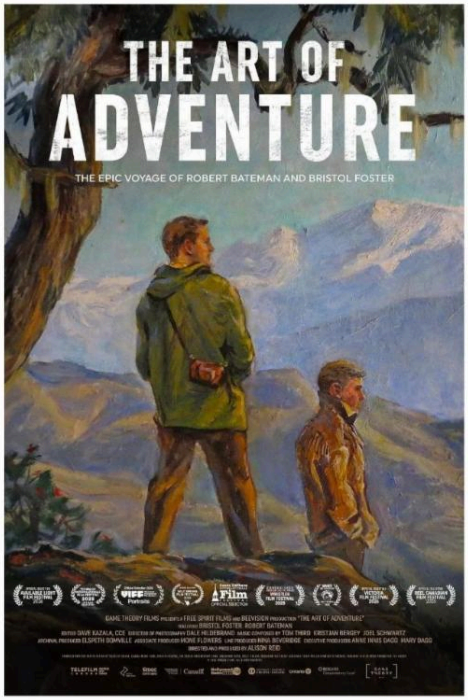


Please click here to view November's calendar, as well as more details about local food resources

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

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United Church Mission & Service Fund

Living Language

Credit: The United Church of Canada



The Kitikmeot Heritage Society is helping revitalize Inuinnaqtun, the language of the Inuinnait people. Through language programs and learning resources, they are preserving cultural knowledge for future generations. Here is the Mission and Service Story for November 15, 2026.

Did you know that fewer than 500 people speak Inuinnaqtun fluently? Inuinnaqtun is the language of the Inuinnait people, who live in the central Canadian Arctic. It carries generations of knowledge, history, and culture. But many Inuinnait lost their language when they were stolen from their families and communities, and sent to residential schools.

When a language disappears, we risk losing generations of knowledge, stories, and ways of understanding the world that can never truly be replaced. Today, people are working to reclaim their language and ensure it can continue to be spoken for generations to come.

In Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, the Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society is helping make that happen. The society works with community members to preserve Inuinnait language and culture, including offering one-on-one language immersion sessions where learners can work with mentors and practice speaking Inuinnaqtun.

And they're committed to finding new ways to help people learn, too!

Since 2021, the Inikhaliuqatigiit team has been developing resources to support Inuinnaqtun language revitalization. One exciting achievement is a free Inuinnaqtun Dictionary app, available for Apple and Android devices.

The team has also created "Inuinnaujunga," a curriculum designed for beginners, and is developing lessons for more advanced learners. They're also working with linguist Richard Compton from the Université du Québec à Montréal to develop a community grammar of Inuinnaqtun.

There's plenty more to explore on the society's website, inuinnaqtun.ca, including language-learning resources, podcasts, oral histories, and material about Inuinnait culture and traditions.

All of this work takes time, knowledge, and extraordinary collaboration. It builds on the knowledge and commitment of the Inuinnait people themselves, who are finding new ways to learn, share, and strengthen their language.

When we give through Mission and Service, we help support partners like the Kitikmeot Heritage Society as they carry out this important work in their communities.

Keeping a language alive means keeping its stories, knowledge, and cultural connections alive, too. Thanks to the dedication of the people doing this work, Inuinnaqtun continues to have a place in the lives of today's learners and generations to come. Let's give generously.

WAYS TO GIVE

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.

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

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