

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday November 30, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

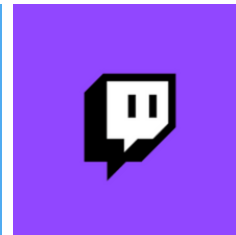


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, December 3rd

Thank you to Pastor Mario Charpentier for leading us in worship this week!
This Sunday is the first week of advent. Please join us as we light the first
advent candle and share in Holy Communion led by Rev. Ross Leckie.

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:60-62; John 18:25-27 & John 21:15-19
Theme: We have Hope: Failure is never final with God.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dec. 3 – Pastor Mario Charpentier
Dec. 10 – Sue Whaley and the Choir
Dec. 17 – Pastor Mario Charpentier
Dec. 24 – Christmas Play
Dec. 24 (7pm) – Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 31 – Walter Reid, LLWL
Jan. 7 – Rev. Kate Young
Jan. 14 – Rev. Kate Young
Jan. 21 – Worship at St. John's United Church



Scripture Summary

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Humour Corner

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Membership Announcements

Bryan Scott launched our first stewardship campaign in recent years on Sunday. A letter and commitment form has been sent out and it is hoped that folks will get their forms in promptly so the finance committee can begin

planning for the 2024 budget.

We also heard some survey results from the Visioning committee that gave us food for thought. So as not to be overwhelmed, there will be results shared weekly in the gym during fellowship time so folks can view more of the questions and answers from the survey.

We are in a period of transition and change.

The visioning committee has been diligently working to provide us with information and planning sessions to discuss different options. Take advantage of these opportunities.

In the meantime, we need leadership in the pulpit, our programs need to continue, the building needs to be maintained as it is an asset and the lights need to stay on.

Therefore, prayerfully consider your contributions in time and financial support with this in mind in this season of giving.

Thank you to all the ladies who brought such a variety of delicious cupcakes for anniversary Sunday!

They were delicious. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Please continue to check the coffee time list to sign up. We need at least 2 people each Sunday and appreciate those who assist with clean up.

Anniversary Sunday Celebrating 65 years



St. Andrew's Announcements

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW 2023 THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Joanne Wardle for once again coordinating this year's show as well as coordinating the vendors – both are big jobs! A huge thank you to

Margaret and Michelle Yahiro for doing all the behind the scenes administrative work that needed to be done. Thank you to the whole committee, Joanne Wardle (Chairperson), Colleen Armstrong, Gail Bancroft, Jennifer Holloway, Valerie Jordan, Joan Lovegrove, Lorne and Kathy MacLeod, Christina Martin, Ashley Martin, Jennifer Martin, Linda McKinnon, Marie McMaster, Bill and Jan Pennycook and Margaret and Ross Yahiro.

We didn't think it was possible to beat the success of last year's bake sale but we did! The Bake Sale made over \$2,700 (we made just over \$2,000 last year). Thank you to Marie and Jennifer, all of their helpers and all the great bakers for making this such a great success! The Silent Auction also made a lot more than last year – we have \$3,600 in bids. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Silent Auction including several businesses and a special thank you to the few people that canvassed businesses! Thank you also to everyone who bid on the items! The raffle didn't do as well as last year, but still collected over \$600. The Café this year also did a lot better than last year raising almost \$800 before expenses. The ticket sales were down from last year, but we still raised \$1,035.75 which will be split between the Georgetown Bread Basket and Food4Kids. This year's Christmas Craft Show committee was very happy with the fund raising effort. We raised over \$11,000 before expenses and just over \$10,000 after expenses and subtracting the ticket money. The committee would like to thank everyone who attended the event and supported this fundraiser. Special thanks to all the St. Andrew's members and friends who assisted the committee before, during and after the Craft Show: Also, a very special thank you to Valerie Jordan, Margret Vander Voet and Pat Moore for the wonderful decorations, the beautifully decorated Christmas trees and the signs. Thank you to the group creating gift baskets, putting together the raffle items and silent auction! Also special thanks to everyone who donated items and a big round of applause to the people stepping up and helping the Christmas Craft Show committee members out on the day of the event: collecting ticket money, helping with the Raffle, Silent Auction, Bake Sale and the Café. A special thank you to the 4th Georgetown Scouting group members who helped with the ticket table, were the elevator operators and who helped people wherever needed! Thank you to the café workers and volunteers – preparing soup, making bunwiches and helping in the café itself. Thank you to the volunteers taking care of the raffle and silent auction – preparing the items, setting them up and recording the registration and winners. Thank you to the few people that stayed afterwards to call the winners. A big thank you to all the volunteers that stayed afterwards for the big job of cleaning up. Thank you also to the volunteers that came back on Sunday to help with the Raffle and Silent Auction pick-ups. A special thank you to Stephanie Scott for the extra work she did before and after the Christmas Craft Show. We didn't want to name everyone in case we missed a name, but we appreciate all the people involved including the people that attended to make this event a success! Congratulations and thank you to the 2023 Christmas Craft Show Committee for another amazing event!

Thank You again to our Generous Sponsors in supporting our Craft Show!

- Bratin Auto Muffler Ltd
- Compu-Master
- Downtown Spa & Relaxation Centre
- Furnace Room
- Goodlife Fitness
- Kelseys Roadhouse
- McMaster's Meat & Deli
- Phenomenal Tailoring & Alteration

- Shoeless Joe's
- The Pickled Piper Bar & Grill
- Tim Hortons In The Hospital

Christmas Craft Show





Christmas Card Exchange at St. Andrew's



The mail slots for a Christmas Card Exchange are back! Save on postage and bring your Christmas cards for Church friends to church! Also, don't forget to check the slots once in a while for cards addressed to you!



The Gifts of Christmas

**Sunday, December 10th, 2023
10:00 am at St Andrew's United Church
89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown**

Thank you to Sue and the Choir for leading us in Worship!
Please join us for a very special service celebrating the music of
the season. Choir, soloists, instrumentalists will lead us in the
songs and carols!

**We will also be having our Mitten Tree and "Jam the
Jeep" Charity Drive during Children's Time.**

**St. Andrew's Charity Drive
Sunday, December 10th**
On Music Sunday during Children's Time we will be
having a charity drive!
Please bring new hat, scarf, mitten and sock
donations for our Mitten Tree!
As well as food bank donations for
our "Jam the Jeep" event in support of the
Georgetown Bread Basket!

FREE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER
Friday, December 15th, Doors Open at 5:30 PM
89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown
Please contact the office if you would like takeout
We hope you can join us this month for a full Turkey dinner!
With special performances from the Hillview Centre Band!
Supported by Community Donors and Free Will Offerings.
All are welcome!

Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday

December 7th and 14th: Book of Matthew

Invite your friends.

Add to your spiritual journey.



Looking for Volunteers for Coffee Time and Scripture Reading



New sign up sheets are posted! Please consider signing up on the sign up schedule outside of the sanctuary or contact the office.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Community Announcements

Halton Chapter #280 O.E.S. presents...

CHARITY

CRAFT

and

VENDOR

SALE

IN SUPPORT

OF FOOD FOR LIFE



Free Admission, Cash Preferred By Vendors

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10AM – 3PM

St Clair Masonic Hall

6321 Regional Rd 25, Milton

Questions Welcome at HaltonOES@gmail.com





Rental Unit needed for GFORCE3 Afghan Family

GFORCE3 is pleased to announce that its second Afghan Family will be here by early 2024. We are looking for a 3-bedroom rental unit within walking distance of amenities, especially a grocery store. GFORCE3 will be responsible for all costs associated with the unit until the family has lived here for 1-year. Please let others know of this need. Please contact Greg MacDonald (416.219.9113), Don Robinson (905.703.0043), or Susan Tupling (416.200.8675) with any possibilities.



The Rotary Club of Georgetown invites you to be the guest at our:

Annual Norm Bigg Seniors Dinner

Monday, December 4th 6:00 pm

(doors open at 5:30pm)

St George's Anglican Church

60 Guelph St, Georgetown, ON

**This Rotary sponsored event is held annually to celebrate and show
our community's appreciation for the seniors in our town.**

AGE LIMIT: 70 YEARS AND OLDER

DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, ONLY THE FIRST 180 SENIORS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED

**** Wheelchair Bound guests will not have access to washroom facilities ****

Please Register: by Nov 30th

email: Charles.veale.rotary@gmail.com or

Phone: 905-877-7585

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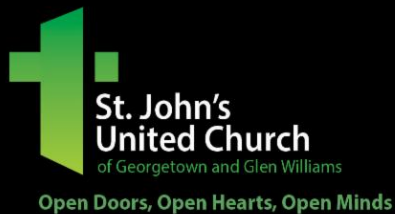
The Sounds of Christmas

Mark Peterson - Music Director

St. John's United Church Choir
and guests are delighted to bring you
The Sounds of Christmas
Monday, December 11th, 7:30pm

The Sanctuary Concert Hall
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown

A free will collection will be donated to
The Townsend Smith Foundation
Building a hospice for North Halton



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Education in the Wake of Disaster

MECC provides children the opportunity to learn and grow safely.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



The start of a school year brings out a lot of questions from children. Will they like their teacher? Will they make new friends? But for children attending schools in Aleppo, Syria, the start of the academic year in September 2023 brought a welcome sense of normalcy after months of uncertainty.

In February 2023, earthquakes left people in parts of Türkiye and Syria facing the devastating loss of their loved ones, homes, and communities. And with their communities' schools damaged or destroyed, children had nowhere safe to learn.

In addition to providing basic needs and cash assistance, Mission and Service partner The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) was able to rehabilitate five school buildings in Aleppo before the start of the September 2023 school year. In the face of significant struggle, MECC is providing children with the opportunity to learn and grow safely.

Your gifts to Mission and Service support partners like MECC as they help children and families rebuild and recover in the wake of disaster.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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If you have announcements to share in next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

Sent with love 

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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