# **NEWS FROM THE PEWS...**

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

Thursday, November 7, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

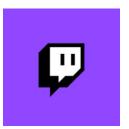




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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, November 10th



Sunday, November 10th 10:00 am

Lest We Forget

Thank you to Rev. Kate for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for our Sunday Service, all are welcome!

**Theme:** We take time to pause and remember those who gave their lives in the First and Second World Wars, and the Korean war. We long for peace in our world. God is love. God is peace. We remember with respect and with thanksgiving.

The 25th Sunday After Pentecost
The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
The Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44
The Sermon: 'Walter and Joyce'



#### **Scripture Summary**

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

#### **Humour Corner**

Moses was ready to leave the store and couldn't find the way out. When he did, he was so excited and shouted, "I can finally Exodus place!"

## **Membership Announcements**

# In Memoriam - Ina Austina Reed

Visitation at St. Andrew's,
Monday, November 11th
10:00 - 11:00am
Memorial service to follow at 11:15am.

Ina passed peacefully on November 3, 2024. Ina was a long time member of St. Andrew's and will be deeply missed by our church family. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.



Please click here to view the full obituary and share a memory on Ina's tribute wall

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



# Christmas Craft Show

Vendors • Bake Sale • Raffle • Café Silent Auction • Visit with Santa

Saturday, November 9th, 2024 9:00am-2:00pm 89 Mountainview Road S. Georgetown

Complete all your Christmas Shopping in one place!
Visit our large variety of vendors or try your luck at
our silent auction and raffle!
Our Café will be available for lunch, visit with Santa
and visit the bake sale for delicious homemade baked goods!

Admission \$2

All Ticket sales will be donated to the Townsend Smith Foundation in support of building the first North Halton Hospice





Last year was a huge success, lets make this year even better!











#### **BAKE SALE**

Once again we are having a Bake sale at the Christmas Craft Show! We are again asking **all the fantastic bakers** of St. Andrew's to make **ANY kind of baked goods to sell**. Cookies, cakes, loaves, pies, tarts, squares (Christmas squares would be wonderful for this time of year!), etc. would be gratefully accepted. **Please leave all squares uncut.** We would appreciate receiving the baked goods by 4:00 pm on Friday, November 8th to give the volunteers time to plate and price them.





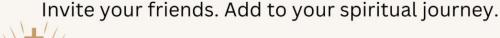
## **Volunteers and Donations Wanted!**

Out of the Cold will be opening once again (in late November) at Knox Presbyterian Church in downtown Georgetown. This is the third year of operation. Last year, 2023-4 we averaged 5 persons accommodated each night that we were open. The downstairs space under the sanctuary is where the program takes place. During the day this space is used for other purposes. In order to prepare for this 'season', new 'roll away' beds (heavier duty) are being obtained. A washer/dryer is available (for use early in the evening) and Knox is proceeding to obtain a commercial grade dishwasher. We are seeking donations of some clothing and cleaning items at this time-Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Hand soap, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, mens and women's underwear(new), packs of socks (new), and packs of gloves to be distributed as the temperature plummets. There is a need for more volunteers as the number of guests has increased. St. Andrew's United Church has been providing a team every other Wednesday night for the last two years. Speak to that team about their experience-Ross and Jean Leckie, Bill and Jan Pennycook, Joanne Wardle, Allison MacIntosh (Acton, family of the Leckies). There are three shifts. The first 2 or 3 people arrive at 8 pm and prepare the space for the night. They speak with the guests, review the rules and routine for newcomers and assemble a lite meal (the kitchen is kept 'stocked') for those that wish one. At 10 pm, 2 people arrive for the overnight shift. Guests are expected to settle in around 11 pm. The 2 people are available to speak to guests, respond to situations that arise, keep one another awake and hopefully have an uneventful night. Security concerns are taken in to account and usually a steady calm is experienced. Washrooms are monitored for cleaning, the building is secured and the kitchen is for the volunteer workers to provide needs for the guests only. The 'morning shift' comes in at 6:00 am. Their role is to relieve the night shift, deal with light 'cleaning up', prepare a coffee and breakfast, get the guests going in the morning, and to put away the 'beds' for storage, all by 8:00 am. Speak to one of us who has volunteered in previous years. Volunteer information sessions, training in First Aid, and Food Preparation are all made available from time to time. An online scheduling software allows you to communicate when you are available, so even a few evenings during this winter season would be great. Please consider how you might take part in this valuable, essential service to the vulnerable in our community. Blessings, Ross Leckie



## **Weekly Bible Study** Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room

We are studying the letter of Paul, 'Jesus Our Joy'. Philippians Lesson 2: An Encouraging Example Purpose: To help people strengthen their Christian relationships as they encourage each other with affirmation, godly affection and prayer.



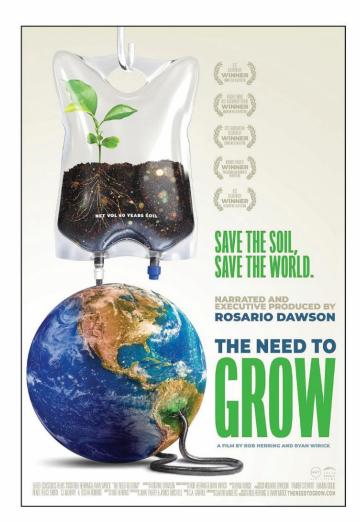


An evening of Christmas Music is tentatively planned for **Sunday, December 8th at 7:00 pm.**Please plan to attend and hear readings and songs for the season St Andrew's United Church Choir and Friends!

# **Community Announcements**



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





The Need To GROW Our food system needs
solutions. A 2015 UN
Report calls for dramatic
shift toward natural
agriculture. The film
follows a mother and
daughter activist, a
renegade urban farmer,
and an accomplished
visionary inventor
revolutionizing soil
restoration.

**Directors:** Rob Herring, Stars: Vandana Shiva.

#### Wed. November 13 at 7 p.m.

6:30 Ticket pick-up and Table Displays 7:00 p.m. - PowerPoint and Film

Global Climate Action at COP 29 November 13 - 21, 2024



COP29 Baku Azerbaijan John Elliott Theatre, 9 Church St, Georgetown

#### Admission: \$10.00

Purchase tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office or online at: www.haltonhills.ca/theatre

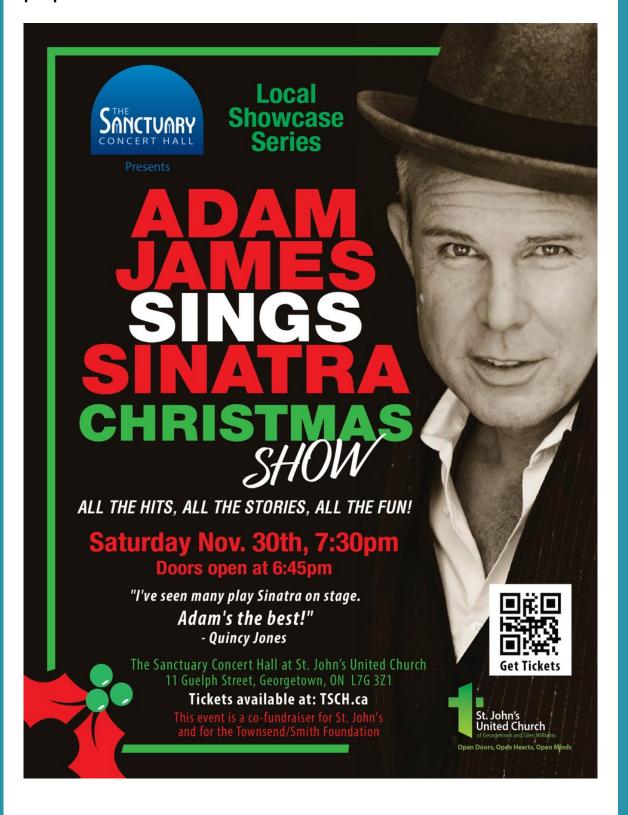


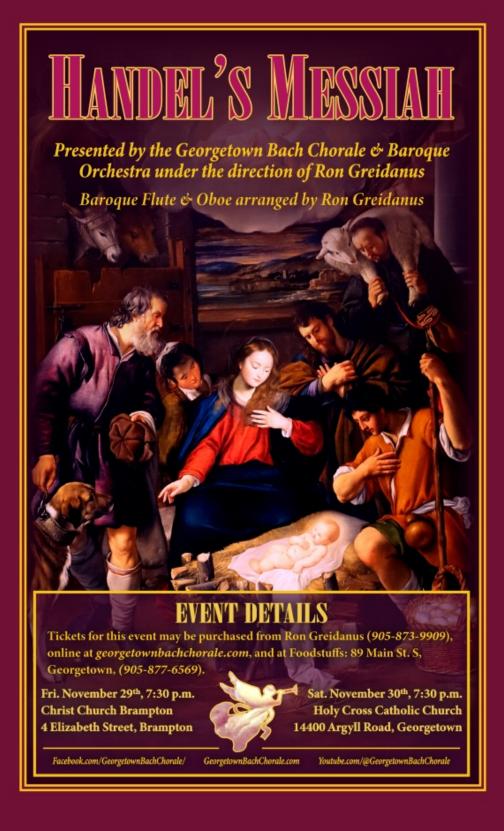
#### **Afghan Refugees Update**

The Afghan family supported by GFORCE3 has arrived in Georgetown and are very thankful for the support!

GFORCE has an obligation to support the family for the next year while they adjust to employment and life in Canada. St. Andrew's board has voted to support GFORCE3 as an outreach initiative. That means we can accept and receipt donations and forward them to GFORCE3. You can mark your gift

"Refugees" and every cent will be used for the welfare of these wonderful people.







## Fall Yard Clean-up

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

When: Saturday Nov 9th, 2024

Time: 8:15am to noon. Great Lunch after at Knox

Where: Georgetown Christian Fellowship, 13619 Highway 7 (North of where Trafalgar/Hwy 7 intersect at the North end of Georgetown)

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 tic@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** 

## **Overcoming Obstacles**

Your gifts support people building a better future for themselves and their families.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Sue, 61, has faced a lifetime of challenges, starting in her youth when her mother was involved with organized crime and jailed for fraud. Later, as a young mom, a car accident left Sue with chronic back pain. And last fall, a fire destroyed her Hamilton apartment, forcing her onto the streets. Despite these struggles, Sue has found stability at Mission and Service partner Wesley. In Wesley's special care unit, Sue is working to overcome the drug addiction that she has lived with since she was 11. While the process has been difficult, she is slowly reducing her drug use with the help of prescribed medications and support from Wesley's staff.

The care unit operates under a harm reduction model, allowing clients like Sue to manage their addictions in a supported environment. Wesley's program is part of a broader effort in Hamilton to address homelessness and substance use. Recently, the program expanded its capacity, and now provides about 30 beds for individuals struggling with multiple substances. Clients are not expected to quit drugs immediately but are supported in stabilizing their lives, receiving medical care, and reconnecting with family. Wesley's team includes doctors, nurses, and addiction specialists who help clients find their own path to recovery.

For Sue, this support has been transformative. Her room at Wesley provides a much-needed sanctuary, offering a reprieve from the constant stress of homelessness and addiction. She continues to focus on her recovery, working in the garden and taking steps toward quitting fentanyl altogether. Sue dreams of eventually finding her own home and reuniting with her beloved cat, Kitty Cat, who was rescued from the fire and is being cared for by a friend. Your gifts through Mission and Service help support people like Sue on her ongoing journey to build a better future for herself and her children. Thank you for your continued support.

# **WAYS TO GIVE**

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









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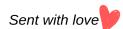


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Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. 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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