

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, February 19, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

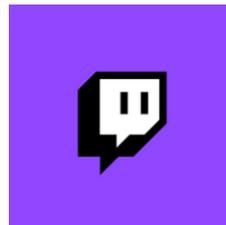


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St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Week:
Sunday, February 22nd
10AM at St. Andrew's**

Thank you to Rev. Ross Leckie for leading us in worship this Sunday. We hope you can join us as we enjoy performances from our choir and bell choir and share in Communion.

Following the service, we will hold our Annual General Meeting. We hope you can stay for lunch and fellowship afterward!

The First Sunday of Lent

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Meditation: Wrestling with the Tempter's Power

Thank you to our volunteers and everyone participating in the service this week!

Greeters: June Longstreet

Scripture Reader: Nora McClure

Offering Counters: Pat Moore and Ross Yahiro

Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

February 22nd - Annual Meetings follow worship in both congregations

March - Worship Collaboratively with Kate at St. John's

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

Important Announcements

It's LENT

"Lent is the 40-day period (excluding Sundays) that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Traditionally, it is a season of reflection and preparation for Easter, commemorating Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert. UCCN

Important Upcoming Meeting

Following worship at St. John's, next Sunday, MARCH 1st, you are invited back to St. Andrew's for a conversation facilitated by Kate to hear and listen to each other about collaborative ministry. This is your opportunity to share hopes, address concerns, and ensure that everyone is informed about what is at stake going forward in 2026 for our congregation. This is the conversation that was scheduled and then cancelled due to the snowstorm on January 25th.

Volunteers Needed!

Please consider signing up to be a greeter next month at St. John's United. There is a sign up sheet posted on the easel outside of the sanctuary. Thank you!





Thank you to our talented children's choir and their director, Stephanie, for the wonderful performance last Sunday! Your hard work and beautiful music truly blessed us all.

Humour Corner

I told someone I gave up sweets for Lent.
They said, "That's impressive!"
I said, "Let's not get ahead of ourselves — it's only Tuesday."

Membership Announcements

Annual Meeting

This Sunday is our annual meeting after the service. Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring sandwiches and sweets! **Please bring sandwiches and squares cut.** St. John's will be worshipping and having their own meeting at their church. We hope to see a good turnout for this important event as we move forward!

Thank you Rick!

A big thank you to Rick Armstrong for generously donating a brand-new printer to the office when ours broke down. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support!

Volunteer Hours Needed!

We have to submit yearly statistics to the United Church of Canada. One of the statistics they are requesting are the **number of volunteer hours contributed by your congregants and adherents to the life of your community of faith for 2025.**

We realize that this is a difficult thing to do since so many people volunteer a lot of time to the church, but we are going to try and quantify this number again this year.

There will be sign up sheets at church for you to enter your estimated hours or you can email the church office at office@standrewsuc.ca with your name and the number of hours you are estimating for volunteering last year.

Please submit your hours by February 25th, 2026 as they have to be reported by March 2nd, 2026.

This looks like it will be a yearly statistic, so please also start keeping track of your volunteer hours for 2026! Thank you for your support.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to our Valentine's day food drive in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket!

Prayers of the People

Linda MacKinnon fell while doing her volunteer job at the hospital and fractured her hip. She is in good spirits as she recovers from surgery . Linda says she is getting VIP care. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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

Choir Feature for February

This month, St. Andrew's choir will be performing a selection of love songs. Please join us 15 minutes before the Sunday service to enjoy the music and start your worship on a joyful note.



Weekly Bible Study

***Every Thursday at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Room***

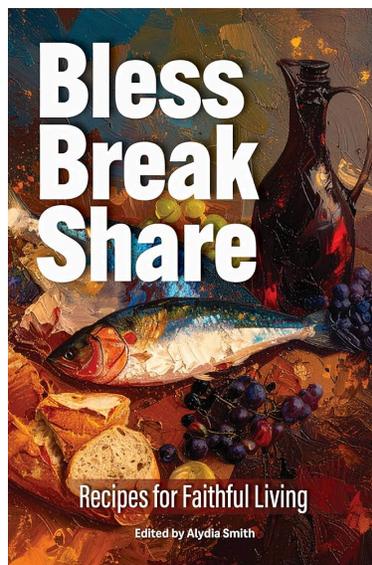
We pray and we listen for God's voice through Scripture, reflection, and silence.
All are welcome!

Men's Online Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00am on Zoom
'The Cross and the Olive Tree:
Cultivating Palestinian Theology amid Gaza'



Men's Study Group meets by Zoom each Monday morning from 10-11:30 am. They will soon begin discussing the book, *The Cross and the Olive Tree, Cultivating Palestinian Theology amid Gaza* by John Munayer and Samuel Munayer. If you would like to join, please contact Rev. Ross Leckie, 905-873-9808



Lenten Study

St. John's and St. Andrew's United Churches

Using the United Church Lenten Study Book for 2026, *Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living*, please join Kate for a time together each week during March. Most of the sessions will be on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm, with two in-person meetings. One in-person gathering will be held at St. John's on Wednesday, March 4 and one in-person meeting at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, April 1.

Wednesday, March 4th at St. John's 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bless, Break, Share study books are available from Kate for \$20.00, tax included. You can also purchase your own book through UCRD (soft cover or e-book).

A Zoom link will be available for those who are participating in the study. The book can be ordered through Kate or by going to the United Church Resource Centre. www.ucrd.com. The book is available as a softcover or an e-book. Please let Kate know if you are planning to join the study. I look forward to sharing Lent with you.

Please click here to purchase the softcover or E-book

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OF THE YEAR



Angels United

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Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:00PM Check-In Time

The United Churches will be walking together as one in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care. Please use the QR code or go to the Angels United CNOY webpage to register. Thank you for your support!



Please use the QR code to register or sponsor our team



Sat. Feb. 28 will be the Coldest Night of the Year!

It will be a cold Saturday night, but Margaret, Joanne, Marlene, Mark, Ross, Bill, Marie and Ross will be walking as part of our 4 church **Angels United** team to raise funds in support of the **Georgetown Bread Basket** and **Links2Care**. We have the few days remaining before the Sat. Feb. 28 CNOY Walk to reach this year's team goal of \$8000. We are 65% there. You can help the effort by sponsoring the team, or a specific team member, by making a donation through the CNOY website link <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1039871>

The Coldest Night of the Year Walk 2026 is this year's first combined outreach event by Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's. Together the

United Church is making a positive difference in Georgetown.

[Please click here to register or sponsor one of our walkers](#)

There are also volunteer positions available! Search the location "Georgetown - Georgetown Bread Basket, Links2Care".

[Please click here if you would like to volunteer](#)



Easter Basket Brigade
Saturday March 28, 2026



We together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...and this is happening with your action and answering "**His Calling**" loudly. Jesus has chosen you as "**His Voice**" and calls each and every one of us to walk in his ways, and together we are taking a beautiful step in our journey in his name.

Collection of Cards/Donations: From Churches Latest Tuesday March 24, 2026

God's Ask...

In conjunction with the Georgetown BreadBasket, Community Unity has identified approx 225 Families in need of Groceries in the Halton Hills area and will be convening **Saturday March 28th 9:30 AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. We are Praying for and "Asking" Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by ideally purchasing **(2) \$50.00 Grocery Gift Cards** and also writing an **Easter Card** to the family and share God's love between us... Any size of donation is greatly appreciated and please forward all Cards, Donations and Easter Cards to your Church Representative.

Or

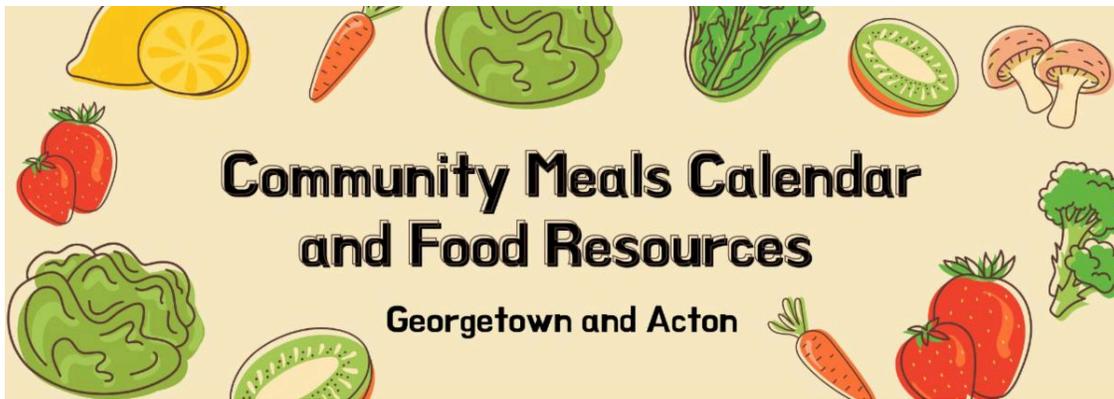
Donations to Community Unity

Individual Donations will also be gratefully accepted and donations may also be made at <http://www.communityunityhaltonhills.com> and clicking on "Donate" - Canada Helps - a tax receipt will be instantly generated. It would be ideal to receive the donations prior to March 22nd as it takes a week for the funds to be released to Community Unity.



[Click here for more information or to make a donation](#)

Community Announcements



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

Hillcrest Custodian (Contract Position)

Hillcrest United Church is looking for a mature individual interested in performing on-site contracted cleaning services starting June 2026. Duties include but are not limited to vacuuming, dusting, bathroom cleaning, floor cleaning/mopping, window cleaning, kitchen cleaning and garbage collection inside the building. Not all the cleaning is necessary on a weekly basis. Cleaning is expected to take approximately 6 hours per week and can be broken down into multiple days or evenings.

All cleaning supplies are provided by Hillcrest.

If you are interested or would like to have further discussion, please email office@hbuc.ca or by call the church office at 905 878-4872.

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February 21, 2pm-4pm

Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Rd, Georgetown





Presents



LEAH HOLTOM

Saturday, March 7th, 7:30pm
Doors open at 6:45pm

Folk singer/songwriter Leah Holtom, blending the best of folk and country, shares a fresh expression of storytelling with a unique take on traditional instrumentation.

The Sanctuary Concert Hall at St. John's United Church
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, ON L7G 3Z1
Tickets available at: TSCH.ca



This event is a co-fundraiser
for St. John's and for
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United Church Mission & Service Fund

Support that Grows with Families

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Becoming a parent or guardian is a life-changing, complex experience that doesn't have a one-size-fits-all answer. As kids, we looked to adults for guidance as we navigated the world with fresh eyes. Now, as adults, we recognize that we're still figuring things out as we go, and there's always an opportunity to grow our skills and minds.

In London, Ontario, Mission and Service partners with the London Community Chaplaincy as they respond to parents and guardians who want to build a network of support, share the parenting journey, and develop new skills as they navigate raising children in a low-income setting. Together, these parents are working hard to build a positive future for their children and families.

Each week, London Community Chaplaincy provides a welcoming and safe social setting for adults to connect and grow as parents. Not only do they learn how to guide a child through critical stages of development, but also how to navigate being a parent or guardian while managing financial stress, food insecurity, housing complications, and more. Gathering with other adults in a similar situation allows participants to share their struggles and triumphs, further building a sense of community.

Your gifts to Mission and Service support partnerships like the London Community Chaplaincy as they help empower parents along the parenting journey. Thank you.

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