NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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



Worship This Week - Sunday, October 1st

Thank you to Rev. Jean Leckie for leading us in worship this week! We will be welcoming the congregation from St. John's United to join us in worship as we celebrate worldwide communion! Sue Whaley has organized some special music for the choir to sing. Matthew Tyhurst will be giving a presentation on Climate Change Advocacy. As well, children from the Sunday school will perform 'Peace Like a River'!



Humour Corner

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching."

On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."

Membership Announcements

Photo Sessions for October:

As fall is a busy time don't wait too long to sign up if you require a specific day and time for your family.

Also if you need to change an appointment you must do it through Michelle in the office as she is the administrator for the program.

NOTE For many of you who can't attend in person due to health or mobility issues, you may send in a picture and Margaret and I will put together a special page. Submissions must be in by October 20.

Sign up online in person on Sunday or by phone @ 905-877-4482 or emailing <<u>office@standrewsuc.ca</u>> or by clicking on the button below.

This directory is a capsule in time of our church history. Let's strive to make it a memorable account of the life of our church and the people who make it possible.

Colleen

Please click here to sign up online

St. Andrew's Announcements

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting Friday, Sept 29th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship room

Our Daily Bread Booklets

The October/November/December issue is now available! Please find them on the table across from the office. A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.



Please click here for more details and the application form

Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday Letter to Timothy Invite your friends. Add to your spiritual journey.



The Rev. Ross Leckie will facilitate an on-line study group for Men, beginning in October. The book to be studied will be, An Audacious Invitation, A compelling reflection on the Gospel According to John by Walter Farquharson and Jeff Cook. "Here we discover a Jesus of love and compassion and hope, and a compelling call to a new way of living." I would begin the on-line Zoom format, October 16 at 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Please let me know if you need further information. Thanks, Ross Leckie

SAFE FOOD HANDLING PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 4th at 1:00pm

Please arrive 15-20 minutes early so that we can get started on time. We allow an hour to write the exam but most people usually finish earlier. The cost per person is \$10. Thank you to everyone who has signed up as we have the necessary 10 people to make this a go! Please contact the office if you wish to participate.

Community Announcements

Rotary Club of Georgetown Free Community Dinners

Everyone is welcome. Donations to cover the cost of those who are able to would be appreciated.

Friday, Oct 6th at 6:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm Knox Presbyterian Church 116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON







UNITY Fall Yard Clean-up

Saturday Nov 4th, 2023, 8:15am to noon. Meet at St. Andrew's United Please join us afterwards from 12:00–1:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church for lunch. Visit our bulletin board to sign up to volunteer or if you would like assistance with your yard clean-up!

Community Unity - Fall Yard Clean-up

Assisting families in need due to age, health or circumstance. When: Saturday Nov 4 th, 2023 Time: 8:15am to noon. Where: Meet at St. Andrew's United, 89 Mountainview Road South 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.

"Local Churches Working Together Making a Difference In Our Community"

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

September 30, 2023

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community intergenerational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. On September 30, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

For more information, please click here





Education beyond Classroom Walls

Providing children with the skillset they need to thrive after graduation. Credit: The United Church of Canada



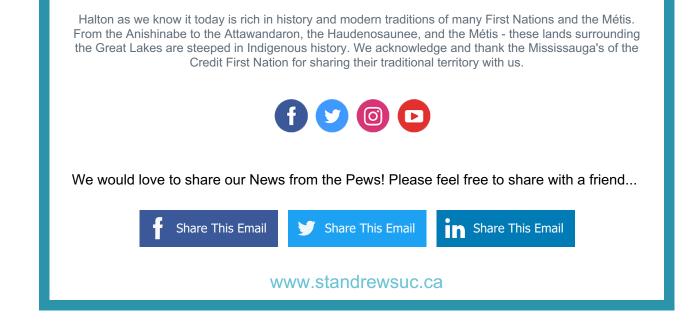
When we think of education, many of us envision a classroom with books and chalkboards. But education extends far beyond that: Through education, we can also learn how the world works and how we work in the world.

The Women and Family Services division at the Church of Christ in Congo provides children with the education and training they need to take charge of their own lives when they leave school. With a combination of traditional education and life skills, they provide each child with the skillset they need to thrive after graduation.

Through funding, livestock and seeds are purchased to teach children sustainable agriculture. Older children have the opportunity to assist with livestock after their classes. They learn to care for chickens and take part in odd jobs in the fields.

Your generosity through <u>Mission and Service</u> helps fund programs that inspire learning and skills for life. Thank you.





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