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News from the Pews



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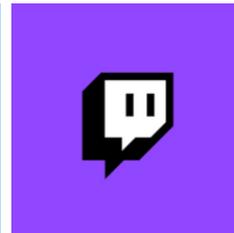
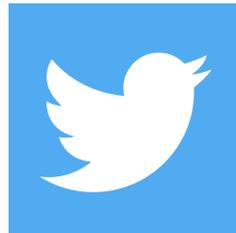
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Friday December 23, 2022

**We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am
on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch & 100.3 FM
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Celebrate Christmas with St. Andrew's United Church

It's Christmas week and we have three services planned this weekend. For Christmas Eve our family service will be held at 4 PM. This will be an informal service with candles, glowsticks and a nativity scene. As children arrive at the church they can put on some costumes if they like and play a part in the Christmas story. No lines but just fun to participate in. This service will be in person only.

At 7 PM we will hold our traditional Candlelight and Communion service. The choir will be singing, duets and a message of hope for Christmas. This will be a Lessons and Carols Service as the story of Christmas is told. At the end of the service, we will gather around the church and sing Silent night by candlelight. This service will be in person and live streamed.

On December 25th, we will have an online service only at 10 am. This will be an informal service with readings, videos, music and a message about Jesus' birth.

And on New Year's Day, we will be holding a New Year's service in person and online at 10 am. The theme of this service will be on New years resolutions. The service will be led by the Worship Team as I will be on holiday for the week.

We hope you will join us this week! And please stay tuned as the weather forecast is looking terrible for Christmas. If we are planning to make any changes, we will let you know tomorrow afternoon.

A promotional poster for a Christmas Eve Family Service. The background is a dark blue night sky with white stars. At the top center is the logo for St. Andrew's United Church, which includes a shield with a cross and the text "ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH" and "www.standrewsuk.ca (905) 877-4482". Below the logo, the title "Christmas Eve Family Service" is written in a white, elegant cursive font. The central illustration depicts the Nativity scene: Mary in a red robe and Joseph in a blue robe stand on either side of a manger containing the infant Jesus. To the left, three wise men in colorful robes (green, brown, and yellow) stand with their camels. To the right, three kings in green, orange, and red robes kneel, offering gifts. A brown ox and a white sheep are also present. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white, all-caps, sans-serif font: "SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2022", "4:00 PM", and "IN PERSON".

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Christmas Eve Family Service

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2022
4:00 PM
IN PERSON

December 24th at 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service for Families (In Person)
A fun and interactive Carols service especially for those with children.

Christmas Eve Service

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2022
7:00 PM
IN PERSON & ONLINE



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December 24th at 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service (Online and In Person)

A contemplative service with the Senior choir and a message to celebrate the Christmas miracle.



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Christmas Service

AN INFORMAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE
CELEBRATING CHRIST'S BIRTH



SUNDAY DECEMBER 25, 2022
10:00 AM (ONLINE ONLY)



A Mission & Service Christmas Message

After Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the angel have been placed just so, Jesus is finally laid gingerly in the manger. There's always a sacred pause at that moment, the moment when we are reminded that the power of all creation became one with us and

changed the world through the most vulnerable among us.

The story of Jesus' birth serves as a reminder that the Spirit speaks to us through the voices of those who are on the margins—those without power, privilege, and influence.

Through Mission & Service, we as a United Church commit to support those on the margins. Whether in our advocacy work, emergency response, or justice programming, your generosity helps us collectively act in the way of Jesus.

As a church, we are transformed in the process, learning from our partners and growing in our call. As our Creed says, "We believe in God: who has created and is creating...the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit."

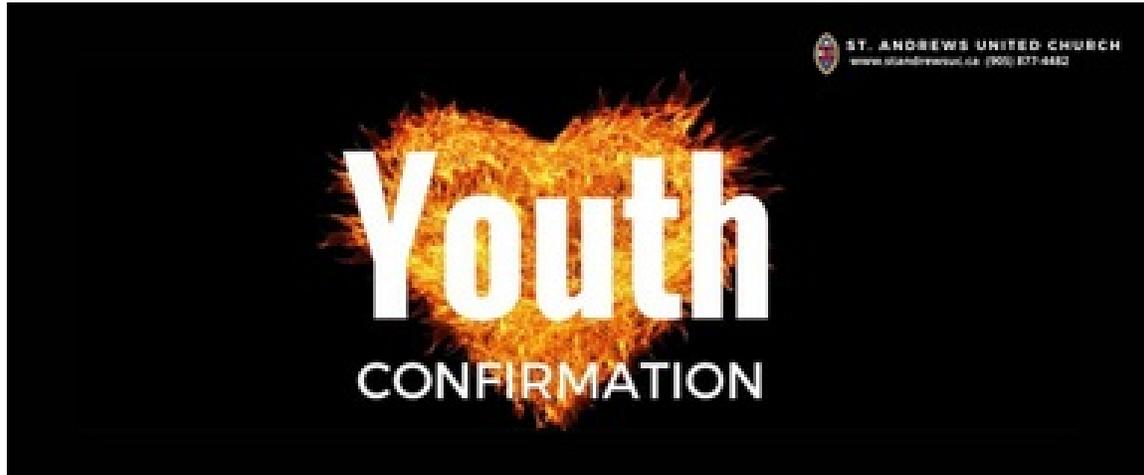
At its heart, Christmas is a celebration of new life through the birth of a child, the most vulnerable of beings. It's ultimately a story about hope. Hope that the Spirit will come to life even in the most challenging times and that something sacred will be born anew because of it.

"I have hope that what Jesus promised us is true. Hope that wherever two or

three of us are gathered in the name of Creator that our prayers will be heard.... When we stay in the place of hope, we are creative and can solve problems really, really well. Thanks be to the Creator for that because, together, we have some work to do," says Moderator Carmen Lansdowne.

If you haven't already, please consider giving to our Christmas appeal (opens in a new tab). Thank you for your generosity through Mission & Service—and for all the work that can be done and all the hope that is born as a result.

May God's wonder and grace enfold you and those you love this Christmas season.



We are hoping to run a youth faith confirmation class in the new year at St. Andrew's. This will be open to anyone in grades 8 and up. If your son or daughter, or grandchild is interested please speak to Rev. Grant



USED BATTERIES

The Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Association has an ongoing fundraising program for the recycling of used batteries. To make collection convenient, I have placed a box on the table by the photocopier where the pop tab and other collection boxes are. Thank you for your support.

Linda McKinnon



We would like to thank Linda McKinnon for assisting in producing the hymns used at our Community Carol sing last Sunday. We would also like to thank Sue Whaley for organizing the event and Brian and Alan for setting up the sanctuary. Wilf Gray and friends for the wonderful refreshments!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Last Sunday the choir concert and Carol sing event was spectacular! The church was full to capacity, and we had over 50 choir singers! It was so nice to see people from Norval, St.

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World*



John's and Hillcrest United singing, along with the Psalm 100 praise team. Many thanks to Sue and our choir for organizing this event and help to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

A few words about some changes happening around St. Andrew's over the next couple of weeks. We have

signed a lease with a Women's Fitness boxing circuit gym to rent the lower hall and classroom 2. They will be doing some repainting in the basement, a new laundry tub has been installed in the closet, an electric light will be installed so we don't have to rely of a battery one, and in the near future a new lock will be installed on the basement door. The boxing gym will be installing some equipment in that area. Fitness Classes will be offered through the week with times that the church will have available for our own use. We are excited about this rental partnership as it will bring us a new significant revenue stream to the church. Stay tuned for more information on how to sign up and participate in their programs.

Also, this week we have signed a lease with the Immanuel Lutheran church across the street from St. Andrew's. Their church has been sold and the congregation will be continuing to hold worship services inside our sanctuary at 1 pm on Sunday Afternoons. As the Lutheran church moves into our space, they will be bringing their organ with them. Yes, that is correct! Yet another organ! As well their congregation will be renting classroom 1 in the basement for storing their church records, and other items.

To facilitate the Lutherans moving into classroom 1 this means we will be moving the clothing room upstairs to the former Future Scholars storage room in the front hallway. We believe this is a positive move as it will provide more access for clients using the clothing room and more accessible for those with disabilities. It also means we may be able to offer the room open more during the week. Stay tuned for more on this.

With all these changes, we will be doing some repainting and installing new flooring in that room to refreshen it up. I will be coordinating this remodel and if you would like to lend a hand with painting of installing the new vinyl flooring, please let me know.

After the new flooring in installed we will need a group of people to move all the clothing from downstairs up and set up it's the new room. Stay tuned fore what day this will happen.

We are excited about all these changes as they help the congregation financially and better utilise our building. As more people are using the church there may be times that we need to adjust our meeting schedules to accommodate needs of other groups.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year! Hope to see you all this week!

Blessings,
Grant



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