

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews



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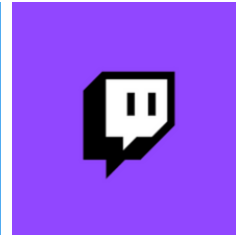
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday May 18, 2023

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

Worship This Week - Sunday May 21



Music Sunday

This week Rev. Grant Williams is away for a week of study.

This Sunday, the worship service will be offered by the choir and Susan Whaley for Music Sunday.

Come early to participate in an old fashioned hymn sing.

Request your favourites!

If those of you watching online have prayer requests, please submit to the office in advance.

Our youth will be involved through song and instrumentals.

There will be solos, duets, choir anthems and readings.

This will be a joyful Sunday and although it is a long weekend we hope you will be able to join us!



Scripture Readings:

Psalm 95 (VU#814), Psalm 98 (VU#818), Psalm 150 (VU#874)



Our Kids Ministry had fun "camping" during Sunday School last week with their teacher, Scott Martin!



Scripture Summary

Psalm 95 (VU#814)



For you are a great God,
high sovereign above all gods.
In your hands are the depths of the earth;
to you belong the heights of the mountains.
You are indeed our God;
we are your people, the flock that you
shepherd.

Humour Corner

Our son celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our older son, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."

Membership: Important Dates and Announcements

JUNE 3 - MAJOR CLEAN UP DAY: 9AM

We need all hands on deck - 12 years and up.

We hope to see some strong backs and people under 70.

Youth looking for volunteer hours this is your opportunity.

SIGN UP AS A FAMILY

We hope to have teams of people assigned to different areas of the church to handle the different tasks so we can get this done in 3-4 hours.

We will confirm what equipment you may need to bring (ex. buckets, rags, mops, tools)

There will be **REFRESHMENTS!!**

Many jobs needed but priority tasks involved are:

Kitchen clean up - cupboards, fridges, stoves, walls.

Hallways - wash walls, baseboards need cleaning and repair - clean basement stairs

Gym- tables and chairs need to be checked and repaired as required. Some designated items removed from loft

Washrooms- wipe down walls

Sanctuary - clean pews (everyone loves our pews and they need to be cleaned) and carpet.

Friendship room blinds/small kitchen

Wash Windows inside and out.

Curb cleanup

There is a sign up sheet posted and you can also sign up via the office at 905-877-4482 or email the office: office@standrewsuc.ca

Clean up day is **Important** in order to attract rentals or new members. We need to have a clean looking environment and **Public Health will be doing an inspection** in the near future.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD MAJOR CLEAN-UP DAY SIGNUP

We need your help! Please sign up below or on the sheet posted on the bulletin board!



[Please click here to sign up online](#)

It has been 5 years since our last photo directory. We were unable to update it during Covid.

We have blocked off Aug 22, 23, 24 from 1:30-8:30pm and Oct 18, 19, 20 1:30-8:30pm and Oct 21 9:30am-4:30pm

There is no charge to have your picture taken, you are not obligated to purchase pictures. You will receive 1 photo and a directory plus we will have access to jpeg files password protected to use and update. We will be starting to set up appointments very soon so be thinking about when it would be convenient for your family. At this time we will also be updating privacy consents and contact information.

A decorative border featuring several chocolate chip cookies. The cookies are arranged in a way that they appear to be part of a torn paper edge. The background is white with a light beige border.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE TIME

If you have been enjoying fellowship and the baking offered we invite you to consider signing up to help with coffee time in the upcoming Sundays. If you are unable to assist with serving, please consider donating baked goods or store bought cookies to our fellowship hour.

Thank you everyone for your participation, it is greatly appreciated!

Sign up required for: June 11, 18, 25

St. Andrew's Announcements

Bible Study

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Bible Study this year! This past Thursday was the last day of Bible Study with Rev. Grant Williams, for the spring season. We will hopefully start up again in the Fall with a new Leader.



Dear Reverend Grant:

On behalf of myself and the others at Thursday morning Bible Study, I would like to offer my thanks and praise for all the wonderful memories we have shared with you over these many years. I've been coming to Bible Study for at least 10 years, but many people in our group have been with you much longer. We have welcomed new friends too, that have joined within the past 6

months or so. There have also been many, many friends who are no longer with us, for one reason or another, but we acknowledge and remember them all.

I myself have learned so much about the Bible, for which I am so grateful. But I've also learned about so many other important things. The fellowship between us all has been amazing. We have shared stories of our lives, our joys and celebrations, and have also found support and hope through you, our faith, and others, in times of trouble and in sorrow.

And questions, what a lot of questions we had!!! The discussions have so often been fascinating. I was overjoyed when I started, to slowly test the waters and find that there was no question I could ask that you would not allow to be discussed. My sincere thanks for that.

But the best for me was the laughter and understanding we shared!!! So amazing and uplifting!!! And for the friendships we created, I will always be grateful.

I'm quite sure I speak for ALL of us when I say THANK YOU for all the many years of Bible Study that you have given us. Those happy times will not be forgotten. We will miss you as our Leader, but we wish you every Blessing in your future endeavors!

Margret V.

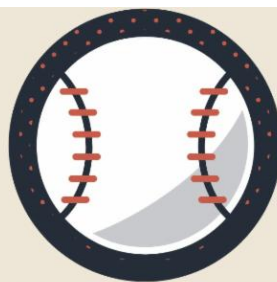


Outdoor Worship and Picnic Sunday June 4 at 10 AM

We will be holding our annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic in the Dominion Gardens Park Gazebo and play field. The area is accessible to all people. Please bring your own chair, and some food to share in Potluck. Beverages will be provided. Parking is best in the lot off Maple Ave. In the case of rain, we will hold the service at the church. All are welcome!

Help is Needed! June 4th Picnic day

We are looking for some people to help with transporting and setting up some tables and chairs, Keyboard and sound system in Dominion Gardens, and providing beverages cups etc. If you can help with this please speak to Grant.



JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH BASEBALL TEAM

St. Andrew's Baseball Team- Once again St. Andrew's will have a baseball team in the local church league. This league is co-ed and is non competitive. We play on Wednesday nights at 7 PM starting in May. It is open to anyone ages 14 and up. If you are interested, please speak to Grant Williams or Joanne Wardle.

Please come show your support and cheer on our team!

Food Donations



Georgetown
BREAD BASKET
Your local food bank

The Georgetown Bread Basket is running low on food due to high demand. If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church.



Some of the most needed items include: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Juice Boxes, Crackers, Chicken Rice Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jam, Ketchup, Instant Coffee, Cereal, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter.

[Please click here for the full list of food items needed](#)

Collecting Used Batteries

In support of Georgetown Hospital
Volunteer Association

Collecting Eyeglasses

In support of the Lions Club

Collecting Pop Can Tabs

In support of the Shriners

Collecting Used Pens

For proper recycling

> Drop off at the church,
collection boxes are beside the photocopier



Community Announcements

St. Johns's United Church Perennial Sale

Saturday, May 20th from 9:00-noon

If you have overgrown perennials, please think about splitting them and contributing them to the Perennial Sale which will be held in the back parking lot. Plants may be dropped on Friday, May 19th from 4:00-6:00 PM. Please label your plants and add any useful information. Plants will be sold on a donation basis with all proceeds benefitting St. John's. Contact: Jackie MacFarlane at dave_jackiemac@hotmail.com or 905 877 7668.



Rotary Free Community Dinners at Knox Presbyterian Church

Supported by Out of the Cold Volunteers

Everyone is Welcome

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

Friday, June 2nd

Doors open at 5:30

116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON

We are unfortunately not wheelchair accessible,
but an electric stair chair is available

Trinity United Church BBQ Half Chicken Dinner

\$16.00
Takeout
Only



For tickets
call
519-853-0806

Friday, June 2, 2023
Pick-up 5:00-7:00pm
Trinity United Church, 70 Mill St. E., Acton

Dinner includes: BBQ half chicken, baked potato
w/sour cream, coleslaw, bun w/butter, dessert

The Inspiring Spaces Concert Series
and the Sanctuary Concert Hall present....

INSPIRING BROADWAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 7:00 PM

Renowned Canadian theatre artist
and television personality

Lisa Horner

Entertains with songs and stories from Broadway,
along with help from her friends,
Cailin Stadnyk, Jamie Lucinda Miu Lujan, Taurian Teelucksingh
and the St. John's United Church choir

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

Tickets available at Showpass.com

THE
SANCTUARY
CONCERT HALL

*...an intimate performance
space with outstanding acoustics*

This event is a co-fundraiser for St. John's
and for the Townsend/Smith Foundation



Scan to buy tickets

[Please click here to purchase tickets](#)



May is Asian Heritage Month

Happy Asian Heritage Month! We are grateful for the many contributions of Asian Canadian members to The United Church of Canada.

Throughout May, the Foundation's social media accounts are featuring some of the Asian and Asian-Canadian people deepening the church's ministry and strengthening Canada's intercultural identity, and which the Foundation has been blessed to support. We're also highlighting opportunities for you to engage with this work.

Indeed, marking Asian Heritage Month should also include space for moments that make us uncomfortable as we are confronted with historic prejudice and present-day responsibility. In addition to the "Who is Asian" panel, this piece by 2011 McGeachy Scholar, The Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg, is a great place to start!

[Please click here to read the full article](#)



United Church Mission & Service Fund

**Rainbow Camp Welcomes 2SLGBTQIA+
Young People and Allies**

“We don’t want any camper to feel afraid to be who they are.”

Rainbow Camp® in northern Ontario has welcomed young people of all sexual identities since 2012. From the beginning, Mission & Service has supported Welcome Friend Association, which runs the camp.

“Initially, we wanted to bridge the local LGBTQ community with area churches. We started the association, and then we launched the camp. We had no idea what we were doing at the time. Only one person on the board had camp experience, but we knew that young people would benefit,” says Chris Southin, one of the camp’s co-founders.

Originally a one-week camp with 14 youths, Rainbow Camp® now serves up to 50 youth each week for four weeks. Expansion plans are in the works; Rainbow Camp® Atlantic is launching in August 2023 in Nova Scotia, and a pilot is planned for the west coast. “We’ve had an invitation to duplicate the Rainbow Camp® experience in Australia and in the UK too. It’s exciting!” says Harry Stewart, also a co-founder.

Above all, Rainbow Camp® provides campers with a safe space to be who they are without judgment. “I’ll never forget our first year of camp. It was the second full day. A camper told us his mom had found a dress in his closet. He lied to her and said that it belonged to his girlfriend. He had brought the dress to camp and said he would like to wear it. High heels and sand don’t mix!” Stewart explains, laughing: “But the warmth, love, and compassion that the camper received from everyone at camp was amazing. We tell all of our staff ‘Your job is to make sure that each and every camper has the best possible time at Rainbow Camp®.’”

Southin and Stewart want the camp experience to be memorable, fun, soul-searching, and supportive. “We don’t want any camper to feel afraid to be who they are. I think that’s why so many now call it their home.” This important work was recognized with a Governor General’s award in 2021, an award that recognizes “great Canadians for exceptional deeds that bring honour to our country.”

Your generosity through [Mission & Service](#) supports safe, welcoming spaces like Rainbow Camp®. Thank you!



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To contact us via email now please use:

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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.



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