

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday March 7, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

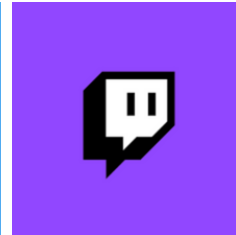


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, March 10th



NATIONAL PIE DAY AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY

Sunday, March 10th, 2024
10:00 am Service

Join Kate after church this Sunday for a slice of pie and continue to learn how to be public, intentional and explicit about welcoming everyone to church. To the bakers of St. Andrew's, we would greatly appreciate if you could bring in a pie to share during coffee time. Please bring it to the gym before the service.

Thank you to Rev. Kate Young for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for our Sunday service as we celebrate Pie day, the 4th Sunday of Lent and welcome our newest church family member through Baptism!

Theme: Affirming Sunday

The Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

The New Testament Reading: Acts 11:1-10

Sermon: 'A Defining Moment'



Scripture Summary

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Humour Corner

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know"

"Okay," said his father, "What does the Bible mean?"

That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!'"

Membership Announcements



Spring Forward!

March 10th at 2:00am
Daylight Savings Time begins!
Don't forget to set your clocks
1 hour ahead!

Future State Committee Members wanted

At the AGM we decided to look at what opportunities may exist for a possible amalgamation with another or multiple communities of faith in Halton Hills. To undertake the work for this, we are striking a new committee to investigate all options and present their findings to the board and ultimately the congregation for a decision on what St. Andrew's future may look like. We are needing diverse individuals from our congregation to help with this endeavour to sit on the main committee or possible sub-committees. If you are interested in helping with this process please contact Mark Wyatt at communications@standrewsuc.ca by Monday March 11, 2024.



Looking for Volunteers for Coffee Time and Scripture Reading



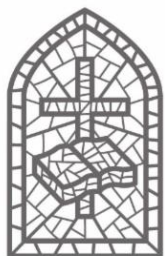
Please consider signing up on the sign up schedule
outside of the sanctuary or contact the office.
Thank you to all of our volunteers!

*Congratulations to Florence Riehl
on receiving the 2023 Ontario
Senior Achievement Award!*



Florence received an Ontario Seniors Achievement Award which was awarded at Queens Park last week. We are very fortunate to have Florence as a member of our congregation and congratulate her on her achievement!

[Please click here to read the full article in Halton Hills Today.](#)



Rev. Kate Young

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or by appointment.

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St. Andrew's Announcements

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday: March 24th at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday: March 28th at 7:30 pm

Good Friday: March 29th at 10:00 am

Easter Sunrise Service: March 31st
at 8:00 am. Held at St. Andrew's this year,
please bring breakfast items to share.

Easter Sunday: March 31st at 10:00 am
with communion.

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, March 8th at 9:30 am
in the Fellowship room



Saturday, March 9th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH



MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!

A top-down view of a white ceramic plate centered on a light-colored wooden surface. A silver fork is on the left and a silver knife is on the right. The text is printed on the plate.

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ST. ANDREW'S

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, March 15th
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

The third Friday of every month.
Anyone wanting takeout
please contact the office.

Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday

Book of Matthew: Understanding of the King

Invite your friends.

Add to your spiritual journey.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



As the United Churches in our area are involved in the Townsend Smith Hospice planning, there is a request for more volunteers to be involved in moving this forward. Jean Leckie has been representing St. Andrew's but more support is required. If you have a strong belief in this much needed facility you are invited to put your name forward via the church office or to Jean Leckie.

Community Announcements

Registration is \$25

Join us!

HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2024

presented by: **canada life**

Saturday, May 4th 10am-2pm

Walk, Run, Bike!

TOWNSEND SMITH FOUNDATION

Hike for Hospice

The UNITED 4 HOSPICE (U4H) team is comprised of volunteers from the four Georgetown United Churches (Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's) who are working as one to assist the Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF) with its goal to build North Halton's first hospice residence on the current Hillcrest site. The annual fundraising Hike for Hospice has been taking place in Milton and Acton. This year U4H is organizing a hike in Georgetown. All three hikes will be held on Saturday, May 4 starting at 10 AM. There will be two routes (2 and 5 km) in Georgetown South. There is a team site for walkers from our four churches. U4H hopes all four congregations will respond generously with their time and talents to assist with running the Georgetown hike. Please contact Karen Marks (Hillcrest), Helga Kennedy (Norval), Jean Leckie (St. Andrew's) or Sue Sibley (St. John's) if you can help us.

Please click here to register and join our team or to sponsor one of our team members



NORVAL UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS



An Italian Dinner

Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at 6:00pm
14015 Danby Rd. Georgetown



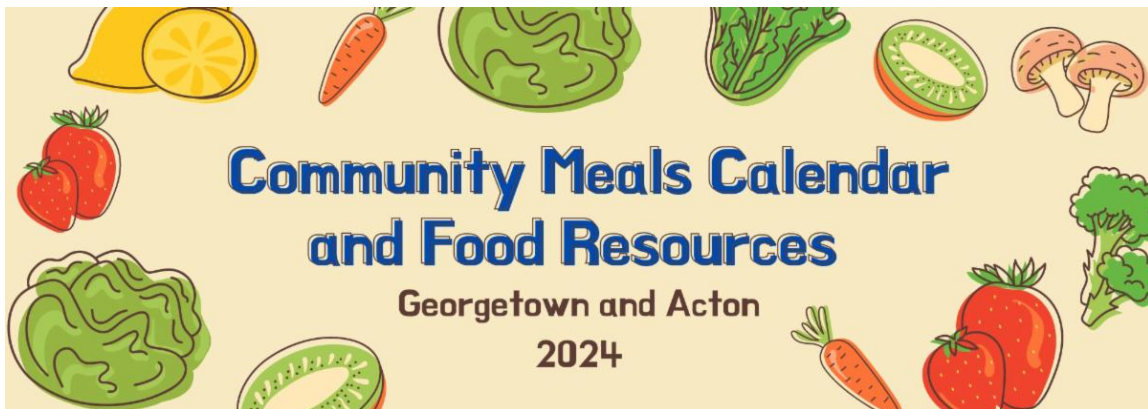
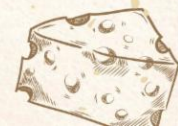
Adults: \$15.00

Children (Age 6-12): \$5.00

5 & under: Free



For tickets or more details, please
contact Bruce at 905-873-0729



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



Easter Basket Brigade Spring 2024



2024 is a year where we together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...but it only happens with action and it has begun at the top – with God. 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.

Good afternoon Ministerial and Happy Early Easter! We need your congregations help from a volunteer and also need more Grocery Gift Cards as we have a significant increase in families over last year.

We are so lucky to have your ongoing support in making a difference in our community and as you know Easter is very early combined with March break is putting a little creativity into our EBB Program this year. We expect that we will eclipse our need from 2023 and over 250 Halton Families/550 people already are in need of our assistance. Our CUHH Team of volunteers will be gathering:

**Saturday March 16th 9:30 AM and delivery to families after.
Georgetown Christian Reformed Church
11611 Trafalgar Rd, Georgetown, ON L7G 5Z8**

If you could be so kind to share from the pulpit/newsletters the urgent need as

our “ask” from the community this year is significant:

- Grocery Gift Cards
- Volunteers

Ideally if we could have/collect any of the gift cards latest by next Wed the 13th or if not 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.

Thank you in advance and is such a gift that we can make a difference in our community and show our neighbours that we care in these ongoing creative times.

God Bless
The CUHH Team

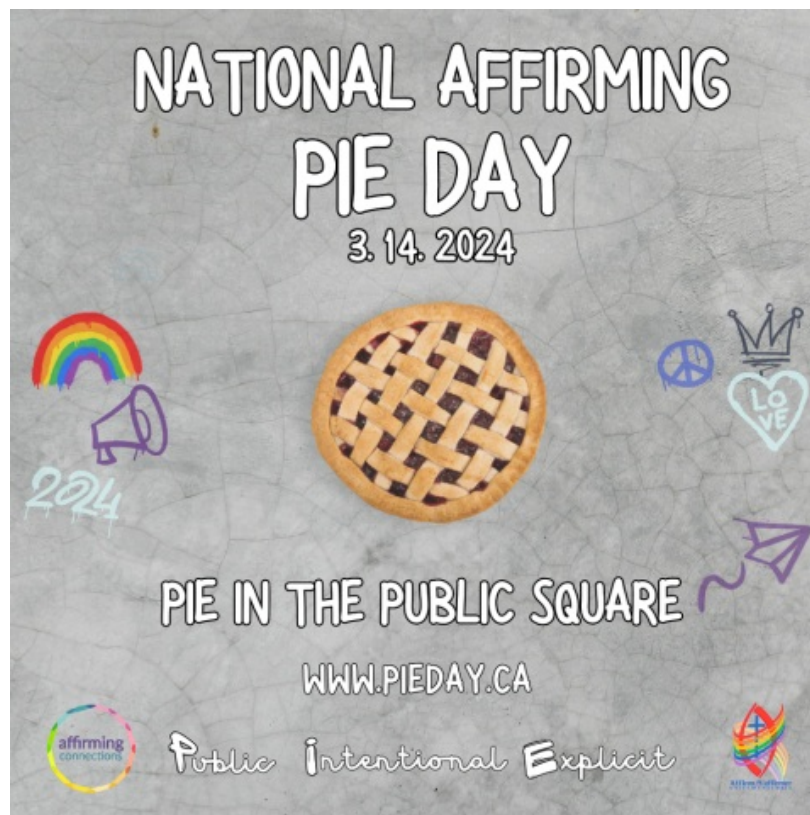


United Church Mission & Service Fund

Public, Intentional, Explicit Inclusion

Celebrate the full inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ people in faith communities and beyond.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



March 14 is PIE Day. In church circles it has nothing to do with math. PIE is short for “public, intentional, and explicit.” These are the standards we hold

ourselves to when we seek to be affirming, welcoming, and inclusive. PIE Day was co-founded by Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble and Affirming Connections. Every year, Affirm United invites us to celebrate the full inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ people in faith communities and beyond. The day challenges us to widen our welcome, to embody love, and to celebrate gender and sexual diversity.

It's critical that we do. Gender identity and sexual orientation are used to justify human rights violations around the world. Same-sex sexual activity is a crime in 71 countries; in 11 of these the death penalty can be imposed.

Here in Canada, 1 million people identify as 2SLGBTQIA+. In 2019, police reported 263 hate crimes targeting people for their sexual orientation. This was a 41 percent increase over the previous year and the highest number since 2009.

Your gifts through Mission and Service sustain life-transforming advocacy and education. They support refugees fleeing for their lives because they identify as 2SLGBTQIA+. They support safe shelters, community awareness education, human rights programs, and safe spaces.

Thank you for giving through Mission and Service. God's compassionate love knows no boundaries. Your generosity shows ours doesn't either.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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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.

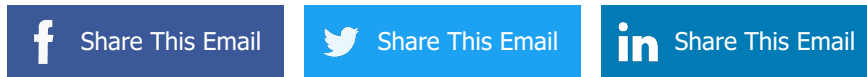
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Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history.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