# **NEWS FROM THE PEWS...**

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

St. Andrew's **United Church** News from the Pews 100.3 **F** LIVE St. Andrew's United Church .... 89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown ON L7G 4T9 www.standrewsuc.ca (905) 877-4482 YouTube We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch & 100.3 FM Click on the icons below to connect! 100.3YouTube **f** LIVE St. Andrew's United Church Worship This Week - Sunday, August 27th Thank you to Scott Martin for leading us in worship this week! New Testament Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20 Message: Raise your hand!

Thursday August 24, 2023



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

While our search team continues to work to find a new minister for St. Andrew's, our worship ministry has worked hard in planning speakers. We are so blessed to have so many people willing to lead worship for us. Join us on Sunday to hear these guest preachers!

August 27 - Scott Martin, LLWL September 3 - Rev. Jean Leckie September 10 - Scott Martin, LLWL September 17 - Rev. Ross Leckie September 24 - Rev. Ross Leckie October 1 - Rev. Jean Leckie October 8 - Rev. Sue Hertell





### **Scripture Summary**

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

### **Humour Corner**

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

## **Membership Announcements**

### **Membership Notes:**

If you have milestones you are celebrating, let us know and we will make sure it gets in the Enews (significant birthdays, anniversaries, births, graduations, weddings).

Thank you to everyone who signed up in the summer! We are now looking for people to sign up to serve refreshments after worship in September and October. Please sign up with the sign up sheets by the sanctuary door.

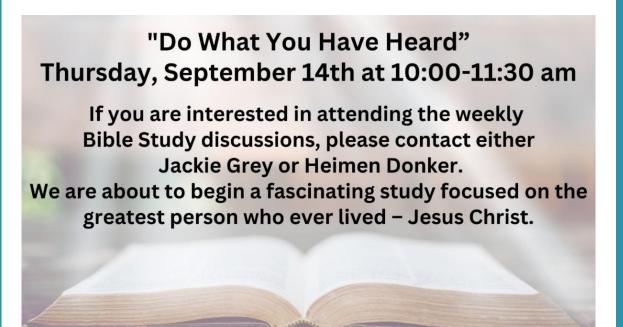
### SAFE FOOD HANDLING PROGRAM

Our certification needs to be updated this fall and if we have minimum of 10

people we can write the exam at St. Andrew's for a fee of \$10.00 per person. Anyone dealing with organizations that hold community dinners or the like that need to be certified may attend. We can accommodate 10-20 people. I need to know how many are interested before Sept. and I will send the link to the manual. This is pretty much common sense material and the multiple choice exam usually takes no longer than an hour. We are looking at a Wednesday in October perhaps over the lunch hour to accommodate any who are working.

Contact the St. Andrew's office if you wish to participate.

## **St. Andrew's Announcements**



Paul, the author of these letters, draws on all his skills, as an apostle, to guide Timothy and Titus, as leaders, on what they should do. In the process, he raises issues which bear on us all, leaders or not.

### What are the Life Guide Bible Studies all about?

The LifeGuide Bible Study provides an exciting and challenging way to fill our minds, and our lives, with messages from the Bible. The studies lead us to discover what the Bible means, rather than simply telling us what it says and what we must believe.

**Study Benefits:** For your daily living, you will discover how to handle anger and envy. You will learn how your faith can be strengthened, how to pray, how to grow in humility. You will gain insights into a biblical approach to evangelism. You will find out what attitudes the Lord thinks are important. And you will learn how to handle suffering and grief. Call Today to Join a Group!

# There are usually 12 questions for each week. The following questions are from week one, based on 1 Timothy, Chapter 1.

1. What can we discover about the situation in Ephesus from Paul's comments?

2. How does Paul describe Timothy's job?

3. What results were the false teachers getting for their efforts?

4. What materials were the false teachers using?

5. In what ways was Paul himself like the false teachers before his conversion?

6. Compare verse 14 with verse 5. How would this help Timothy keep a clear perspective for his one mission?

7. Why do faith and good conscience go together?

8. How can the kind of faith Paul shows in verse 15 help you face your own issues of conscience?

### Why Join a Home Bible Study?

### Here are some of the reasons people have given.

- The Bible studies are discussions, not lectures. Everyone participates. No one dominates the discussion. There are no "wrong" answers.
- Many different answers make for a good discussion.
- I always learn something from the other people's answers.
- I hate to miss a meeting; the group is so supportive.
- The weekly lessons are fun to do; it takes about an hour to prepare.
- I like spending time meditating and reflecting when developing my answers to the questions.
- People want to know what I have to say. They talk to me.
- I never read the Bible before joining the Bible Study program.
- The meeting always starts and ends on time. 60 minutes is just right. I often stay for the half hour social time afterwards.

# **Food Donations**



The Georgetown Bread Basket is running low on food. If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church. Some of the most needed items include: Canned Fruit, Canned Salmon, Kidney Beans, Salad Dressings, Juice, Crackers, Cookies, Jam, Instant Coffee, Sidekicks pasta and rice.

Please click here for the full list of food items needed

# LOOKING FOR FURNITURE FOR THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM

If you have couches or easy chairs for our Fellowship Room, please email the office

a picture.

## **Community Announcements**

## **Terry Fox Run**

My daughter and I are once again participating in the Georgetown Terry Fox Run to help fund critical cancer research in Canada. We greatly appreciate the generous support of family and friends in past years. If you would like to donate to Team Jordan please click the link below. Thank you! Valerie



Please click here to donate to Team Jordan



## COMMUNITY SERVICES in Halton Hills

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100+ delicious, ready-to-heat meals, soups, desserts & breakfasts for pick-up or delivery
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## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

### Early ON CHILD and FAMILY CENTRES

Free drop-in activities, support and resources for children 0-6 years with their parents or caregivers ACTON: 85 Wallace St. GEORGETOWN: 8 James St. plus other satellite locations

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE in Georgetown BACKPACK PROGRAM new school supplies

### **VOLUNTEER** WITH US

Support a Senior Support a Child General Support be a friendly Visitor, or deliver or serve meals play & nurture in EarlyON or Child Care join our Board, or help with promotion or events



WORK WITH US as a HSW or PSW as a RECE or EA current openings on our website



## Making a Home for Refugees:

## **ChrisAnn Alvarez's Work**

"There's this huge misconception that refugees choose to be refugees."



Imagine being forced to leave your home.

Set adrift, hoping to find a place to land, somewhere safe so you can rebuild your life.

"There's this huge misconception that refugees choose to be refugees," says ChrisAnn Alvarez, Refugee Support at The United Church of Canada. "It's not a choice. It's something they're forced into."

It's a reality that is faced by millions of refugees, and it's a reality that is becoming more and more prominent. More people are displaced today than ever before: 117.2 million, says the UN Refugee Agency.\*

That's the equivalent of three Canadas.

There are many causes: human conflict, climate change, human rights violations, and more.

We can help.

Your gifts provide food, water, sanitation, and social support to people forced to flee their homes. <u>Mission and Service</u> creates educational and confidence-building programs in refugee camps.

<u>Mission and Service</u> also helps refugees find new homes. "Congregations form sponsorship groups together to sponsor the refugee," Alvarez explains.

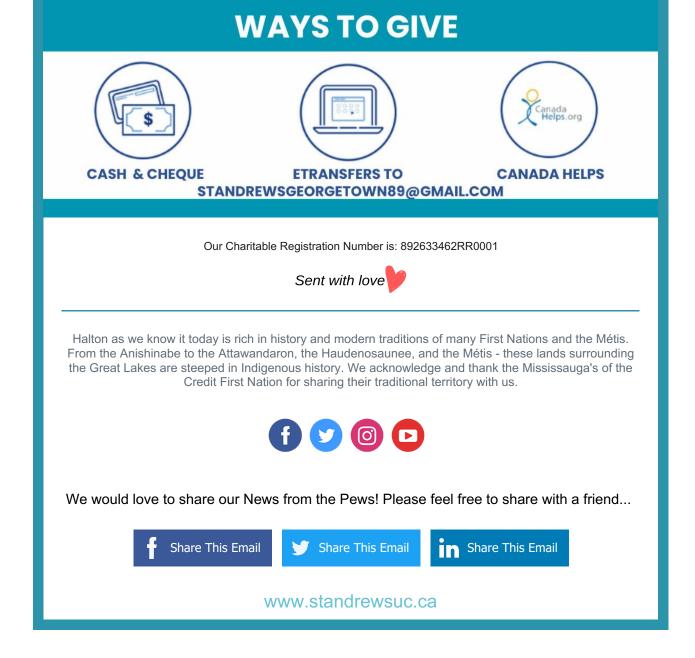
"What <u>Mission and Service</u> allows is for them to sponsor through their own congregation."

She tells one story of a sponsor who renovated their basement after it flooded and immediately planned to sponsor a refugee in the new space.

"Who thinks like that?!" Alvarez exclaims with wonder and awe. "It's just so beautiful!"

The refugee stayed with his sponsors for years, and they became an adopted family to one another. "The sponsor told me, 'We have no kids, so this was an unexpected blessing,'" Alvarez recalls, tearing up. "That's one example of someone opening their home in their home, in their heart, and allowing themselves to be transformed."

When we help protect one refugee from persecution, death, or years in a refugee camp, we save the world for that one person—and just maybe for ourselves, too.



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