NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday May 16, 2024



We hope you can join us this Sunday for Rev. Kate's Covenanting Service. An Act of Covenanting between St. Andrews United Church Community of Faith, The Horseshoe Falls Regional Council and Reverend Kate Young. We also welcome Guest Preacher, Mary Parsons and Regional Representatives Rev. Ross Leckie and Rev. Jean Leckie.

Theme: Day of Pentecost, Communion, Covenanting Service with Kate New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21 Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27: 16:4b-15 Sermon: 'Celebrate Good Times' Mary Parsons, LLWL



Scripture Summary

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Humour Corner

Pentecost is stifled?

OUR parish priest had a flair for the dramatic. He got the idea of having a pigeon released from the belfry on Pentecost just at the moment when, on the church steps in front of the procession of worshipers, he would say, "Come, Holy Spirit!" Pentecost came, and the sacristan put a pigeon in a bag, went upstairs to the belfry and waited. When the priest pronounced the words, nothing happened. A few seconds later, we heard a voice from the belfry, "It's stifled!"

Membership Announcements

Sunday's Baptism Congratulations to the Maracle Family!



Happy Milestone Birthday, Sue!



COFFEE HOUR

We appreciate those who have faithfully signed up to do coffee, those who step in regularly to help with prep and clean up and those who regularly participate by donating yummy goodies.

It is preferable if you sign up with a partner to do coffee but we will always find someone to assist if you do not have partner.

As of the end of June we will return to doing juice/ lemonade and cookies (no crumbly items please) in the friendship room over the summer months.

Those of you who are not able to do coffee might be more inclined to assist with this. There will be sign up sheets posted.

Colleen



Our UNITED4HOSPICE team raised \$25,000 for the Hospice What a day! What a team! Through your generous support, our Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's team raised \$25,000 to help build a hospice in North Halton. The Townsend Smith Foundation's 7th Annual Hike for Hospice held in Acton, Georgetown and Milton on May 4th was the most successful fundraising hike ever, raising \$60,482. Thank you to all who supported UNITED4HOSPICE and the Townsend Smith Foundation.

Please click here to read the full article in Halton Hills today.

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.

St. Andrew's Announcements



Photo Directories are Ready for Pickup!

Thank you to Colleen Armstrong and Margaret Yahiro for all of their hard work on our photo directory! They are now ready for pickup after church in the fellowship room or during office hours.



JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S BASEBALL TEAM

Baseball season is just around the corner! Our team needs more players (14 and up). The season runs from May 22nd to August 14th Wednesday nights at 7pm. Anyone interested please contact Joanne Wardle or the office.

Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday Book of Matthew. Invite your friends. Add to your spiritual journey.



Free Ink Jets Available

HP 63 Black and HP Instant Ink 67/305 Please see the office, first come first serve.

Community Announcements



Please click here to view May's meal calendar, as well as more details about local food resources.

Trunk & Bake Sale

May 25, 2024 from 8:00 – 12:00 Norval United Church 14015 Danby Road, Georgetown



Do you have items you want to sell? Norval United Church is hosting a trunk sale on May 25, 2024. This is great opportunity to declutter your home and make some extra cash!

If you are interested in participating, the cost is \$20.00. To reserve your spot please contact <u>hmcginn@rogers.com</u>, <u>brucecunnington@live.ca</u> or <u>phil.lynb@gmail.com</u>.

Don't miss out on this chance to have a fun and profitable day at Norval United Church!



To help celebrate their 185 years as a community of faith, St. John's will be holding an Anniversary Service on Sunday May 26. The day will be extra special because Jim and Anne Ball have agreed to be special guests. Jim was the St. John's minister from the summer of 1999 to the summer of 2008. During that time, Anne was an active member of the choir. Both cared deeply for others and were actively engaged in the church life of St. John's.



SANCTUARY

Fossil Rockerð

Friday, May 24th, 7:30 pm (Doors Open At 6:45pm)

The Fossil Rockers do Simon & Garfunkel with guests - RAVE ON!

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

St. John's United Church of Jacoptane and Date Milare Open Deers, Open Marts, Open M

Local

Showcase

Series

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





Tickets available





Volunteer Drivers Needed

TO BRING SENIORS TOGETHER IN OUR COMMUNITY TO ENJOY A MEAL AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT

Contact Information: Website: www.Links2care.ca Email: info@links2care.ca Phone: 905-873-6502





Co-Sponsored by

Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club

GUEST SPEAKER

Neal Bonnor and Terri Shewfelt - Dundas, ON restoring biodiversity to the waterways.

Blueback is a beautifully filmed drama which centers on a young girl who befriends a wild blue groper while diving, and becomes a passionate activist for protecting the ecosystem of Australia's coral reefs from destruction.

MIA WASIKOWSKA RADHA MITCHELL AND ERIC BANA INTRODUCING ARIEL DONOGHUE & ISLA FOGG

BLUEBACK

Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - Ticket pick up and table displays 7:00 p.m. - PowerPoint and Film Screening

Climate Change & Solutions



BE PART OF THE PLAN International Day for Biodiversity 2024 John Elliott Theatre, 9 Church St, Georgetown

Admission: \$10.00

Purchase tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office or online at: www.haltonhills.ca/theatre



Erin Mills United Church and Eden United Church present Key Change: A Trans Journey From 'Divo' to 'Diva' with Christina Vegas

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 7:30 PM

A wonderful, collaborative event coming to Eden United! We are so excited to welcome Christina Vegas and her powerful Key Change presentation!

Key Change is an entertaining and informative exploration of the dynamic and challenging process of accepting one's true identity, coming out to family and friends and what it's really like to live as a trans woman in today's world.

In her presentation, Christina shares details about her transition while shining light on the healing powers of love, kindness and acceptance.

The evening will include a 50 minute trans talk, followed by a Q&A and then refreshments and a meet and greet. It is a must see event, so don't miss it!

Learn more about Christina www.christinavegas.com

www.ticketsedenunitedchurch.com



Connecting for Global Peace and Security

Project Ploughshares is committed to making the world a better place.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Project Ploughshares is a Canadian peace research institute with a focus on disarmament efforts and international security. It is also one of our dedicated Mission and Service partners. Project Ploughshares' important efforts come with many barriers, including discouragement, pushback, and regular exposure to mentally draining work.

Duncan Etches started his journey with Project Ploughshares as a supporter. When he saw an opportunity to be The United Church of Canada representative on the management committee, he felt it was time to step into the key role. He comments on how wise and inspirational the whole team is, sharing that "they keep hope in impossible situations."

Project Ploughshares includes people from diverse backgrounds who are all deeply committed to making the world a better place. Rooted in the ethics of Christianity—peace, reconciliation, and justice—their work connects with people inside and outside faith communities. Members are respected and invited to be part of important conversations.

Your support through <u>Mission and Service</u> provides encouragement and hope to leaders of Project Ploughshares, a vital connection point for those passionate about global peace and security. Thank you.



St. Andrew's United Church | 89 Mountainview Road S., Georgetown, L7G 4T9 Canada

Unsubscribe standrewsminister@cogeco.ca

Update Profile |Constant Contact Data Notice

Sent byoffice@standrewsuc.capowered by



Try email marketing for free today!