

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

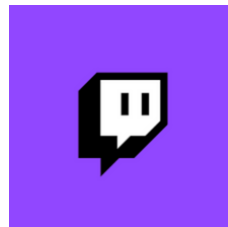


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St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Week:
Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00 PM**

Christmas Eve - A Service of Candlelight and Communion

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, John 1:1-5

Meditation For Christmas Eve

Scripture Reader: Mark Heinmiller

Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

[Please click here to view the Christmas Eve Order of Service](#)

Worship this Week - Sunday, December 28th

Christmas Sunday, Year A

Reflection: 'Invisible'

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon: Sepphoris *led by Rev. Neil Young*

Thank you to our volunteers and everyone participating in the service this week!

Scripture Reader: Mark Heinmiller

Offering Counters: Susan Quirk and Ross Yahiro

Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

[Please click here to view this Sunday's Order of Service](#)



Scripture Summary

It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Humour Corner

What do you call an elf who sings in the church choir?

A wrapper

Membership Announcements



This Christmas season, we give heartfelt thanks to everyone in our Church community for your generosity, time, and dedication. Through your volunteering, donations, and willingness to serve, you have helped create a welcoming and caring church where God's love is lived out in action. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the joy, hope, and peace He brings to the world. Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas full of peace, happiness, and the blessing of Christ's love!



In Loving Memory: Christmas Poinsettias

The beautiful poinsettias gracing our sanctuary this Christmas have been thoughtfully purchased in memory of cherished loved ones.

In memory of family and friends

Susan and Lorne Campbell

In memory of the Glover and MacLeod families

Lorne and Kathy MacLeod

In memory of Dorothy Armstrong and Fran Trowbridge

From Colleen and Rick Armstrong

In memory of Howard Beitz

From Marlene Beitz

In memory of family and friends

From Jean Brown

In memory of Bert Burns

From Carolyn Burns

In memory of Emerson and Gerry Clarke

From Joyce and Lee-Anne Clarke

In memory of my Parents, Jack and Jean White

From Valerie Jordan

In memory of Alan and Evelyn Martin and Ron Lovegrove

From Scott, Barb Martin and Family

In memory of Elsie & Don McClure and Norma & Chuck Hattey

From Nora and Phil McClure

In memory of loved ones

From Linda McKinnon

In memory of Margaret's sister, Joan

From Earl and Margaret Pepper

In memory of Earl Lewis Nelson

From Florence Riehl

In memory of Arthur Christmas

From the Scott, Pepper and Christmas Family

In memory of Richard Scott

From the Scott, Pepper and Christmas Family

In memory of loved ones

From Nancy and Graeme Thompson

In memory of Michelle's grandparents and Ross' brother, Doug

From the Yahiro Family

***In memory of our parents, Tom and Mary McLarty
and Derrick and Pat Young***

From Kate and Neil Young

In memory of our loved ones

Christmas Day Service with the Immanuel Lutheran Church

The Immanuel Lutheran Church has invited our congregation to join them for their Christmas Day Service. 10AM at St. Andrew's with coffee time to follow. All are welcome and we thank them for their hospitality!

Christmas Envelopes

There are Christmas Envelopes on the welcome table if you would like to make a Christmas Offering. This is the last Sunday of the year if you would like to receive a 2025 tax receipt.

In Memoriam - Alice Wilson

Alice passed away peacefully on December 16th surrounded by her family and Love. Alice used to sing in the choir and helped Nolle in the craft centre during VBS when her grandkids attended the camp. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this time.



Please click [here](#) to view the full obituary, sign the guestbook or make a donation in her memory

The Nativity Scenes of St. Andrew's

Thank you for sending your photos!



If you have announcements, milestones to celebrate, or photos to share for next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

St. Andrew's Announcements



Combined Worship Schedule with St. John's United



Services for both congregations will be held together at 10:00 a.m., led by Rev. Kate Young, with the location alternating monthly between the two churches. On the last Sunday of each month, each congregation will worship separately in their home church. We look forward to worshipping together and strengthening our shared community of faith.

At St. John's: January 4, 11, 18

At St. Andrew's: January 25 *led by Scott Martin*

Christmas Card Exchange at St. Andrew's



The mail slots for our Christmas Card Exchange are back! Save on postage and bring your Christmas cards for Church friends to church! Also, don't forget to check the slots once in a while for cards addressed to you!



NOW ACCEPTING:

Winter Coats and Boots Only

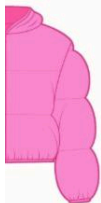
ST. ANDREW'S FREE CLOTHING ROOM

Clothing room hours:

**9:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
or by appointment**

All are welcome!

Thank you for all of your donations!





Weekly Bible Study

*Every Thursday at 10:00am
in the fellowship room*

Bible Study will Resume on January 8th.

Newcomers are always welcome,
please join us in the new year!

- We pray and we listen for God's voice through Scripture, reflection, and silence

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2025

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again!

To all Ministries, Committees, and Groups:

Please submit your reports for the 2025 Annual Report to the office by **Sunday, January 18th, 2026.**

Reports can be emailed to: office@standrewsuc.ca.

If your committee does not have a Chairperson, please assign a member (or members) to prepare the report. If

you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the office. Thank you for your contributions!

Save the Date:
Sunday, February 22nd

St. Andrew's Annual General Meeting

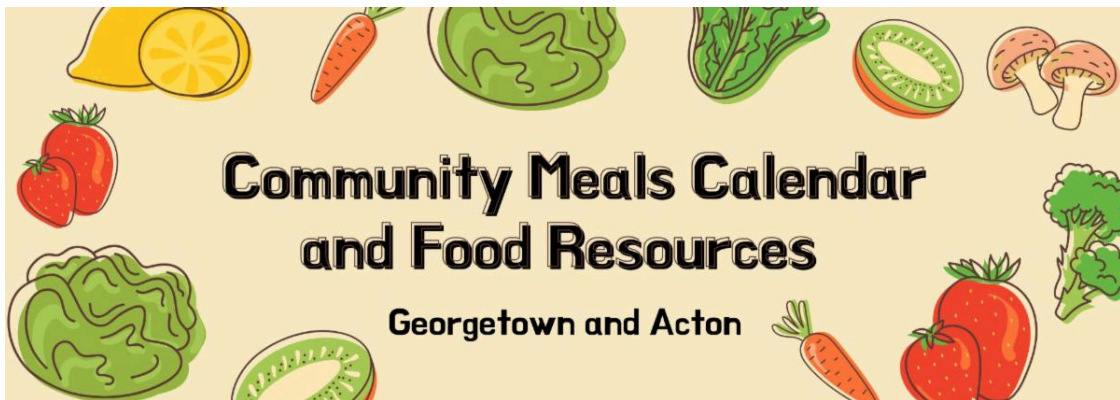
The meeting will follow the service. More details to come.



Our Daily Bread Booklets

The January/February/March issue is now available! Please find them on the table across from the office. Donations to the Daily Bread would be greatly appreciated.

Community Announcements



[Click here to view December's calendar, as well as more details about local food resources](#)

snacks and refreshments available



GEORGETOWN YOUTH HANGOUT

FRI. JAN 9TH AT 7PM

PRISM HALTON & NORVAL UNITED CHURCH
14015 DANBY RD



FOR 2SLGBTQIA+
YOUTH AND ALLIES



Norval United Church is pleased to host a monthly safe space drop-in for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and allies from Georgetown and the surrounding area. This program is offered in partnership with PRISM and provides a supportive, welcoming environment for youth to connect with one another.

The drop-in takes place in the youth room at Norval United Church and is supervised by at least two adult allies with current police checks. Activities are casual and youth-led, typically including crafts, games, or other creative options based on the interests of those attending.

Events are usually held monthly on the first Friday, with details shared on social media. Our next drop-in will be held on January 9th. Please see the attached poster for event details and follow social media for future dates.



United Church Mission & Service Fund

An Advent Lesson from Children

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Last year, a small gift reminded us just how powerful generosity can be. We received a cheque for \$125 from a longtime Mission and Service donor. But the money didn't come from her... it came from her three grandchildren. They had gathered loose change from around their house, rolling loonies, quarters, and dimes. They were told they could spend it on anything they wanted. Instead, they chose to send it all to help children in Ukraine. Their letter said simply, "They decided to send it to help children in need." That story was a reminder of something that already lives within us. We don't need to be taught how to care. God created us for compassion, and sometimes it takes the perspective of children to remind us of that. That same spirit of generosity was powerfully echoed at General Council 45, where youth delegates from across the country shared their hopes for the church. They spoke of a church that is more than buildings, one that adapts boldly to God's call. They imagined a church that cares deeply about the world beyond its walls and is committed to real change. They envisioned a community that places the needs of the vulnerable first and uses its resources to serve others. Their voices reflected the heart of Mission and Service: meeting people with compassion, supporting partners who respond to crises, and working for justice and healing in Canada and around the world. The dreams of these young leaders, and the generosity of children who share what little they have, show the kind of future the church can build when people join their sparks together. This Advent, Mission and Service invites the church to share sparks of compassion that can ignite fires of change. When generosity is passed from one person to another, it grows into comfort, hope, and lasting impact for those who need it most. Thank you for supporting Mission and Service and helping that spark shine brightly this season.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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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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