

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday May 2, 2024

## St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

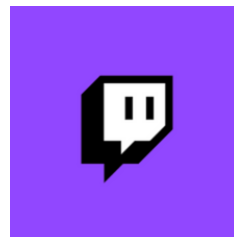


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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship This Week - Sunday May 5th

Thank you to Rev. Kate Young for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for a special Sunday service as we welcome three new members to St. Andrew's through Confirmation!

Theme: Red Dress Day

The Responsive Psalm: Psalm 98, VU 818

The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Sermon: 'The Red Dress'



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**May 5th** - Red Dress Day and Confirmations

**May 12th** - Mother's Day and Baptism

**May 19th** - Pentecost, Guest Preacher Mary Parsons  
LLWL, Communion and Covenanting with Kate Young

**May 26th** - Horseshoe Falls Regional Council meeting in  
Port Elgin, Scott Martin LLWL leading worship

**June 9** - Joint Service of Worship at Norval United Church  
for 99th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.



### Scripture Summary

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

### Humour Corner

A pastor was in the habit of reading every word of his sermons - which were rather long and tedious. One of the congregation thought to cure him of this, and, before the service, slipped into the pulpit and removed one page at random.

The preacher began. After a while he reached the point where the page was gone. "And Adam said unto Eve..." He paused. "And Adam, err, said unto Eve...There seems to be a leaf missing!"

## Membership Announcements

### In Memoriam: Andy Valenton

We sadly announce the passing of Andy Valenton who has been a regular attendee at St. Andrew's since moving into the Residence.

Andy enjoyed attending Bible Study on Thursday mornings and wheeled into the Sanctuary whenever he was able on Sunday am and always enjoyed fellowship after the service. He never missed a community dinner unless he

was in hospital. Andy had struggled with his health for some time and was on dialysis but in spite of all his problems he was always upbeat. He was fiercely independent and determined to stay in his apartment even when others thought he would be better off in assisted living.

When I asked Andy if he wanted to have his picture taken for the photo directory he smiled and said "Well I'm blind so I won't be able to see it." I told him it was a history of our church and all who participated in it so that's why he should consider it.

Andy booked his time and came to the session well ahead of schedule all dressed up in his Sunday best. He quite enjoyed the banter with the photographer. It turned out to be a great photo and will be a nice memory of Andy.

At this time the plan is for a private family service only as we keep Andy's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

**Broadview magazine:** Thanks to all new subscribers and those who renewed this very informative magazine. We had a total of 27 subscribers and your support is greatly appreciated.

**Update re. the photo directory.** It went to the printer the beginning of March so we should have it soon. Thanks to all for your patience.

**April 21:** Hillcrest and St. John's UC joined us for our Earth Day celebration on April 21. What a joyous occasion! Thank you to Rev. Kate and Pastor Sue for their leadership. Our appreciation to all the choirs under the leadership of Sue Whaley and Mark Peterson for their inspiring music. It was uplifting to see the sanctuary filled to capacity with overflow seating into the friendship room. Thank you to all who donated refreshments for our fellowship time.

To add to the special service, we welcomed the following young adults through confirmation as full members. They are Matthew Tyhurst, Jana Agla, Amy Tyhurst, Willem Prete and Lucas Sprague. Thank you to Rev. Jean Leckie for leading this class. How wonderful to be able to celebrate the commitment of these young people and look forward to their participation in our church life. All in all a memorable event.

## **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.

Kudos to our members who are hiking for hospice. Be sure to support them however you are able.

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# Combined Service and Confirmation



## It was a Joyous Sunday! - The April 21 Combined Church Service at St. Andrew's United

Excitement was in the air this past Sunday when the congregations of Hillcrest, St. Andrew's and St. John's, plus some friends from Norval, joined together in a combined service to celebrate Earth Day. It was wonderful to see the sanctuary completely full with worshippers, and to provide over flow seating in the hallway and Fellowship Room. A special highlight of the service was the Confirmation of a number of young people. We again enjoyed the combined

voices of 3 church choirs guided by Sue Whaley and Mark Peterson. Our thanks to Kate Young - St. Andrew's, Sue Cowan - St. John's, and Jean Leckie - St. Andrew's for putting together such a meaningful and joyous service. Members from the 4 congregations stayed afterwards to enjoy refreshments, deepen our friendship and learn more about the Hike for Hospice and our need for a hospice in North Halton. Looking Ahead - Our four Georgetown congregations will be getting together again on Sun. June 9 @10:00AM, when Norval United will host all in a celebration of the 99th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.  
- Drew Leverette of St. John's United

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## St. Andrew's Announcements

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### **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.**

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**ST. ANDREW'S**

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

**Friday, May 17th**  
**Doors Open at 5:30 PM**

The third Friday of every month.  
Please contact the office  
if you would like takeout.



# Men's Online Bible Study



Monday May 6th, 10:00am-12:00pm  
This week we will be meeting at St.  
Andrew's in the Gym. Contact Rev. Ross  
Leckie for more details.

## Weekly Bible Study

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

**HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2024**

Registration is \$25

Join us!

presented by: **canada life**

TOWNSEND SMITH FOUNDATION

Hike for Hospice

Saturday, May 4th 10am-2pm

Walk, Run, Bike!

There is a team site for walkers from our four churches called UNITED4HOSPICE (U4H). Please Join us as a Walker or Sponsor by registering at the following link or by sponsoring one of our team members.

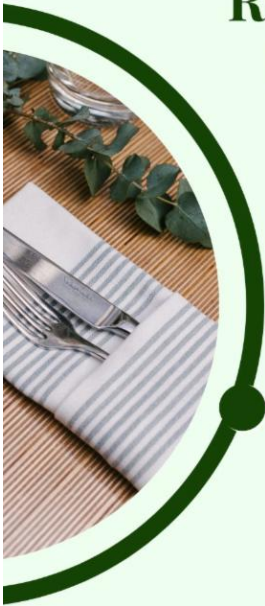
U4H hopes all four congregations will respond generously with their time and talents to assist with running the Georgetown hike. On May 4, we will need a cadre of 25 volunteers at our Norval United hike location. Please Join us as a Volunteer in one of the following roles:

- The Hike Route - serving as guide along our Georgetown South route to provide safety and encouragement to walkers
- Inside - checking-in and welcoming pre-registered walkers inside in the church Gathering Area
- Outside - supervising and welcoming walkers as they enjoy the church front parking lot display of special cars, fire engine and food event truck

Please contact Jean Leckie if you can help us.

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

# Community Announcements



## Rotary Club of Georgetown Free Community Dinners

Everyone is welcome.

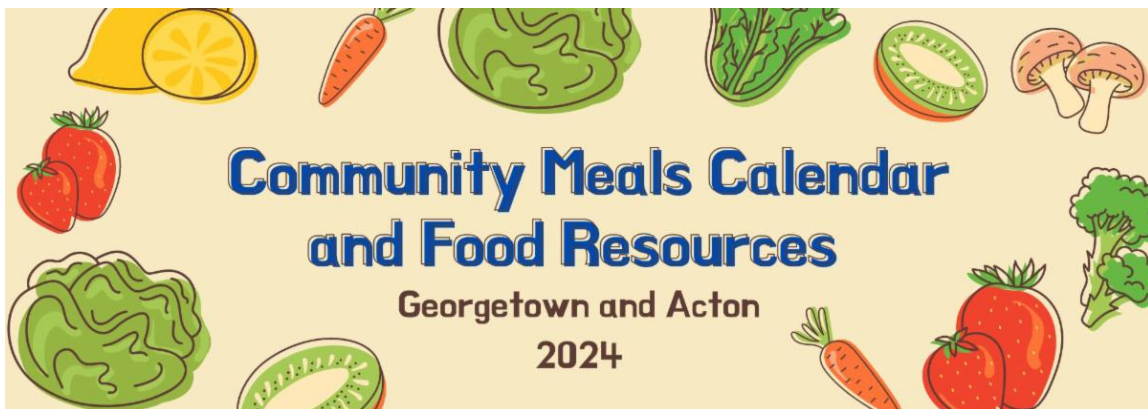
Donations to cover the cost of those who are able to would be appreciated.

**Fri. May 3rd at 6:00pm**

Doors open at 5:30pm

Knox Presbyterian Church

116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON



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

## Looking for Donations

The Halton Housing Help Organization is looking for a sleeping bag or tent donation for a client.

If you have any information, please contact the office.





## GO Beyond: Youth Mission Programs

Toronto, ON: July 6th – 14th, 2024  
St. John's, NL: July 27th – August 4th, 2024

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**United Church Mission & Service Fund**

### **A Beacon of Hope**

**MECC is dedicated to sustainable relief.**

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*





When we hear of a global emergency, our minds often jump to “How can we help?” Your gifts to Mission and Service enable partners to immediately get to work providing crucial basic needs: food, water, shelter, and medication. But after the initial response, and after headlines fade away, the emergency and urgency remain.

After the immediate shock lessens, people living in the wake of a disaster can have difficulty imagining what life will look like down the road. In these times, hope is essential. By giving us the motivation to keep moving forward, hope is a powerful force that inspires us to keep going.

Mission and Service partner the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) continues to be hard at work providing hope. People in Syria are still experiencing the devastating aftermath of the February 2023 earthquakes. From retrofitting buildings and providing medical equipment to education and trauma healing, MECC is dedicated to sustainable relief.

In Aleppo, MECC rehabilitated four schools before the academic year launched in September 2023, providing children with a safe place to learn. Thank you for supporting the work of our Mission and Service partners. Your generosity is a beacon of hope during challenging times.

# WAYS TO GIVE

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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.**

Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

*Sent with love* 

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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