

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



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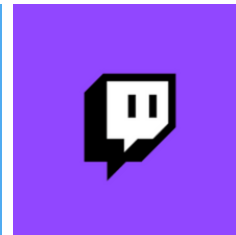
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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday May 11, 2023

We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am  
on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch & 100.3 FM  
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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship This Week- Sunday May 14 Theme: Living a life Caring for others Christian Family Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Christian Family Sunday. This day holds great significance as it serves as a reminder of the importance and blessings of family life within the context of our Christian faith. We will explore the biblical foundations of family, the challenges we face in nurturing our families, and the role of the church in supporting and strengthening our Christian families. God's intention was for the family to be a place of love, unity, and spiritual growth. The family serves as a reflection of the divine relationship between Christ and the Church. Families today can take on many different forms. Often,

on the second Sunday of May we celebrate Mother's Day, but this special time is more than just mothers, it also involves rising up and celebrating those in our lives that have cared for and nurtured us.

While the family is a beautiful gift from God, we cannot ignore the challenges that families encounter in today's world. The pressures of work, the distractions of technology, and the erosion of moral values all pose threats to the unity and well-being of our families.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to nurture and strengthen our families. The church plays a vital role in supporting and strengthening our Christian families. It is here that we find a community of believers who can provide encouragement, accountability, and guidance. The church should be a place where families can grow together in faith, where parents can find resources and support, and where children can experience the love and nurture of a larger spiritual family.

Christian Family Sunday provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the blessings of our families and renew our commitment to their well-being. Families that care for one another can have an outreaching effect of the world around us. Our world can be a better place when we place priority on showing care for one another.

**Scripture Readings: John 14: 15-21, 1 Peter 3:8-21**  
**Sermon: Showing Care to Others!**

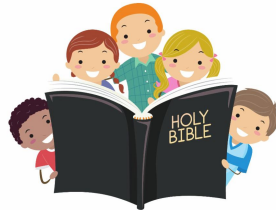


**Thank you to Jean and the Sunday School School  
for decorating our bulletin board!**



## Scripture Summary

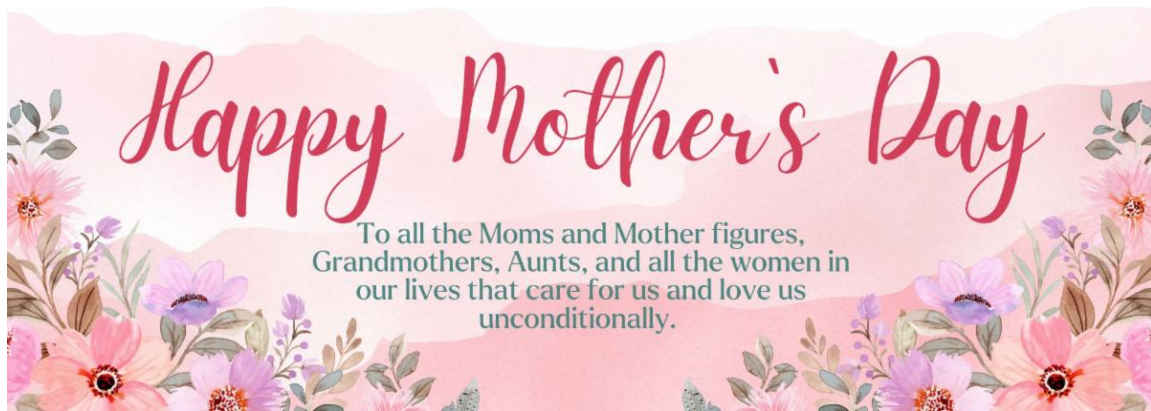
### 1 Peter 2:2-10



Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing.

## Humour Corner

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."



## St. Andrew's Announcements

### Membership: Important Dates

**MAY 14** - Mother's Day.

**MAY 21** - Grant is away and in lieu of pulpit supply Sue and the choir are planning a fantastic **Music Sunday**. Our youth will be involved through song and instrumentals.

There will be solos, duets, choir anthems and readings plus a hymn sing. Please let us know if you have a favourite hymn and we will try to include it. This will be a joyful Sunday and although it is a long weekend we hope you will be able to join us.

**JUNE 3 - MAJOR CLEAN UP DAY:** We need all hands on deck - 12 years and up. We hope to see some strong backs and people under 70. If any youth are looking for volunteer hours this is your opportunity. We hope to have teams of people assigned to different areas of the church to handle the different tasks. It has been awhile since we've had a thorough clean up due to Covid.

Many jobs needed but priority tasks involved are:

Kitchen clean up - cupboards, fridges, stoves, walls.

Hallways - wash walls, baseboards need cleaning and repair - clean basement



stairs

Gym- tables and chairs need to be checked and repaired as required. Some items removed from loft

Washrooms- wipe down walls

Sanctuary - clean pews and carpet.

Friendship room /small kitchen

Wash Windows inside and out.

There will be a sign up sheet posted and you can also sign up via the office at 905-877-4482

Or email office: <[office@standrewsuc.ca](mailto:office@standrewsuc.ca)>

Clean up day is **important** in order to attract rentals. We need to have a clean looking environment and Public Health will be doing a kitchen inspection in the near future.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD MAJOR CLEAN-UP DAY SIGNUP

We need your help! Please sign up below or on the sheet posted on the bulletin board!



[Please click here to sign up online](#)

June 4 - Church picnic at Dominion Gardens Park

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***It has been 5 years since our last photo directory.*** We were unable to update it during Covid.

**We have blocked off Aug 22,23,24 from 1:30 - 8:30 and October 18,19,20 1:30-8:30 pm and Oct.21 9:30 -4:30 pm**

There is no charge to have your picture taken, you are not obligated to purchase pictures. You will receive 1 photo and a directory plus we will have access to jpeg files password protected to use and update.

We will be starting to set up appointments very soon so be thinking about when it would be convenient for your family.

At this time we will also be updating privacy consents and contact information.

# Circle of Friends

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

The next meeting is tomorrow  
Friday, May 12th at 9:30 am in the  
Fellowship room



Saturday, May 13th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH



MEN'S  
*Breakfast*

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!

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Friday May 19, 2023  
Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

ST. ANDREW'S  
**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown  
Anyone wanting takeout,  
please contact the office.

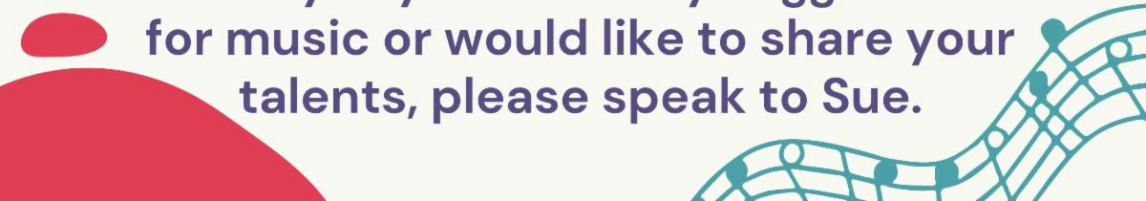
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# Music Sunday

Next week Rev Grant will be away for a week of study. Next Sunday, May 21 the worship service will be offered by the choir and Susan Whaley for Music Sunday. If you have any suggestions for music or would like to share your talents, please speak to Sue.



## **Outdoor Worship and Picnic Sunday June 4 at 10 AM**

We will be holding our annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic in the Dominion Gardens Park Gazebo and play field. The area is accessible to all people. Please bring your own chair, and some food to share in Potluck. Beverages will be provided. Parking is best in the lot off Maple Ave. In the case of rain, we will hold the service at the church. All are welcome!

## **Help is Needed! June 4th Picnic day**

We are looking for some people to help with transporting and setting up some tables and chairs, Keyboard and sound system in Dominion Gardens, and providing beverages cups etc. If you can help with this please speak to Grant.







## JOIN THE ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH BASEBALL TEAM

**St. Andrew's Baseball Team- Once again St. Andrew's will have a baseball team in the local church league. This league is co-ed and is non competitive. We play on Wednesday nights at 7 PM starting in May. It is open to anyone ages 14 and up. If you are interested, please speak to Grant Williams or Joanne Wardle.**

Please come show your support and cheer on our team!

Date	Conservation	Norval
May 24	Heart Lake vs. NBUC	Mayfield vs. St. Andrew's
May 31	Mayfield vs. Heart Lake	St. Andrew's vs NBUC
June 7	Heart Lake vs. St. Andrew's	NBUC vs. Mayfield
June 14	St. Andrew's vs, Mayfield	NBUC vs. Heart Lake
June 21	NBUC vs. St. Andrew's	Heart Lake vs. Mayfield
June 28	Mayfield vs NBUC	St. Andrews vs. Heart Lake
July 5	Heart Lake vs. NBUC	Mayfield vs. St. Andrew's
July 12	Mayfield vs. Heart Lake	St. Andrew's vs. NBUC

### Playoffs - Round Robin

July 19	Mayfield vs. Heart Lake	St. Andrew's vs NBC
July 26	NBUC vs. Mayfield	Heart Lake vs. St. Andrew's
August 2	Heart Lake vs. NBUC	St. Andrew's vs. Mayfield

### Semi Finals

August 9	2 vs. 3	1 vs. 4
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## Finals

August 16	Winners of Semis	No Game
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# Food Donations



Georgetown  
**BREAD BASKET**  
*Your local food bank*

The Georgetown Bread Basket is running low on food due to high demand. If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church.



Some of the most needed items include: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Juice Boxes, Crackers, Chicken Rice Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jam, Ketchup Instant Coffee, Cereal, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter.

[Please click here for the full list of food items needed](#)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE TIME

If you have been enjoying fellowship and the baking offered we invite you to consider signing up to help with coffee time in the upcoming Sundays. I realize that the people available to do this are small in number so greatly appreciate the fact that many of you have been stepping up more often. If you are unable to assist with serving, please consider donating baked goods or store bought cookies to our fellowship hour.



## Collecting Used Batteries

In support of Georgetown Hospital  
Volunteer Association

## Collecting Eyeglasses

In support of the Lions Club

## Collecting Pop Can Tabs

In support of the Shriners

## Collecting Used Pens

For proper recycling

> Drop off at the church,  
collection boxes are beside the photocopier



## Community Announcements

### St. Johns's United Church Perennial Sale

Saturday, May 20th from 9:00-noon

If you have overgrown perennials, please think about splitting them and contributing them to the Perennial Sale which will be held in the back parking lot. Plants may be dropped on Friday, May 19th from 4:00-6:00 PM. Please label your plants and add any useful information. Plants will be sold on a donation basis with all proceeds benefitting St. John's. Contact: Jackie MacFarlane at [dave\\_jackiemac@hotmail.com](mailto:dave_jackiemac@hotmail.com) or 905 877 7668.





## Rotary Free Community Dinners at Knox Presbyterian Church

Supported by Out of the Cold Volunteers

### Everyone is Welcome

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

### Friday, June 2nd

Doors open at 5:30

116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON

We are unfortunately not wheelchair accessible,  
but an electric stair chair is available

## Trinity United Church BBQ Half Chicken Dinner

**\$16.00  
Takeout  
Only**



**For tickets  
call  
519-853-0806**

**Friday, June 2, 2023  
Pick-up 5:00-7:00pm  
Trinity United Church, 70 Mill St. E., Acton**

**Dinner includes: BBQ half chicken, baked potato  
w/sour cream, coleslaw, bun w/butter, dessert**



**United Church Mission & Service Fund**

**Moving Forward Together: United Against Hate**





# UNITED AGAINST HATE

**FAITHFULLY  
RESPONDING TO  
ANTI-2SLGBTQ+  
ACTIONS**



## Countering increasing violence and misinformation

On February 15, 2023, Mission & Service partners United in Learning, Affirming Connections, and Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble collaborated to host a webinar called United against Hate.

There is an alarming increase in violence and misinformation targeted against transgender folks and drag artists. The United against Hate webinar provided context to allies who may not have known the depth of the challenges faced by the Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ community and shared ideas on how best to support community events that regularly face protests and barriers. Panellists also offered insight into building a safe and educational social media presence, including managing challenging discussion topics.

The webinar was an overwhelming success, with the live limit of 100 participants reached. Those who could not attend were encouraged to watch the recording. Participants shared positive feedback and made action plans on how to move forward together.

Your gifts to Mission & Service help support future events that will enable Affirming communities of faith to truly live into that identity in practical and safe ways.





This week has been a time of transitions. My daughter Katie has been getting moved into a new house in St. Catherine's and began a new full-time job yesterday. Hard to believe she is growing up and moving out on her own.

For me, since I shared the news that I will be stepping down as your minister, people have reached out to me to share their congratulations and best wishes as I prepare to say goodbye to a congregation I have loved for the past 19 years. What I keep hearing is, "you have done so much here" or "we will miss you" or "it won't be the same without you". These are all normal statements offered whenever there is a transition. The reality is that yes, all those things are true, but remains the same is that the congregation will still be the same people who care and share with one another.

In my situation, I may be leaving St. Andrew's, but I am not retiring, but rather taking a break from ministry fulltime to pursue home renovation work. I will still be around town; you will see me; I am open to pulpit supply and the opportunities as they arise.

My first calling was to home renovation work which began when I was 8 years old and helping my father build a 2000 square foot addition to our family home. All through high school I worked for my church with rental properties they owned and needed maintaining. At the end of high school my father asked me if I wanted a job building houses with him. So, we bought a vacant building lot and built our first house together in 1987. We then went on to build three more homes for sale. After that, my dad and I continued to do reno work under the name Willbuilt Construction for a few years. During this time, I also attended community college full time and earned a degree in Construction engineering. After all this I set aside this vocation, attended university and pursued ministry for the past 27 years.

So now I am hearing God's call to return to the roots I had planted back then and have started up my new business called Willbuilt Home Inspection and Renovation Services. This revisiting the original business name begun 36 years ago. In the meantime, I also have earned a college diploma in Home Inspections and will look forward to pursuing this also. Feel free to like my Facebook page or follow me on Instagram. You can see some of the work I have done over many years.

Since the pandemic, there have been large changes in the world and around us. The church is not the same and we are not the same. As I move into another work calling to renovation work, I will still be following God's call in my heart. I will look forward to expanding my knowledge of the wider church, new church developments, and realigning myself with what God has planned for

me.

After I leave St. Andrew's this summer, it will be a great opportunity for the congregation to seek a new pathway forward and be with God as you craft a new vision for the future. Only God knows what path the future will take, but as you journey on, I ask you to please take some time to discern with God what needs the congregation has and how you may best serve the people in Georgetown. This will be an exciting time ahead and I pray it will be life giving for you. In the meantime, please drop in to say hello, send an email or call me on the phone. I am happy to chat with you.

Next week, I will be away on a week of study. The worship service will be offered by Sue Whaley as a music Sunday. In the case of a pastoral emergency, Sue Cowan has offered to be available. She can be reached at 905-873-3171.

Blessings,  
See you on Sunday.  
Grant



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## WAYS TO GIVE



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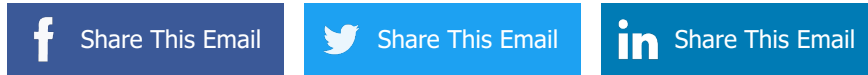
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Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history.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