NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday January 25, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews





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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, January 28th

Thank you to Rev. Kate Young for leading us in worship this week! We would appreciate it if you could please wear your nametags on Sundays to help Rev. Kate learn our names. We hope you can join us for our Sunday service!

Theme: Jesus Teaches and Heals Many

Scripture Readings: Psalm 111 VU 833; Mark 1:21-28

Sermon: 'By Whose Authority?'



Scripture Summary

You give food to those who fear you; you keep your covenant always in mind. You have shown your power in action, giving your people the heritage of nations. The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts trustworthy. They stand fast forever and ever; grounded in justice and truth.

Humour Corner

There was a new family that had just moved into town. Their son came to Sunday School but seemed upset. His teacher asked him if anything was wrong.

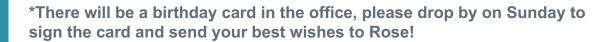
The boy replied no, that he was going to go fishing but his dad told him that he needed to go to church instead. The teacher was very impressed with the boy's parents and asked the boy if his father had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing.

The boy replied, "Yes he did. My dad said that he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

Membership Announcements

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY ROSE!

Wishing Rose Marcham a very Happy
Birthday, born on January 30th, 1924! Rosie
was delighted to attend St Andrew's for many
years and always attended the UCW monthly
meetings! Barbara Munro, Jean Brown and Ina
Reed have been bringing her a cake every
year since her 90th Birthday and have been
keeping her involved with the church! Best
wishes, Rose from your St. Andrew's family!



In Memoriam - Bill Heinmiller

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday January 27, 2024 at Ashburnham Funeral Home and Reception Centre, 840 Armour Road, Peterborough from 2-4 p.m

We send our condolences to Brian, Nancy, Mark, Becky and the family with the passing of Brian's brother. We keep their family in our prayers.



Please click here to view the obituary and share memories or words of condolence

Worship at St. John's United













Last Sunday, Sue Cowan created and delivered a meaningful service that integrated the many smiling faces from Hillcrest, St. Andrew's and St. John's in a celebration of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Our second combined service involved 140 worshippers, who later enjoyed animated conversations over refreshments. The sun was streaming through stained glass windows as people filtered into the church sanctuary. The service utilized the talents and gifts of the leaders of all three congregations and the huge, combined choir filled the space with glorious sound. The large congregation

singing the hymns sounded pretty wonderful, as well! The service itself was uplifting and meaningful and the space was filled with warmth and friendship. Thank you to St. John's United for hosting us! Our friendship continues to grow and we look forward to our third combined service on Sunday April 21 - Earth Day, hosted by St. Andrew's.

Rev. Kate Young

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St. Andrew's Announcements

St. Andrew's Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 11th, 2024 11:00am-2:00pm

We are looking for volunteers to make sandwiches and cookies/squares for the meeting.

Sign-up sheets are posted outside of the sanctuary or please contact the office.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting Friday, January 26th at 9:30 am in the Fellowship room

Weekly Bible Study

10am every Thursday
Book of Matthew: The Messengers of the King
Invite your friends.
Add to your spiritual journey.



Walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year - Sat. Feb. 24, 2024 Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's will be walking together as one on the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) under the team banner Angels United. Our team captain is Joanne Wardle (St. Andrew's). Please go to the Angels United CNOY webpage to join up as a walker or to sponsor a familiar name. All funds raised through the CNOY Halton Hills Walk stay in the community and will be directed to the Georgetown Bread and Links2Care.

Please click here to register for our CNOY Team or sponsor one of our walkers!

Missing!

We are looking for our Green Stand-Up Dolley, with the steel plate! If you know where it is or have borrowed it, please return it to the church! Thank you!

Community Announcements



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

Place wanted!

48 year old male needs a place to stay while searching for work in the neighborhood. If you'd have a room available that could be used and would like to help him, please contact Greg Howard or the church office.



Easter Basket Brigade Spring 2024











2024 is a year where we together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...but it only happens with action and it has begun at the top – with God. Jesus has chosen you as "His Voice" and calls each and every one of us to walk in his ways, and together we are taking a beautiful step in our journey in his name.

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Collection of Cards/Donations: Now until Saturday March 9th, 2024

Request:

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:17-18)

In conjunction with the Georgetown BreadBasket, Community Unity has

identified approx 225 Families in need of Groceries in the Halton Hills area and will be convening Saturday March 16th 9:30 AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the easel outside of the sanctuary. We are suggesting our Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by ideally purchasing (2) \$50.00 Grocery Gift Cards and also writing an Easter Card to the family and share God's love between us... Any size of donation is greatly appreciated and please forward all Cards, Donations and Easter Cards to your Church Representative, Ross Leckie.

OR

Donations to Community Unity

Individual Donations will also be gratefully accepted and donations may also be made at http://www.communityunityhaltonhills.com/ and clicking on "Donate" - Canada Helps - a tax receipt will be instantly generated. It would be ideal to receive the donations prior to March 9th as it takes a week for the funds to be released to Community Unity.

God in his mercy has provided us with his bounty, and likewise we can open our hearts and share this bounty with our Community.

http://www.communityunityhaltonhills.com/

Communication Action Points (God needs you to...)

- Spread God's Message about what we as a Christian Community are doing from the Pulpit – Announce the upcoming event, getting the congregation to embrace a family as this is a wonderful way to share God's love with our neighbours.
- Post the information that we will be forwarding on your website/Bulletin Board etc

If you have any other suggestions, please let us know as this is your "Community Unity" in action!

We will be reaching out with reminders over the next weeks and of course will arrange collection of the cards and Easter Cards to be distributed.

This is going to be a great demonstration of the love of God and our love of our neighbour. Thank you so much for your help!

On behalf of your Community Unity Team!

Timothy Chisholm tic@ch

Timothy Ćhisholm tjc@chisintl.com Executive Director Easter Basket Brigade Community Unity – Halton Hills

Please click here to watch the CUHH Easter Basket Brigade Video



Out of the Cold Open Meals

Free to anyone who needs them.

Tuesday and Thursday nights 8:30-10:00pm
Takeout available.
Knox Presbyterian Chruch
116 Main St. S. Georgetown ON







United Church Mission & Service Fund

Social Support through Education

"When we come together and get to know each other, we have a community."

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Signing up for a course is both exciting and nerve-wracking. We think about what skills we'll learn, how quickly we'll see improvement, and how naturally "talented" we may be.

In Sambir, Ukraine, English teacher Ilona is encouraging her learners to challenge that way of thinking and enjoy the aspect of social time with one another while learning English. This class, supported by Mission and Service partner ACT Alliance, is part of a psychosocial support program for Ukrainians displaced by war. Ilona and her family were also displaced by the conflict in Ukraine, and she is now actively contributing to the well-being of others in similar situations.

While online learning expands opportunities and access to learning, distance learners miss crucial social engagement and human interaction. Ilona shares, "When we come together and get to know each other, we have a community. We can open up and share our thoughts, feelings, and experiences." In a low-pressure learning environment, students can feel comfortable as they learn skills and learn about each other.

Thank you for the support you show to through <u>Mission and Service</u> as our neighbours endure the ongoing impacts of war and conflict.

WAYS TO GIVE

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







CANADA HELPS











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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



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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