

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, February 12, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

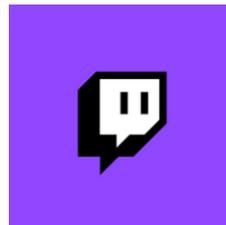


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St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Week:
Sunday, February 15th
10AM at St. Andrew's**

During the month of February, we welcome St. John's United and look forward to worshipping together. We hope you can join us in-person or online!

Transfiguration Sunday Year A

The New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: 'Spiritual Highs and Lows'

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

Greeters: Wayne and Caroline Peasgood
Scripture Reader: Gail Bancroft
Coffee Time: Nora McClure and Carol Hall
Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

February - Worship Collaboratively with Kate at St. Andrew's
February 22nd - Annual Meetings follow worship in both congregations

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



Valentine's Food Drive

If you are able, we would greatly appreciate food donations in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket. Donations can be brought in to the collection boxes at St. Andrew's, now until Sunday, February 15th.

Thank you for your support!

Most Needed	Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canned Flakes of turkey/ham/chicken• Canned tomatoes• Cookies• Instant oatmeal/hot cereal• Ketchup• Mayonnaise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruit cups• Orange Pekoe tea• Pudding cups• Sidekicks/Rice-a-Roni• Shampoo/Conditioner• Syrup



Humour Corner

Four-year-old Mitch loved candy almost as much as his mom Ann did. He and Daddy had given her a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day. A few days later Mitch was eyeing it, wishing to have a piece of it. As he reached out to touch one of the big pieces, Ann said to him, "If you touch it, then you have to eat it. Do you understand?"

"Oh, yes," he said, nodding his head. Suddenly his little hand patted the tops of all the pieces of candy. "Now I can eat them all."

Membership Announcements

Thank you and Valentines Day

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of delicious baking. When we put out a call for assistance it is answered in abundance. Much appreciated.

This weekend is Valentines so wear red in celebration of the month of love. ❤️

Annual Meeting

Feb 22 is our annual meeting after the service and there is a sign up sheet for sandwiches and sweets. St. John's will be worshipping and having their own meeting at their church. We hope to see a good turnout for this important event as we move forward!

Annual Report

The annual report has been sent out over email. If you are having issues with the file, please email the office. A big thank you to everyone who submitted a report!

Volunteer Hours Needed!

We have to submit yearly statistics to the United Church of Canada. One of the statistics they are requesting are the **number of volunteer hours contributed by your congregants and adherents to the life of your community of faith for 2025.**

We realize that this is a difficult thing to do since so many people volunteer a lot of time to the church, but we are going to try and quantify this number again this year.

There will be sign up sheets at church for you to enter your estimated hours or you can email the church office at office@standrewsuc.ca with your name and the number of hours you are estimating for volunteering last year.

Please submit your hours by February 25th, 2026 as they have to be reported by March 2nd, 2026.

This looks like it will be a yearly statistic, so please also start keeping track of your volunteer hours for 2026! Thank you for your support.

Community Unity

Thank you to Jean and Ross Leckie and Ross, Margaret and Michelle Yahiro for serving chili at the end of January and the first week of February at the Georgetown Bread Basket as part of a Community Unity initiative. Thank you also to Jean Leckie, Stephanie Scott and The Yahiros for making the 5 pots of chili each week! It was the perfect amount! Jean's extra vegetarian pot each week was very much appreciated! The clients at the food bank were very thankful!

Prayers of the People

Linda MacKinnon fell while doing her volunteer job at the hospital and fractured her hip. She is in good spirits as she recovers from surgery . Linda says she is getting VIP care. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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.

Choir Feature for February

This month, St. Andrew's choir will be performing a selection of love songs. Please join us 15 minutes before the Sunday service to enjoy the music and start your worship on a joyful note.



Weekly Bible Study

*Every Thursday at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Room*

We pray and we listen for God's voice through Scripture, reflection, and silence.
All are welcome!

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, February 13th at
9:30 am in the Fellowship room



Saturday, February 14th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast
CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.
All are invited to join us!

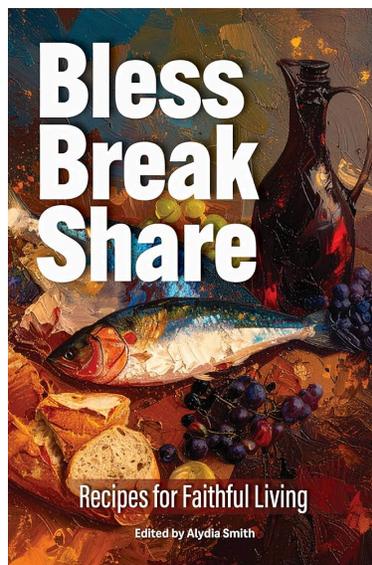


Men's Online Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00am on Zoom
'The Cross and the Olive Tree:
Cultivating Palestinian Theology amid Gaza'



Men's Study Group meets by Zoom each Monday morning from 10-11:30 am. They will soon begin discussing the book, *The Cross and the Olive Tree, Cultivating Palestinian Theology amid Gaza* by John Munayer and Samuel Munayer. If you would like to join, please contact Rev. Ross Leckie, 905-873-9808



Lenten Study

St. John's and St. Andrew's United Churches

Using the United Church Lenten Study Book for 2026, *Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living*, please join Kate for a time together each week during March. Most of the sessions will be on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm, with two in-person meetings. One in-person gathering will be held at St. John's on Wednesday, March 4 and one in-person meeting at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, April 1.

A Zoom link will be available for those who are participating in the study. The book can be ordered through Kate or by going to the United Church Resource Centre. www.ucrd.com. The book is available as a softcover or an e-book. Please let Kate know if you are planning to join the study. I look forward to sharing Lent with you.

[Please click here to purchase the softcover or E-book](#)

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OF THE YEAR



Angels United

Hillcrest • Norval • St. Andrew's • St. John's

Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:00PM Check-In Time

The United Churches will be walking together as one in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care.

Please use the QR code or go to the Angels United CNOY webpage to register. Thank you for your support!



Please use the QR code to register or sponsor our team



Walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year - Sat. Feb. 28, 2026

The Coldest Night of the Year Walk is fast approaching! The money raised is for Links2Care and the Georgetown Bread Basket!

A big thank you to everyone who has already donated. If you haven't donated yet, you can do it through the link below. **You can also donate in person after church this Sunday as we will set up a table outside of the Fellowship room.** If any other team members want to collect donations, you are welcome to join us! You have to donate a minimum of \$20 to get a tax receipt. Our goal this year is \$8,000 this year.

Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's will again be walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) under the team banner **Angels United**. Our team captain is Joanne Wardle from St. Andrew's. The 5KM & 2KM walk event will be held at 4:00PM on Sat. Feb. 28 at St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph St. St. Andrew's will be the rest stop. Please go to

the **Angels United CNOY**

webpage: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1039871> to sign-up as a walker, sponsor a registered walker, or donate to the team in general. All funds raised through the CNOY Georgetown Walk stay in the community and will be directed to the Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care. This is our first combined United Church outreach event for 2026. Your support is greatly appreciated

[Please click here to register or sponsor one of our walkers](#)

There are also volunteer positions available! Once you add the location "Georgetown - Georgetown Bread Basket, Links2Care", it will list the positions available including "route-rest stop hosts (2)" which will be at St. Andrew's.

[Please click here if you would like to volunteer](#)



Easter Basket Brigade
Saturday March 28, 2026



We together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...and this is happening with your action and answering "**His Calling**" loudly. 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.

Collection of Cards/Donations: From Churches Latest Tuesday March 24, 2026

God's Ask...

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 28th 9:30 AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. We are Praying for and "Asking" 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.

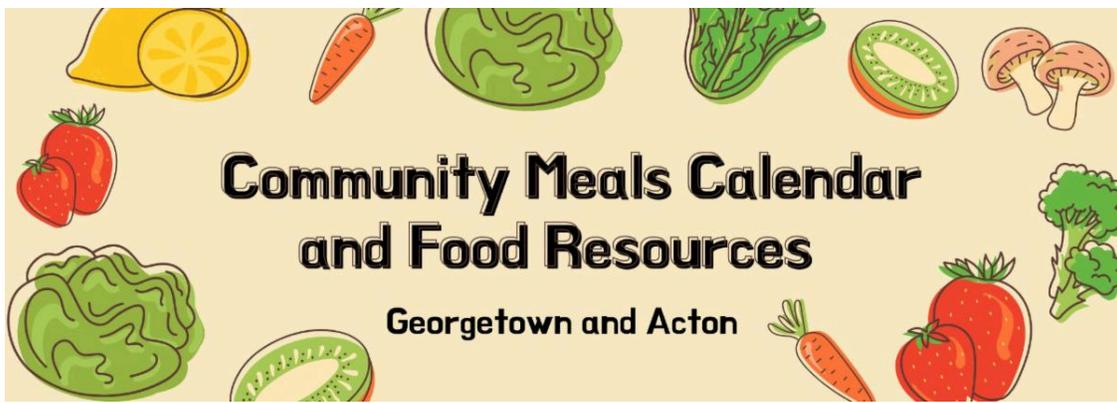
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Donations to Community Unity

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 22nd as it takes a week for the funds to be released to Community Unity.



Community Announcements



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

Hillcrest Custodian (Contract Position)

Hillcrest United Church is looking for a mature individual interested in performing on-site contracted cleaning services starting June 2026. Duties include but are not limited to vacuuming, dusting, bathroom cleaning, floor cleaning/mopping, window cleaning, kitchen cleaning and garbage collection inside the building. Not all the cleaning is necessary on a weekly basis. Cleaning is expected to take approximately 6 hours per week and can be broken down into multiple days or evenings.

All cleaning supplies are provided by Hillcrest.

If you are interested or would like to have further discussion, please email office@hbuc.ca or by call the church office at 905 878-4872.



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH'S

Valentine's Day Tea

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

Dine In: 11:30am and 1:00pm seatings

Take out: 11am to 1pm pickup

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**Tickets are \$20/person for Dine In or Take out
and must be purchased in advance**

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February 21, 2pm-4pm

Norval United Church, 14015 Danby Rd, Georgetown





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SANCTUARY
CONCERT HALL

Presents

LEAH HOLTOM

Saturday, March 7th, 7:30pm
Doors open at 6:45pm

*Folk singer/songwriter Leah Holtom,
blending the best of folk and country, shares a fresh expression of
storytelling with a unique take on traditional instrumentation.*

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



Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds

**This event is a co-fundraiser
for St. John's and for
TownsendSmith Foundation**



St. John's
United Church

Pancake Supper

February 17, 2026 ~ 5 to 7pm



Donations gratefully received.



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Shared Healing and Cultural Renewal

Credit: The United Church of Canada



At Mamawe Ota Askihk, the land is more than a backdrop. It's a sacred space where Indigenous children, youth, and families reconnect with culture, language, and one another.

Hosted by Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre and supported by your Mission and Service gifts, the 2023 summer gathering brought together 31 participants, supported by a team of staff, Knowledge Keepers, and youth leaders. From the first day, participants began building a community grounded in sharing, learning, and ceremony.

Workshops throughout the week included cultural teachings, hands-on skills like soapmaking and meat smoking, and powerful ceremonies, such as sweat lodges led by Knowledge Keeper Melody. Youth helped prepare medicines, served as firekeepers, and took part in every element of the lodge, deepening their understanding of tradition while finding a place of belonging.

Each evening, the group gathered around the sacred fire, where Knowledge Keeper Carla led drum songs and stories. The sound of the grandfather drum carried through the air as learning and healing wove through the circle. The presence and engagement of the Neechi Youth Camp was central to the week's success. These young leaders, many of whom returned in mentorship roles, participated in every activity and helped shape the program itself. Their voices, ideas, and enthusiasm brought energy and vision to the gathering. One participant reflected on how meaningful it was to feel part of something so connected: "Yes, in a way it reminds me that I am connected to people and not alone."

The gathering was also deeply intergenerational. One participant, a Sixties Scoop survivor and niece of residential school survivors, joined with her great-niece to reconnect with culture and family. She found the experience, particularly the sweat lodge, to be profoundly healing.

There were many stories of transformation. Participants spoke of feeling safe, learning in hands-on ways that resonated deeply, and experiencing a sense of community that stayed with them long after the week ended.

Thank you for supporting the Healing Fund through [Mission and Service](#). Your generosity makes gatherings like Mamawe Ota Askihk possible, creating space for cultural renewal, healing, and deep connection across generations.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

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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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