

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, March 6, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

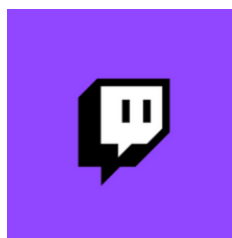


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Worship This Week - Sunday, March 9th

1st Sunday of Lent

The Responsive Psalm: Psalm 51: 1-17 VU 776-777

The Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6;16-21

The Sermon: 'Dust in the Wind'

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

Scripture Summary

Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Humour Corner

Lent is the best time of the year to run a marathon.
Because that's when you fast.

Membership Announcements



Spring Forward!

March 9th at 2:00am
Daylight Savings Time begins!
Don't forget to set your clocks
1 hour ahead!

Exploring Amalgamation Team St Andrews Update:

The Exploring Amalgamation Team at St. Andrews have been busy staffing the various subcommittees to explore the different aspects of church life at both St. John's and St. Andrew's. This month those conversations begin as they review our past and current state. It is important to understand what each congregation is, how they operate and their value system prior to seeing what a merged congregation might look like.

At the Annual General Meeting the suggestion was brought up to change the name from Amalgamation to Collaboration. Collaboration is a very different concept within the church. Our mandate is to explore Amalgamation and present to both congregations what that could look like and ultimately vote if we want to proceed with amalgamating with St. John's. As such we will continue to use the word Amalgamate.

We already collaborate with St. John's on many levels, from joint services to summer coverage and charitable initiatives. While that is not the extent of all available collaboration opportunities, we feel our focus should be on doing the due diligence to explore what amalgamation could look like. As collaboration opportunities present itself the boards of both churches will review and take

avail of the opportunity if it makes sense for both congregations.

We understand that there are very strong opinions about what we should do in the future, we also understand that uncertainty can create some anxiety. Understanding this, we intend to regularly update you in News from the Pews as we progress through this process.

Brian, Colleen, Joanne and Mark

A Lenten Song

An Easter poem written
by Greg Howard



Will you sing with me friend, come join in the song,
We will all sing along for a while.
Sing praises to God who has given us life
And beckons to us with a smile.

Break bread with your friends, share your life with the ones,
Who cry out for help every day.
Have your eyes tuned to see, where there's hurting and pain
Help the ones that you meet on the way.

For they are the ones where the Christ can be found,
Life's asking assistance of thee.
Can you help in this way, at this time, on this day,
It's my hands I ask you to be.

Without you my child my hands are quite tied,
For it's you who can do my will now.
I've given you life and the freedom to choose,
Will you come to me humbly and bow.

I need your help child in a world full of pain,
I need you to carry a light.
I need your deep care, your compassion, your mind,
Your sense of what's wrong and what's right.

Will you give me a hand to bring peace on this earth,
Will you let me give strength to you son,
Will you bind up the wounds in the ones that you meet,
Will you be my cherished, my one?

At this time of the year, as the cross looms ahead,
Winter dragging its heels and us down.
There's prospects of Spring and new life, so rejoice,
Our Christ won't be kept in the ground.

He's living I say, He's alive every day,
He is active in you and in I.
In the words that He spoke to the crowd from a hill,
"In these whom you help there am I"

We thank you our Christ, that you give us a chance,
To share the good news of your life.
It's how we accept the hand we've been dealt
You've not said that there'd be no strife.

Give us strength for the task, give us food every day,
Guide our feet when it's dark in the night,
Give us wisdom to know and the courage to do,
The thing at this time that is right.

Let us all sing again of our wonderful God,
Who has given us life and we're free.
Rejoice that the One who has given us life,
Will sustain, keep and love even me.

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.

St. Andrew's Announcements



ONCE AGAIN IT IS BROADVIEW MAGAZINE RENEWAL TIME

As with everything else due to increased printing costs, our annual subscription group rate which includes taxes is increasing from \$25 to \$30. Your Broadview reps will be contacting you regarding your renewal or on site Sunday mornings. New subscriptions are welcome and this makes a great gift as it is a very informative magazine.

Payment: cash, cheque made out to St. Andrew's United Church or by Etransfer to: standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com
Please note for the treasurer that this is Broadview subscription payment. Please do not send through Canada Helps.

Subscriptions need to be in no later than March 30.

NOTE: The June issue will feature a special keepsake edition celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the UCC. There will be tribute letters and you may submit a name of someone who has made an impact in your church by March 15. Extra copies may be preordered by April 7 if desired. Click on the link for more information. <https://broadview.org/donate/100th-anniversary-keepsake/>



A Lenten Study

7:00pm on Monday Evenings
March 10th, 17th, 24th, and
31st ; April 7 and 14th

Join Kate for one hour 6 Monday evenings as we explore together how the power of music can deepen our connection to God and form us as disciples of Christ. March 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st ; April 7 and 14th.

Using the book *Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith* as our guide, we will spend time each week reflecting on how music has shaped our spiritual life.

Topic: LENTEN STUDY

Time: Mar 10, 2025 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, 6 occurrence(s)

Meeting ID: 871 1287 1915

Passcode: 425491

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87112871915?
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[Please click here to purchase the e-book \(Ucrd\)](#)

[Please click here to join the meeting](#)



Saturday, March 8th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!

Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room

The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Lesson Eight, Romans 5

New Life, New Lifestyle

Our new life in Christ demands a new Lifestyle.

The new service completely ousts the old.

Invite Yourself





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St. Andrew's Bible Study Presents: **An Easter Challenge**

From now until Easter Sunday, April 20th, please consider making a donation to our Church Bank, "The Spirit of St. Andrew's"

At coffee time, you can submit your guess of the church bank total and your selected charity. One guess per person please. The closest one to the final total on April 20th wins!

We invite you to join us for a Potluck Luncheon following the service on Sunday, April 27th where we will announce the winner and chosen charity.

The winner will declare their choice of Charity from the published list of local charities and the bible study group will present a cheque to the named charity on behalf of St. Andrew's.

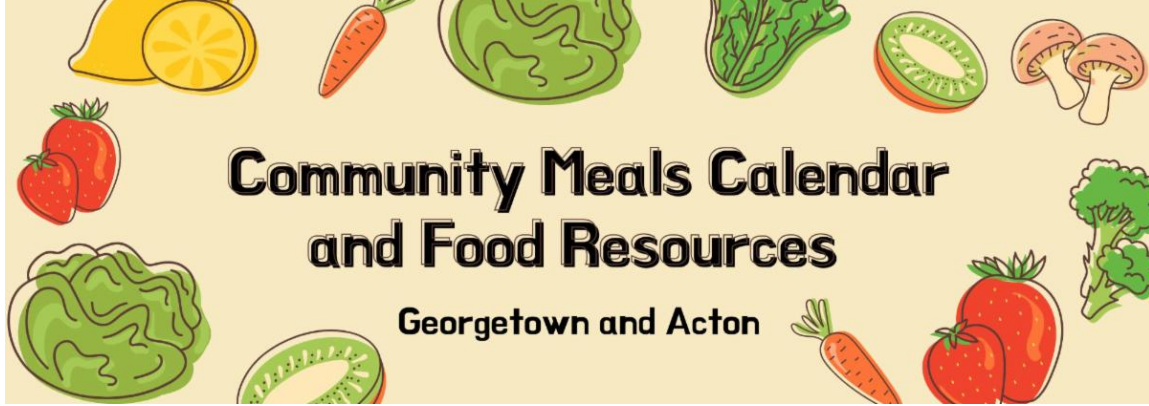


Local Charities:

- Georgetown Hospital Foundation
- Cancer Assistance Halton Hills
- Links2Care
- Georgetown Bread Basket
- GFORCe3
- Townsend Smith Foundation
- Food4Kids Halton
- Upper Credit Humane Society
- Local families

**winner does not receive any money, all proceeds collected will be donated to a local charity*

Community Announcements



Community Meals Calendar and Food Resources

Georgetown and Acton

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



World Day of Prayer

Join us for the World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 7th** at 10:00 AM (gathering at 9:30 AM) at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 16 Adamson St., Norval.

This global event brings together people from 170 countries to pray for important world issues. Each year, a different country creates the service materials.

This year, the committee from the Cook Islands has chosen the theme "I made you wonderful."
Psalm 139:1-18

Everyone is welcome to be part of this special time of prayer and action.

For more information contact Nancy Heinmiller 905-877-7947

We hope to see you there!



Wednesday, March 19

John Elliott Theatre - 9 Church St., Georgetown, ON

Ticket pick up & table displays - 6:30 p.m.

PowerPoint Presentation & Film - 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dani Lindamood

Water Watchers, Guelph

Tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office

or online at: www.haltonhills.ca/theatre

Adults: \$10 | Students: \$5



World Water Day 2025

focuses on glacier preservation, emphasizing the need for global action to manage meltwater sustainably and reduce emissions, securing vital water resources for the future.



World Water Day 2025 - 22 March



Easter Basket Brigade Saturday April 5, 2025

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.

Jesus has chosen us as “His Hands/Heart” 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: Now - Saturday March 29th, 2025

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 April 5th 9:30 AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church. 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.

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 22nd 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.

Please see the volunteer sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary!

[Please click here to make a donation, watch the video, or get more information](#)

On behalf of your Community Unity Team!
Timothy Chisholm
tjc@chisintl.com
Executive Director Easter Basket Brigade
Chair - Community Unity – Halton Hills

PIE—Public, Intentional, Explicit Inclusion

PIE day reminds us to embody love and celebrate gender and sexual diversity in all its forms.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



March 14 is PIE Day, and in church circles it has nothing to do with math. "PIE" is short for "public, intentional, and explicit"—the standards we hold ourselves to when we seek to live into being affirming, welcoming, and inclusive people and communities.

PIE Day was co-founded by Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble and Affirming Connections. Every year, Affirm United invites the church to celebrate the full inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ people in faith communities and beyond. The day also reminds and challenges us to continue widening our welcome to embody love and celebrate gender and sexual diversity in all its forms. It's critical that we do.

Gender identity and sexual orientation continue to be used to justify serious human rights violations around the world. Same-sex sexual activity is a crime in 71 countries; in 11 of these the death penalty is at least a possibility.

Statistics Canada's recently released "[data on police-reported hate crimes](#)" and reveals a significant increase in hate crimes targeting individuals based on their sexual orientation. These crimes increased by 69% in 2023, up from 3% in 2020, 70% in 2021 and 16% in 2022. Based on this data, this is an increase of 225% in the past five years (2019–2023).

Your gifts through Mission and Service sustain life-transforming advocacy and

education work, including supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ refugees fleeing for their lives and providing community awareness education, human rights programs, and safe spaces.

This work is vitally important. For some, it means the difference between life and death.

Thank you for giving through Mission and Service. God's compassionate love knows no boundaries. Your generosity shows ours doesn't either.

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.



We would love to share our News from the Pews! Please feel free to share with a friend...



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