

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, September 4, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

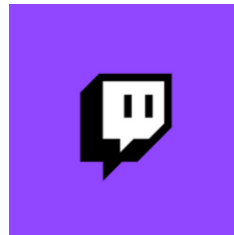


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Week - Sunday, September 7th

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year C – Proper 18

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: 'Cracked Pots'

Thank you to our volunteers this Sunday!

Scripture Reader: Heimen Donker

Greeter: Jean Brown

Coffee Time: Joanne Wardle and Jan Pennycook

Offering Counters: Ross Yahiro

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



Scripture Summary

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Humour Corner

Why did the pencil go to Sunday school?

Because it wanted to learn how to draw closer to God!

Membership Announcements



Prayers of the People

We continue to keep Alex MacKenzie in our thoughts and prayers as he rehabs in Georgetown hospital.

Also wishing Jackie Gray who is in hospital a speedy recovery.

Please check the sign up sheet for coffee time. Its wide open!!

A letter from Rev. Sue Cowan

"Make no mistake about this, my dear sisters and brothers, every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above, descending from the Creator of the heavenly luminaries, who cannot change and is never in shadow." (James 1: 16-17, New Inclusive Bible)

Dear St. Andrew's & St John's,

In this spirit of gratitude expressed by James, I say "Thank You" for sharing in summer worship and gathering as Christ's church in cohesive, collaborative and honouring ways!

Thank you to my Sister in Ministry, Kate, for her leadership and care... and for taking the August 10th service so I could preside at my niece's wedding! Thank you to Michelle and Katharine who always keep things organized... Sue, Colleen (and Jan) and Sandy (and friends) who ministered to us through music... the tech teams... the various readers... greeters... offering counters... refreshment providers/servers and all who came across town (in whatever direction you traveled)! Each gift of presence and praise... of time and talents... of care and kindness has brought God's kingdom near! Thank you all!

To my St Andrew's Family, as I reflect on my ministry, in light of my retirement, I give Creator praise for YOU... You who welcomed me and my family when we arrived in Georgetown in 1988... YOU who invited me to join the choir, then the Worship Committee, serve as Secretary of the Official Board, as a Trustee... who gave me opportunities to lead and share, and then affirmed my calling to paid accountable ministry... THANK YOU for journeying with me, shaping me and supporting me whether I was at St Andrews, Emmanuel UC (Bramalea), Carlisle/Kilbride and at St John's. Your abiding friendship has been a benefit and blessing and I am certain will continue for many years to come!

To my St John's Family, THANK YOU, for your trust in me... your call to me... and for your presence in my life from the days when I covered Jim Ball's sabbatical in 2006 as an inexperienced student minister, to this moment! THANK YOU for your willingness to embrace broader language, new hymns, creative worship, the justice themes of the scriptures that call us to love ALL, serve ALL, care for ALL... especially our LGBTQ2SP+ siblings... our Indigenous siblings... our neighbours in need... ALL who are considering MAiD, living with mental health, grieving losses, trying to do the best they can with what they have...

And THANK YOU for the beautiful gifts you presented to honour my retirement! - The beautiful soapstone carving of an Eagle by Six Nation's carver Negana Wu'U will sit proudly alongside my marble turtle by Mohawk carver Steven Loney and remind me of the 7 Grandfather teachings that mirror the Gospel call and the Indigenous worldview that ALL things/people have spirit and are to be respected... ALL life is precious and we are called to live in harmony and love... we bring in Creator's kingdom when we work together, care for one another, share generously of ourselves and our resources knowing they are ALL gifts from God -- given to be used for God's glory!

The generous donation to The United Church of Canada Healing Fund in my name, will provide care and support healing initiatives for survivors of the residential school system and its ongoing intergenerational trauma. With several Indigenous family members who have been personally affected by the policies and practices of the colonizers and the Canadian Government, this is greatly appreciated, beyond mere words. Niá:wen! - The generous donation to our (Pat & I) upcoming adventure to Pelee Island is truly thoughtful! And I promise I will think of you all as I sip some wine at the vineyard and recall the fellowship we have shared... the trips to the spiritual vineyard we have taken... the abundant gifts of the Giver that nourish and sustain each one!!!

To each person who has shared greetings and good wishes... hugs and kind words... wrote notes of encouragement and gratitude --- THANK YOU! Your tender care means my heart and cup overflows! I cherish each expression and each of YOU!

Friends, as one who has called Georgetown home since 1987, I look forward to continuing to see your smiling faces in the neighbourhood. I expect to hear wonderful things about what God is doing in and through you, through your weekly newsletters! I pray you will take stock of ALL the gifts you have been given and seek out ways to share them generously within your ministry, the wider community, and God's world to bring the Gospel messages of Holy justice, peace and love to life; so united we might bear fruit, and nourish the gifts and lives of all we have been called to serve in Love's Way! May it be so!

Niá:wen - Migwetch – THANK YOU!
Your Sister in Christ,
Rev. Sue Cowan

Terry Fox Run

My daughter and I are once again participating in the Georgetown Terry Fox Run to help fund critical cancer research in Canada. We greatly appreciate the generous support of family and friends in past years. If you would like to donate to Team Jordan please click the link below. Thank you!
Valerie



Forty- five years of impact, discovery and hope.

Forty-five years ago, Terry Fox started a marathon against cancer. Since then, the name Terry Fox has been associated with team science, bold research, and life-changing discoveries. The Terry Fox Foundation and the Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI) share Terry's vision and have a powerful mandate to fund and pursue innovative research to find new and better ways to detect, diagnose, treat, and prevent all cancers. Together, we are funding Canada's top researchers, who are collaborating in new and transformative ways to save

more lives and improve the quality of life for patients.

[Please click here to Sponsor Team Jordan](#)

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.

St. Andrew's Announcements



Looking for Volunteers



The sign up sheets for the fall are now posted outside of the sanctuary! We are looking for coffee time volunteers, scripture readers, and greeters.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, your help is greatly appreciated!

Weekly Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Fellowship room

- David's life from 1040 to 970 B.C.
- David, greatest of Israel's kings
- His weaknesses, fears, doubts, sins?
 - A passionate heart for God?
 - A tenacious trust in God?



All are welcome!



St. Andrew's Choir

Choir is starting up on
September 11th at 7:00 pm
in the sanctuary.

Please come out and join us, new members are always welcome!

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, September 12th at
9:30 am in the Fellowship room



ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH
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**Friday, September 19th
Doors Open at 5:30 PM**

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

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

**Supported by Community
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United for Hope

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**Terry Fox Run 2025
Sunday, September 14th
Georgetown Fairgrounds**



Every Step is for someone. United we are stronger!

Building a United Church Team "United for Hope" for this year's Terry Fox Run

Have you donated yet to this year's Terry Fox Run? Please make your donation through our team website - "United for Hope". Together, the people of Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's, and St. John's are uniting to help the fight against cancer. The annual Terry Fox Run/Walk will be held at the Georgetown Fairgrounds on **Sunday, Sept. 14 at 9:30am**. We will meet in front of 15 Orchard Blvd at 9:20am.

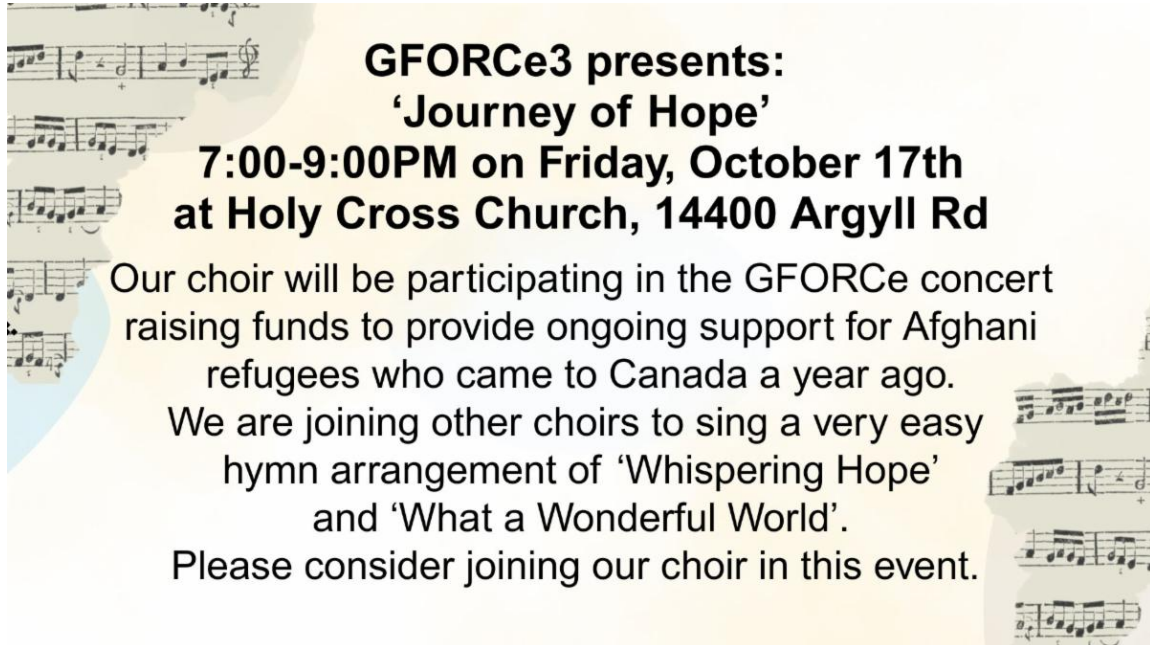
It's a short walk around the Fairgrounds track—perfect for all ages and abilities. There is no registration fee, and all participants are invited to a BBQ at Norval following our Sunday Service.

We are encouraging our members to form a team of 8–10 walkers and/or to contribute financially to our team.

Our Team Captain is Melanie Schrader, NUC Office Administrator
–melanie@norvalunited.ca - Together, we are stronger!

Please support our "United for Hope" team however you can—donate, spread the word, or walk with us and connect with some amazing people.

[Click here to register or sponsor our team](#)



**GFORCe3 presents:
'Journey of Hope'**
**7:00-9:00PM on Friday, October 17th
at Holy Cross Church, 14400 Argyll Rd**

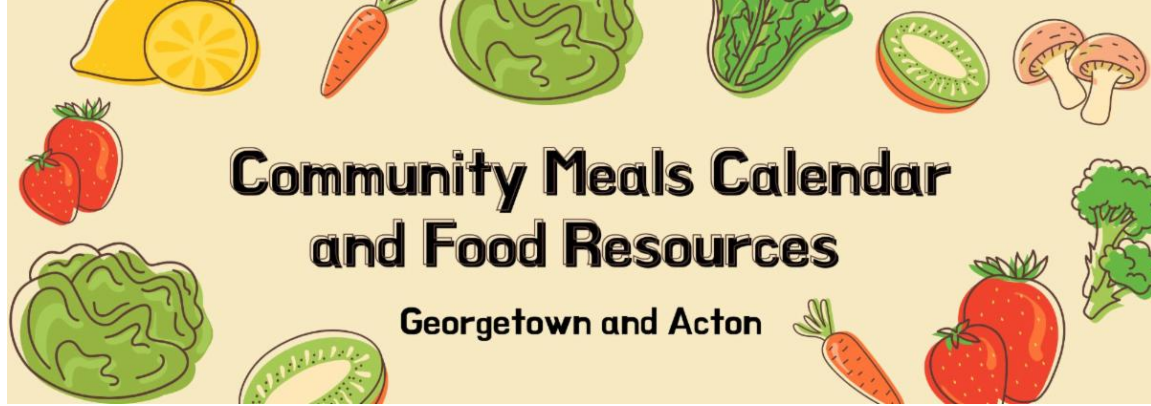
Our choir will be participating in the GFORCe concert raising funds to provide ongoing support for Afghani refugees who came to Canada a year ago. We are joining other choirs to sing a very easy hymn arrangement of 'Whispering Hope' and 'What a Wonderful World'. Please consider joining our choir in this event.



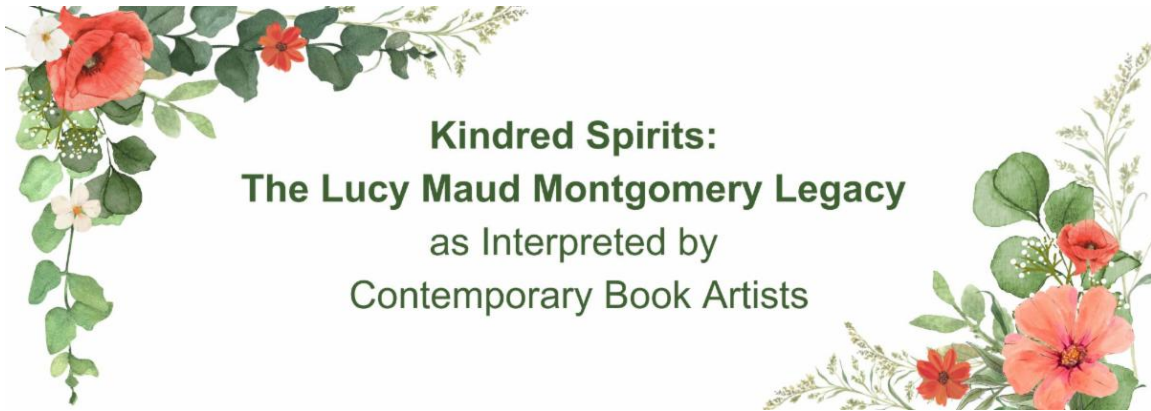
VENDORS WANTED FOR
The St. Andrew's 11th Annual
Christmas Craft Show
Saturday, November 8th, 2025
Interested Vendors please email:
stacraftsale@hotmail.com

[Click here to visit our website and download the registration form](#)

Community Announcements



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



If you are an "Anne of Green Gables" fan you will want to see this presentation curated by Ms. Barbara Helander of Caledon East-Kindred Spirits: The Lucy Maud Montgomery Legacy as Interpreted by Contemporary Book Artists

Kindred Spirits is a touring book arts exhibition that responds to the work and life of Lucy Maud Montgomery. The pieces were created by members of the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild (CBBAG) as an acknowledgement of the enduring legacy of Montgomery at the 150th anniversary of her birth. This exhibit will be in the Hilson Gallery beginning August 6-September 21, 2025. There is a formal presentation and introduction with Ms. Helander on August 10, 2-4 pm.

[Click here for more information](#)

The Georgetown Agriculture Society Presents:

THE 2025 GEORGETOWN FALL FAIR

Theme: Making Farming Fabulous
September 5th, 6th, 7th
More info at: georgetownfallfair.ca



[Click here for more information](#)

Stewart's Equipment
presents



THE LIVERPOOL SESSIONS

THE BEATLES FROM STUDIO TO STAGE



The Beatles/1967-1970

Songs from The Beatles' Classic Blue compilation

Saturday September 6th, 7:30pm

Doors open at 6:45pm

The Sanctuary Concert Hall at St. John's United Church

11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, ON L7G 3Z1

Tickets available at: TSCH.ca

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



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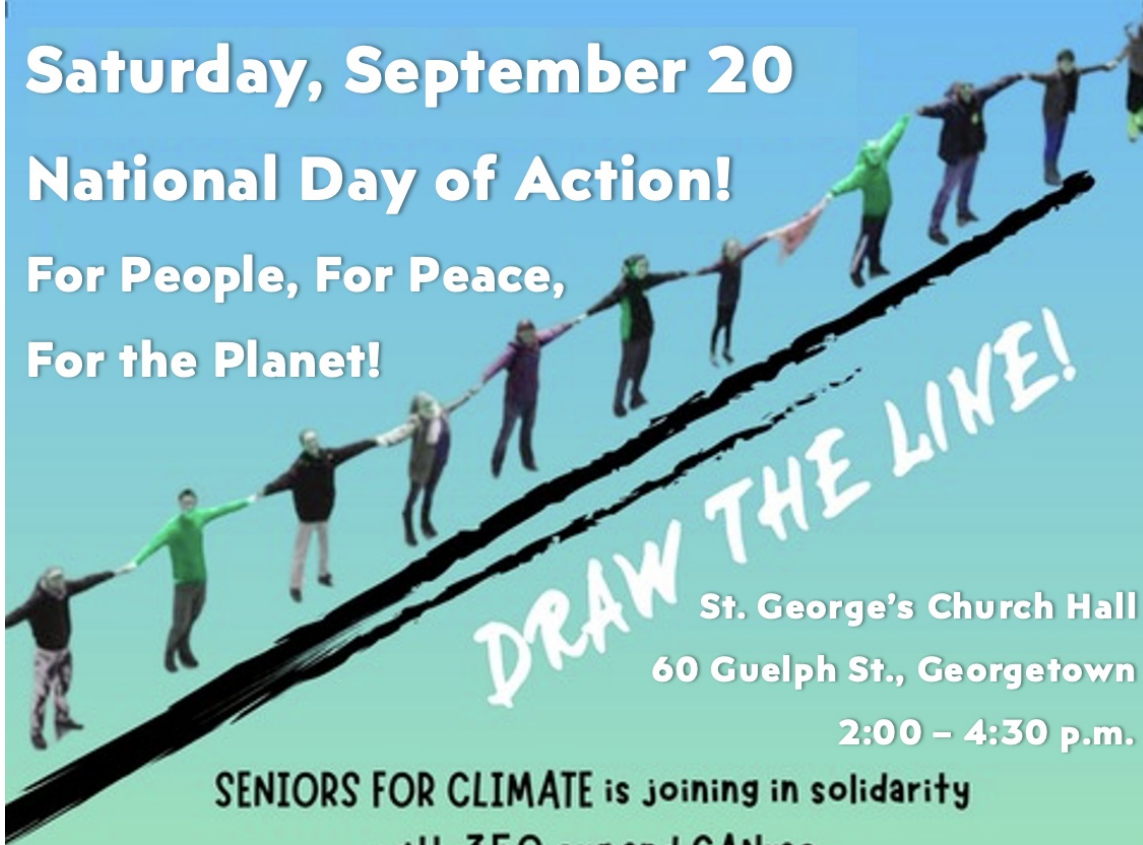
Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds



Saturday, September 20

National Day of Action!

For People, For Peace, For the Planet!



St. George's Church Hall
60 Guelph St., Georgetown

2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

SENIORS FOR CLIMATE is joining in solidarity
with **350.org** and **CANrac**

ECO FAIR – Community groups promoting sustainability

FILM: *Later is Too Late*

RALLY / PARADE with signs and banner along Guelph Street

SPEAKERS: MP Kristina Tesser Derksen – Federal Climate Initiatives

Councillor Jane Fogal - Climate and Democracy and Economy

Dani Lindamood, Water Watchers – Climate and Water

Matthew Tyhurst – Climate and Youth

Danny Beaton, Turtle Clan, Mohawk - Climate and Indigenous Rights



**SENIORS
FOR
CLIMATE**



To the Church Communities in Halton Hills

“During the Season of Creation 2025 (September 1–October 4), every prayer, every act of care, and every effort to protect our planet is a seed that grows into peace, hope—and tangible change.”

On Saturday, September 20, all are invited to participate in the 'Seniors for Climate' Day of Action to be held at St. George's Anglican Church Hall at 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. for a Program and Rally / Parade on Guelph St. See the poster.

Join Us Sept 20 — It's Time to Draw the Line

As Seniors for Climate, Halton Hills Climate Action and GASP (Grandmother Act to Save the Planet), we're reaching out to our Halton Hills Community with a heartfelt invitation to take action with us.

· Wildfires are displacing communities and polluting the air.

- Smoke is deadly for seniors with heart and lung conditions.
- Extreme heat is rising — many seniors live without air conditioning.
- Storms, floods, and outages leave isolated or medically vulnerable older adults at risk
- Insurance, food and affordable housing costs are rising fast — especially in smaller communities.
- We cannot solve the climate crisis in isolation. That's why we are standing with others — including youth, workers, migrants, Indigenous leaders, and peace advocates — to demand a just future for all.

On Saturday, September 20, people across Canada and the world will rise up to **Draw the Line — for People, for Peace, for the Planet**. We will be out on the streets in numbers demanding real action in the face of the climate emergency. 2025 must be a turning point for a just transition, for peace, and for real democracy.

In Halton Hills You Can Take Action

On Saturday, September 20th, meet at St. George's Anglican Church Hall, 60 Guelph St. Georgetown. 2:00 – 4:30 Program: Eco Fair, Speakers, Video, Song, Line-dance, Rally/Parade with signs and climate banners on Guelph St. See and share the Poster. **Learn more about the** Join Us Sept 20 campaign below.

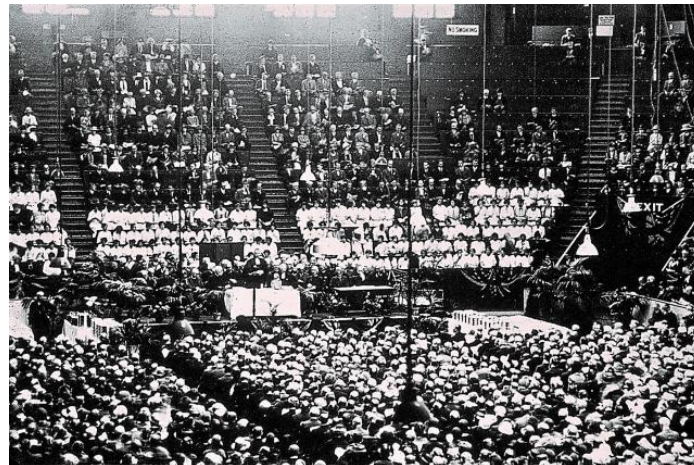
Daisy, Angie, Cathy, Chris, Jeannine, Siamak, Sharon, Susan



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Our Past, Present, and Future

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Commissioners and delegates attending the inaugural service of The United Church of Canada held in Mutual Street Arena, Toronto (June 10, 1925).

For 100 years, people of The United Church of Canada have faithfully come together to follow Jesus and help others. Through Mission and Service, we have supported people in need across Canada and around the world—bringing food to the hungry, shelter to the vulnerable, justice to the oppressed, and hope to communities.

This is ongoing work. And as we look ahead, we know the needs we face will

not disappear—they will deepen. Poverty, injustice, and the climate crisis will continue to challenge us, but so will our call to respond with love, compassion, and courage.

That's why we are invited to take part in something extraordinary: the Centennial Legacy Campaign. This is the most ambitious initiative our church has ever taken on. Its goal is to inspire legacy gifts that will strengthen local communities of faith, Mission and Service, and The United Church of Canada Foundation.

These gifts will honour our past, sustain our present, and ensure that our church will keep meeting the world's needs for the next hundred years—offering security, faith, and community for generations to come, and sharing God's love boldly, generously, and without hesitation.

When we give to the Centennial Legacy Campaign, we are not only helping today; we are also planting seeds of hope for tomorrow. Together, we can ensure that this ministry continues to grow, adapt, and serve in a world where it is increasingly needed.

Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and the hope you bring to the future of our church and the world.

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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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