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seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews



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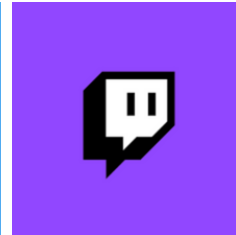
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday March 16, 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



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Who sinned?

Worship This Week

Sunday, March 19

Theme: Seeking: Lent 4:

Who Sinned?

As we continue our Lenten journey of “Seeking”, we come across one of the most remarkable stories in the Gospel of John, the healing of the man born blind. In this story, Jesus demonstrates His power as the light of the world, not only by healing the man's physical blindness but also by revealing the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees who opposed Him.

The story begins with Jesus and His disciples encountering a man who had been blind from birth. The disciples asked Jesus, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

Jesus then spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man's eyes, telling him to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man obeyed, and when he washed his eyes, he could see.

The healing of the man born blind is a powerful reminder of Jesus' ability to restore what is broken. It is also a reminder that often, it is through our struggles and challenges that we can best see God's power at work in our lives.

In the sermon we will look at ways that God can restore us and the brokenness around us. God can bring us healing through his mercy and good news.

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-41 (Man born blind)
Meditation: Close Encounters with God!



SCRIPTURE SUMMARY

John 9:1-41

The disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned to make this man blind?" Jesus replied, "That's the wrong question to ask. This man isn't blind because of sin at all." Then Jesus took some mud, put it on the man's eyes and he was able to see.



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4th Sunday In Lent / Year A

MAIN IDEA: *There aren't always answers to our questions.*



mud

The Seeking logo was designed by Lauren Wright Pittman. Do you see the drop of mud? In the text for today, Jesus rubs mud on the blind man's eyes. Color the mud in the graphic above.

Celebrating Jean Lawr's Life

As there will be no funeral service for Jean Lawr, we invite members of the congregation to join us for coffee hour after the service Sunday March 19 to share memories and stories of Jean. Jean was a wonderful baker in her day and was always a staunch supporter of our bake sales so we will be serving special treats. She was always one to dress up or wear a crazy hat to celebrate occasions such as St. Patrick's Day, Valentines day and others. She was an admirer of the late Queen Elizabeth and followed the royals. On this occasion we invite you to wear green, royal colors, or a hat of your choice.

[Please click here to access Jean's obituary and guestbook](#)



Free Community Dinner

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



FRIDAY MARCH 17TH, 2023

Doors open at 5:30 pm

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

Supported by Community Donors and Free Will Offerings



Sat March 18, 2023

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

**MEN'S
Breakfast**
CLUB

at 9 AM

at the legion.

All are invited to join us! Email the office to join!

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Broadview Magazine Renewals



Thank you to everyone who renewed or signed up for their magazine on Sunday.

We still have 3 trial subscriptions available if you have never subscribed before but would like to try it free for a year. A great offer.

Please contact Colleen Armstrong or Ginny Morecroft if you wish to take advantage of this offer.



Lenten Lunch Conversations

Join us in Lenten conversations on Wednesdays at noon each week as we explore deep questions during Lent.

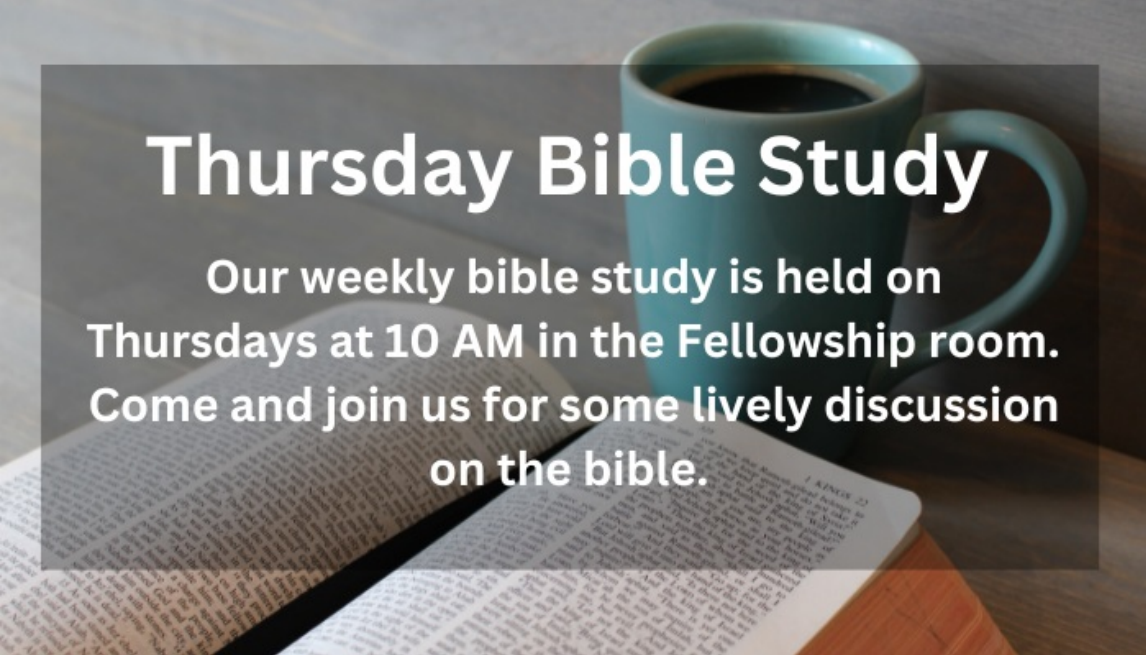
Please bring your own lunch.



Our Daily Bread Booklets

The April/May/June edition is now available!

Please find them on the table across from the Office. A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.



Thursday Bible Study

Our weekly bible study is held on Thursdays at 10 AM in the Fellowship room. Come and join us for some lively discussion on the bible.



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.



GFORCe3 is pleased to announce that both Afghan families that they are sponsoring have been accepted to come to Canada this year; one through the United Church of Canada and the other through the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Thank you to all who have supported us and will continue to do so. Thank you for your prayers and blessings.



Presbyterian Church in downtown Georgetown continues through the cold nights of March. An evening meal, safe overnight accommodation, and a simple breakfast is offered to anyone who desires it. Some of our St. Andrew's volunteers have had to drop out for a variety of reasons. We have a particular need of volunteers for the overnight shift (11pm-6am) and the morning shift (6-8am). For more information please contact Ross Leckie.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

5 PM & 6:30 PM

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

\$10 adults / \$7 kids 5-12

Kids under 5 free!

Tickets include spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert.

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT 4TH GEORGETOWN CUB SCOUTS



It starts with Scouts.

[Click here to order tickets and help the Cubs fund their trip to Haliburton](#)

We are asking families to share Easter with another family.
Any donation however small is greatly received.
Donations will be dispersed in the Easter Basket Brigade.

EASTER BASKET BRIGADE



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Gift Cards and Monetary Donations
can be dropped off at the church office
until March 18, 2023.

[Donations can also be made here on Community Unity's website](#)

Georgetown Bread Basket

If you are thinking of making a donation to the



Georgetown Bread Basket this month, the items in most need are peanut butter, canned pasta, canned fruit, juice boxes, ketchup, sugar, chicken noodle or rice soup, pancake mix and syrup. Items can be dropped off at the church.

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Awesome Sale

Saturday APRIL 1
9 AM - Noon
70 Mill St East ACTON

COFFEE
BAKE TABLE
EASTER ITEMS
LOCAL VENDORS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

If you are feeling called to become a New Member of St. Andrew's United, we will be receiving new members on Sunday April 9th, (Easter Sunday). Please contact Rev. Grant Williams for more information.

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A Lenten Song

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, in 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.



United Church Mission & Service Fund

**Educating the Ministers of
Tomorrow:
Jennifer Janzen-Ball's Work**

“The care of people who are strangers to one another—the importance and impact of that can’t be overstated.”



You may think Mission & Service just happens far away from your church. But the effects of Mission & Service may be as close as your local pulpit. Mission & Service does a surprising amount of development in your local church, recruiting new ministers and funding theological schools. It even shapes the hymn books you sing from every service.

Another important way Mission & Service supports local ministry: by providing academic bursaries for students studying to become ministers and theological leaders.

“The church has a lot to offer in terms of witness to the community and supporting people who are struggling,” explains the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, the United Church’s Executive Minister for Theological Leadership.

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Janzen-Ball knows there’s more to a bursary than just the financial gift. “The money is really helpful,” she says, “but the other thing that is so important to students is realizing that people throughout the church cared enough to donate to Mission & Service.”

The Rev. Alexa Gilmour received one of these bursaries when she was still a ministry candidate. “I was a single parent, and I knew I couldn’t get through without support,” Gilmour says. “I felt blessed by God through people who donated and who, by giving, encouraged me on my journey. “I have tremendous gratitude for that important role the church played in my life at that time.”

Janzen-Ball wants you to know that your gifts do matter. “They matter both tangibly in peoples’ lives in a real way but also in intangible ways because they signal the support of the wider community,” she says. “The

care of people who are strangers to one another—the importance and impact of that can't be overstated.



It's March break! This week I was able to spend some time with my girls off in Niagara falls. Katie is at university at Brock and so an easy trip to Clifton Hill. We went to the Rain Forrest Café restaurant and sat next to the gorillas while we ate. Its been a while since I have eaten inside a rainforest and it brings back memories from when my children were little. Children grow up too fast. And now my youngest was out car shopping this week! Eek! She is only a baby still in my mind. But nonetheless its always a good time to spend with family over the break even if its only a simple night out.

This week has been a busy one around the church. Did you know we will be having a new rental group using the church in April? We will now be home to a drop-in program for parents and tots with the Early Years center using the fellowship room. Their staff were in this week looking around and making plans for their start up. You may have noticed some changes to the comfort room. It now has many items stored in it for the Early Years center. For those needing to comfort their child they are free to sit in the fellowship room, borrow some toys from the room to play with while you watch the service on the big screen TV hanging on the wall. Soon there will be a new baby change table installed in the small washroom for those who need that.

Also with the Early years centre, we will be home to some prenatal classes offered by Halton region. Our part of Georgetown has now been identified as an area of high need for support. In the neighbourhoods around the church they are more and more rental units coming available as single family homes are being converted into multi units. Many people do not have access to transportation in Georgetown and this a program space being made available at St. Andrew's is ideal. More about this as the program moves into our space.

Tomorrow night we will be holding our annual St. Patrick's day Community Supper so come on out for a great meal and remember to wear green!!

Next Friday night the Scouting groups will be holding a fundraising Spaghetti supper. They could use our support as they raise money for an upcoming jamboree. Tickets are available through their website link. Spaghetti Dinner | Scouts Canada - 4th Georgetown.

Finally, the Community Unity Basket Brigade needs your support. They are collecting gift cards for about 150 families in need. each family will be receiving enough for a week's worth of groceries. If you can bring your gift cards in on Sunday and place them in the offering plate we would appreciate it. Also, if you would like to help with sorting and delivering the food and cards there is a gathering on Saturday March 25th at the Georgetown Christian Reformed

Church starting at 9:30 AM. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this.

Blessings,
Grant



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