

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 8, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews



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We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitch & 100.3 FM Click on the icons below to connect!



St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Sunday, October 11th 10:00 AM at St. Andrew's UC

We hope you can join us this Thanksgiving Sunday! Thank you to Rev. Ross Leckie for leading us in worship while Kate is away! As we gather together, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives and for the gift of our church community.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Meditation: Invest Yourself in God's Work

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

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

Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

Greeters: Joan Lovegrove

Scripture Reader: Sue Whaley

Offering Counters: Linda McKinnon and Ross Yahiro

Coffee Time: Ginny Morecroft and Ralph Challice

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



Humour Corner

Why did the turkey refuse dessert?

He was already stuffed!

Membership Announcements

World Communion Combined Service



World Communion Sunday

Thank you to everyone who joined us or participated last Sunday in our combined service with St. John's United and Hillcrest United. Thank you to Rev. Kate and Rev. Ken for leading us in worship! Thank you to Colleen for directing the joint choir and to Colleen and Mark for playing the piano!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that assisted with coffeetime last Sunday. A very inviting spread for our guests.

We also appreciated the support from the St John's choir and director Mark. So nice to have the choir loft filled with wonderful voices.
Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Thanksgiving Offering

Thanksgiving offering envelopes are available on the Welcome table. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Confirmation Classes

Anyone who would like to seek confirmation is encouraged to speak with Kate if you have not already done so. A class will begin soon.

Prayers of the People

We continue to keep those in our church family who are dealing with health concerns, whether at home or in hospital, in our prayers. We hope to see you back with us soon.

Pastoral Care

If you would like a visit or know of someone who is in the hospital, please let Kate or the office know!



Sunday, October 11th is Pastor appreciation day! A big thank you to Rev. Kate Young for all she does, going above and beyond for our church family and the new life she has brought into our community! Thank you Kate for your leadership, your service, and the love you pour into our congregation! We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Rev. Ross Leckie, Rev. Jean Leckie, and Scott Martin for their willingness to step in whenever needed and for their continued support, care, and commitment to our church family. We are truly blessed and grateful for each of you and all that you do!

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



Georgetown
BREAD BASKET
Your local food bank



St. Andrew's Thanksgiving Food Drive

If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church! Donations can be brought in now until Sunday, October 11th.

Thank you for your support!

Most Needed Items:

- Baking mixes
- Baking supplies
- Canned milk
- Juice boxes
- Pasta
- Syrup
- Toothpaste

Needed Items:

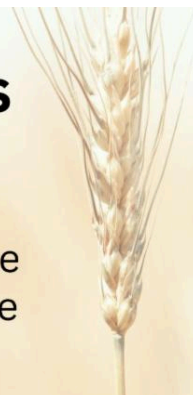
- Hamburger Helper
- Instant noodles/Ramen
- Mac & cheese
- SideKicks type side dishes
- Gravy



Our Daily Bread Booklets

The October/November/December issue is now available!

Please find them on the table across from the office. Donations to the Daily Bread would be greatly appreciated.





Weekly Bible Study

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

The Gospel of Mark (Life Guide)
Join us as we explore His story together through
discussion and personal reflection.

New members are always welcome!



Saturday, October 10th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast
CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!



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www.standrewsuc.ca (905) 877-4482

ST. ANDREW'S FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, October 16th

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown

If you would like takeout,
please contact the office by Thursday.

**Supported by Community
Donors and Free Will Offerings**

THE 12TH ANNUAL
ST. ANDREW'S
Christmas
CRAFT SHOW

SAT. NOVEMBER 14TH

*Vendors • Silent Auction • Raffle
Bake Sale • Café • Visit with Santa*

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**St. Andrew's United Church
89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown
905-877-4482**

\$2 Admission

**All ticket sales will be donated to the
Bennet Village
build of a new long-term care facility**



**Limited
Vendor
Space is still
available**

[Please click here for the vendor application form](#)



**St. Andrew's Christmas Craft Sale
Saturday, November 14th**

Accepting Personal & Business Donations

**We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction
and Raffle! Donations can include:**

- New or Handmade items
- Gift certificates or experiences
- Gifts of time, such as handyman services, babysitting, lawn care, etc.

**We would also love to receive donations
from local businesses!**

The best way to get a business donation is to ask! If you have a favorite business you support, please consider asking them to donate an item, service, or gift certificate.

Drop-Off Information

Donations can be dropped off anytime between now and November 8th. Donation forms and a collection table are located at the end of the hallway outside the office.

Every donation, big or small, helps make this fundraising event a success! Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

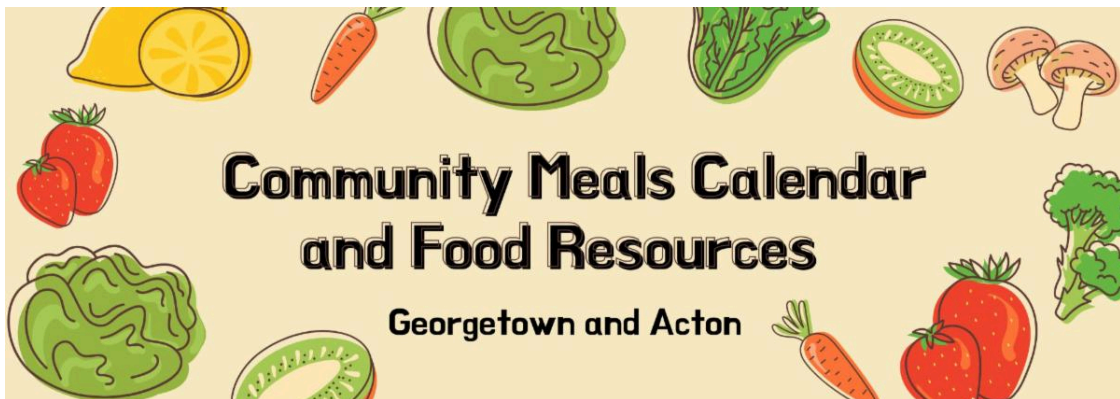
Choir Announcement: Christmas Season



Interested in singing with the choir for the upcoming Christmas season? We would love to have you join us!

Whether you are an experienced singer or just love to make a joyful noise, please contact Sue or the office to get involved.

Community Announcements



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



2026 Fall Yard Clean-up

Assisting families in need due to age, health or circumstance.

When: Saturday Nov 7th, 2026
Time: 8:15am to noon.
Where: Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Road
Bring: Garden rakes, clippers, garden gloves, other small garden tools.

Please join us afterwards from 12:00 – 1:00 at Knox Presbyterian Church 116 Main Street for a time of fellowship, food and drink

If you can't rake, join us and be a "friendly visitor"

Should the date be rained out, homes will be assigned to individual churches to be completed at their convenience.

To volunteer or if you have a home in need please provide your church representative, Minister/Reverend or email to tjc@chisintl.com with your name, cell number, email address and number in your group, or look for the Volunteer Form posted in your church.

"My husband and I were the fortunate recipients of your generous help. We will never be able to thank you and your volunteers enough for what you did for us. Please thank them for taking all that time from their busy lives to help us. People like them are a breath of fresh air in our community and a gift to humankind." *Homeowner*

"The couple were in bad shape physically and really appreciated the work and when we prayed she broke down and cried and that really touched me." *Yard Work Volunteer*

"This is one of the best, if not the best service provided in our community. Young people today are so busy that it is hard to get them to help, so this is a service that I am very grateful for. The combined efforts of the members of churches in our community, setting aside a day to help seniors is such a loving, generous service. Thank you." *Homeowner*



***"Local Churches Working Together
Making a Difference In Our Community"***



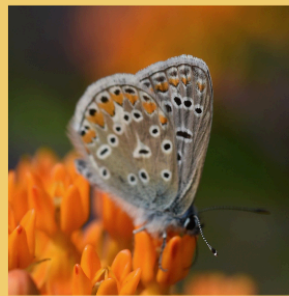
Candlelight vigil

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
6:30 PM | HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH

Join us to honour those who have gone before us and to express support for access to residential hospice palliative care in North Halton.

Free to join & everyone is welcome.





Norval United Church

14015 Danby Rd., Georgetown, ON

POLLINATOR GARDEN TOUR, SPEAKERS, & EXHIBITS

DATE

18 OCT

START

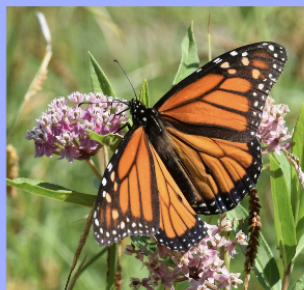
11:00AM

END

1:00PM

**All are welcome at the 10-11 am
church service before this event.
Refreshments will be served.**

email bugsrock@hotmail.com for more details



Photos by Trudy Watson-Leung



Presents



LIVERPOOL SESSIONS

HAPPY TOGETHER!

The Sixties Songs of Summer

The Best Music of the 60's

The Beach Boys, The Monkees, The Turtles, The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkle,
Sonny & Cher, The Four Seasons, and More!!

Saturday, October 17th, 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


St. John's
United Church
of Georgetown and Glen Williams
Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds



Get Tickets



Grace United Church

Christmas Marketplace

**Saturday, November 7
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

156 Main St. N., Brampton

Café Grace serving
snacks and lunch
from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Payments: CASH only please



United Church Mission & Service Fund

The House of Friendship

Credit: The United Church of Canada



At St. Luke's United Church, a strong sense of belonging for newcomers is being expressed through intentional welcome, shared meals, and community. Here is the Mission and Service Story for October 11, 2026.

The congregation at Saint Luke's United Church in Toronto, ON understands that belonging rarely happens by accident. It grows through deeply intentional acts of welcome that are joyfully offered to every single person.

Arriving in Canada is only the beginning of the journey for many newcomers. While there is relief in finding safety, there's also the daunting task of building a new life – finding housing and work, learning unfamiliar systems and languages, making new connections, and carrying the weight of experiences that don't disappear at the border. For some, those experiences include extremely persecution and trauma. Finding a comfortable place to truly and deeply belong, while facing other challenges, can be a long and exhausting process.

Every Sunday, the congregation at St. Luke's is prepared for someone new to come through the doors. Of course, there are warm greetings, name tags, and introductions. There is also time in the service where people will leave their seats to offer a hug, handshake, and friendly conversation to all.

"Our Passing of the Peace tradition is that early in the service, we get up, and we move around. We're hugging each other, and we're fist bumping, all while our music director is playing music in the background. It's very crowded, as you can imagine, and people are leaning over pews and such. At that point, people who have been introduced as new, our members of the congregation are reaching out to them and welcoming them and quite intentionally. And this also continues at lunchtime."

After the service, everyone gathers downstairs for what they affectionately call "coffee hour" – a name that hardly captures the generous meal waiting around the tables. People find a full, warm meal awaiting them.

The food is important, but it's conversation that nourishes the community. Around the table, people who might never have met elsewhere find themselves sharing a meal and learning about one another. A newcomer to Canada sits beside someone who has worshipped at Saint Luke's for decades. Someone rebuilding their life after escaping persecution discovers neighbours who are genuinely interested in their story, without expecting them to tell it all at once. One newcomer, who had fled severe persecution before coming to Canada, described finding more than a church. They found people who journeyed with them. As they joined groups, celebrated milestones, and continue to build a new life, the congregation is celebrating alongside them. The community at St.

Luke's understands that healing takes time, and trust is built through consistency, kindness, and simply showing up for one another. This is the ministry of hospitality at Saint Luke's. It's not just about opening church doors and having a sign, but about opening a community – one where people are known by name, welcomed with care, and reminded that they do not have to face life's next chapter alone. Through Mission and Service, we help support ministries like Saint Luke's United Church that create spaces of belonging for newcomers and neighbours alike. Together, we are helping to build communities where God's welcome is lived, shared, and experienced every day. Let's give generously.

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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