

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, March 13, 2025

## St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

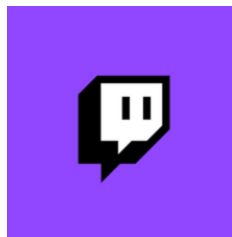


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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship This Week - Sunday, March 16th

**The 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**The Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 91 VU 807  
**The Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13  
**The Sermon:** 'The Wilderness Project'

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



## Scripture Summary

Say to your God, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring you no fear: Under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield

## Humour Corner

Why do Irish priests always seem so happy?  
*Because they have the luck of the Lord on their side!*

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## Membership Announcements

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It's PIE day this Sunday. Whether you bake or buy a pie we invite you to bring it on Sunday.

Wear your green this Sunday and celebrate your Irish.

Many have been asking after Pierre Paradis. I spoke with his daughter Sophie and he is now staying with her until he can get into LTC. He will not be coming back to the residence as they were advised that he should not be on his own. He has not had any further falls. He does have his cell phone and is listed in the church directory so will be delighted to receive calls.

Colleen

**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.**

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## St. Andrew's Announcements

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# PIE DAY



**Sunday, March 16th**  
**The 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**10:00 am Service**

Bake or buy a pie for coffee hour as we share good Pie together!

PIE DAY= Public. Intentional. Explicit. These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. This is a chance to serve some pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond across Canada.

## BROADVIEW MAGAZINE RENEWALS



**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.

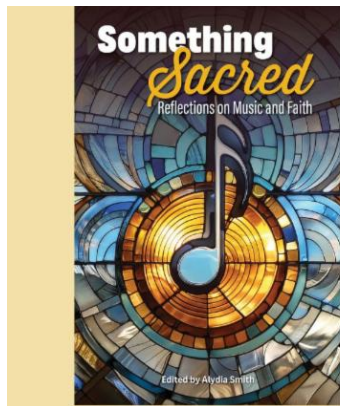
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***Please note for the treasurer that this is Broadview subscription payment. Please do not send through Canada Helps.***

**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 17, 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](#)



# Circle of Friends

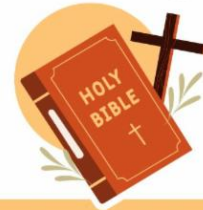
**2nd, 4th, 5th Friday of the Month**

Join us for our next meeting  
Friday, March 14th at 9:30 am  
in the Fellowship room



## Men's Online Bible Study

**10:00-11:30 am**  
**Monday mornings on Zoom**



On Monday mornings there is a Men's Study Group meeting on Zoom from 10:00-11:30 am. Throughout Lent this year we are studying the book, *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. The book is available as an e-Book or hard copy (\$25).

Here is one person's review-*"I recommend Freeing Jesus to anyone looking for a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. Bass's incredible wisdom is a breath of fresh air in a time where hope is desperately needed."* (Kirsten Powers)

We would welcome newcomers.

Please speak to Ross Leckie for further information.

905-873-9808 [rleckie@sympatico.ca](mailto:rleckie@sympatico.ca)

## Weekly Bible Study

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

The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Lesson Ten, Romans 8:1-17

The Spirit Brings Life

The Spirit brings Life vs Death, Peace vs Anxiety,

Power to obey God vs submitting to Sin.





**ST. ANDREW'S**

# **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

**Friday, March 21st, Doors Open at 5:30 PM**

89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown

Anyone wanting takeout,  
please contact the office by Thursday.

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



## **Our Daily Bread Booklets**

**The April/May/June issue is now available!  
Please find them on the table across from the  
office. A donation of \$1 would be greatly  
appreciated.**





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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

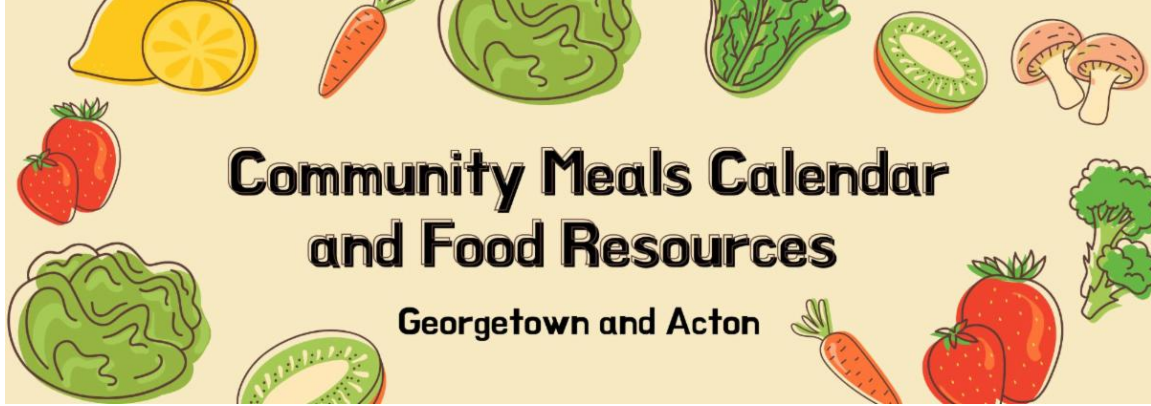
*\*winner does not receive any money, all proceeds collected will be donated to a local charity*

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## Community Announcements

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# 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



## 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.

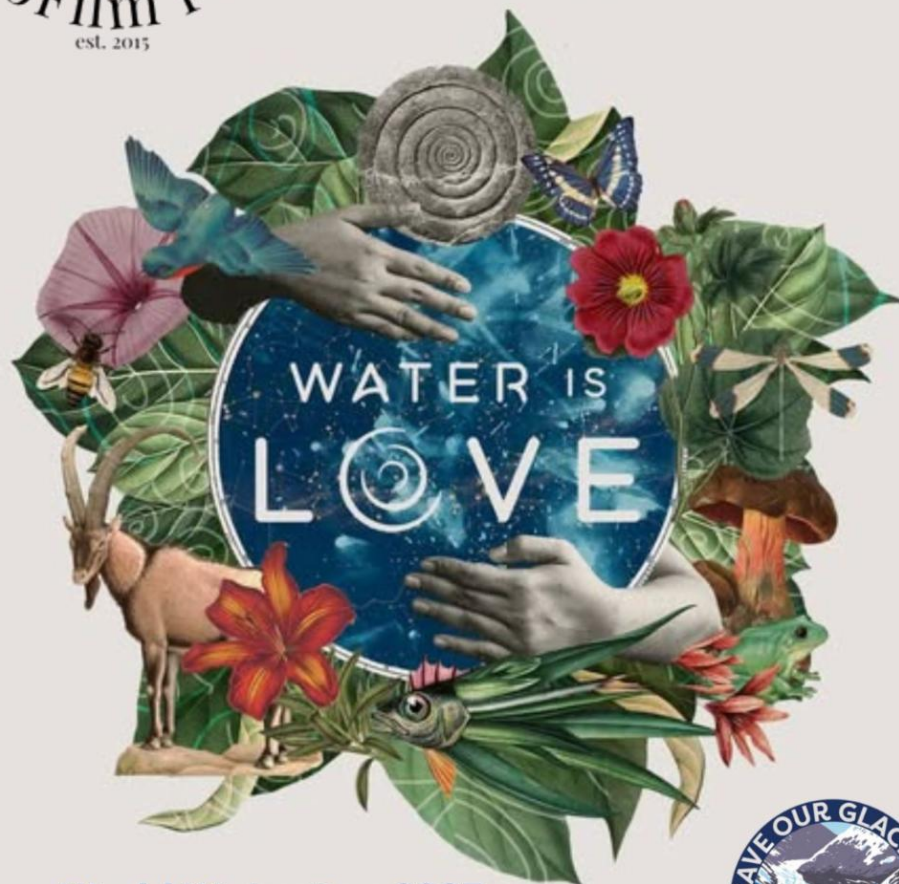
**Guest Speaker: Dani Lindamood**

**Water Watchers, Guelph**

Tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office

or online at: [www.haltonhills.ca/theatre](http://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 until 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, Ross Leckie.

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



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**Sale**

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 29**  
**9AM TO NOON**

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70 MILL STREET EAST, ACTON

## Building Climate Resiliency

Women for Change works to improve conditions in rural communities by empowering women and girls.

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*



In areas where historically there has been little rain, now there are floods, and where there were floods, now there are droughts. That's how Shadrack Chembe, the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager at Women for Change—an organization in Zambia that strives to improve conditions in rural communities by empowering women and girls—describes the changing climate in Zambia. Women bear the brunt.

“In Zambia, women are still responsible for collecting firewood and charcoal and making food. Now, because of climate change, they have to walk a longer distance to gather firewood. Charcoal is harder to get. That means it's harder to make food. At the same time, women aren't involved in the decision-making processes that impact this work,” explains Chembe.

Women for Change was established in 1992, and its long-standing partnership with the United Church stretches back to 1995. From the beginning, mobilizing communities to share ideas and best practices has been key to the work. Since its inception, 1,500 community groups have been established, with 25–40 people in each group and representatives from each forming associations. The groups discuss a variety of justice-related topics. Building climate resiliency by preparing for, recovering from, and adapting to drastically changing weather patterns is a priority.

Weather extremes due to climate change coupled with companies promoting seeds that only produce a single crop increasingly put people at risk.

“The majority of farmers are poor. They can't buy seeds, but companies have created seeds that force farmers to have to purchase them each year,” says Chembe. “Groups discuss how they can save and share seeds, what they can plant with longer or shorter rains, and if there are traditional methods that can increase food production,” he says, adding, “We are grateful for the United Church's support. The church has really been there for many years, helping us build awareness and resiliency. It's been a real partnership.”

Your gifts through [Mission and Service](#) support long-term, life-changing work through committed partners like Women for Change. Thank you.



# 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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