

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, February 13, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

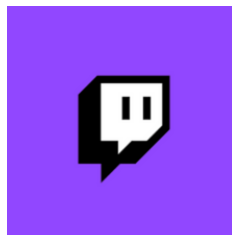


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, February 16th

6th Sunday after Epiphany

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

The Sermon: 'Be a Blessing'

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

Scripture Summary

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Humour Corner

Why do melons have to get married in church?
Because they cantaloupe!

Membership Announcements



2025 Annual General Meeting



So nice to catch up with Bill Elgie & Leslie Hoyle who joined us for worship on Sunday.

Also good to have Linda King back with us.

Carol Hall is doing well and hopes to be back to church soon.

Wonderful to see so many braved the snow to attend on Sunday for worship and the AGM. Many thanks to Joanne for a well run meeting and to all those who stepped up to fulfill roles. Kate's sermon was inspiring.

Heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to a very tasty lunch and for all the help setting up and cleaning up.

St. Andrew's you are amazing!

Colleen

Prayers of the People

Our deepest sympathy to Marg and Earl Pepper on the sudden passing of Marg's sister last week in Toronto. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Volunteer Hours Needed!

We have to submit yearly statistics to the United Church of Canada. One of the statistics they are requesting are the number of volunteer hours contributed by your congregants and adherents to the life of your community of faith for 2024.

We realize that this is a difficult thing to do since so many people volunteer a lot of time to the church, but we are going to try and quantify this number.

There will be sign up sheets at church for you to enter your estimated hours or you can email the church office at office@standrewsuc.ca with your name and the number of hours you are estimating for volunteering last year.

This looks like it will be a yearly statistic, so please also start keeping track of your volunteer hours for 2025!

Please submit your hours by Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 as the statistics need to be submitted by March 3rd.

Thank you for your support!

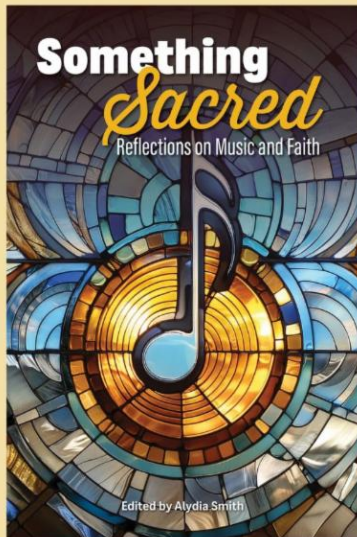
If you have announcements to share or milestones to celebrate in next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

St. Andrew's Announcements

Cancelled This Week: Circle of Friends

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

Circle of Friends is cancelled this week. Sorry for any inconvenience!



A Lenten Study

A Lenten Study during March will be offered by Kate on Monday nights via Zoom. Using the United Church Lenten Resource: "Something Sacred, Reflections on Music and Faith" we will explore how music has the power to deepen our faith and our connection to God.

[Please click here to order the paperback or e-book \(Ucrrd\)](#)

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



Family Day Food Drive



Sunday, February 16th

If you are able, please bring food donations to our collection boxes at the church now until the 16th!

Thank you for your support!

Most Needed

- Brown Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Apple Sauce
- Flakes of chicken
- Flakes of turkey
- Juice 1L and juice boxes
- Sugar

Needed

- Cookies
- Fruit cups
- Pudding cups
- Spices
- Cooking Sauces



Georgetown
BREAD BASKET
Your local food bank

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH
www.standrewsuc.ca (905) 877-4482

Friday, February 21st
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
Donors and Free Will Offerings



Our CNOY Walk...Please help make this community outreach a success!

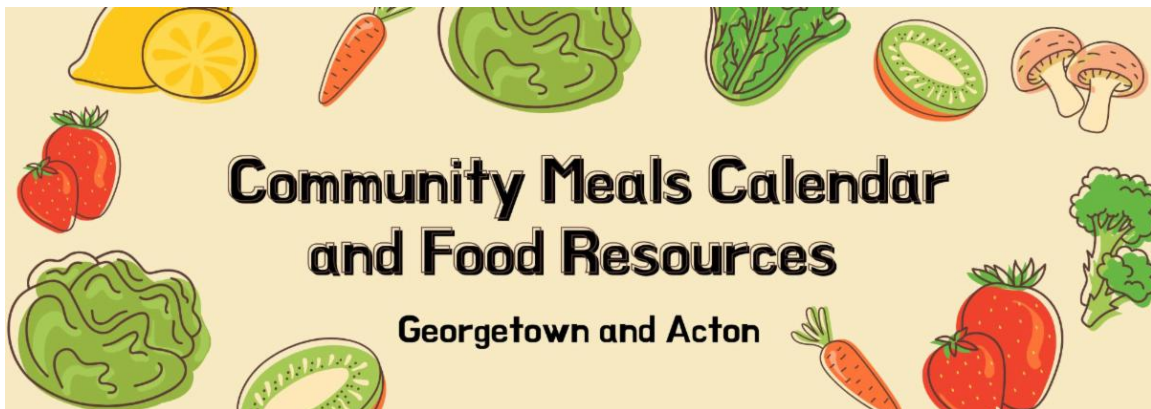
Please go to the **Angels United Georgetown CNOY webpage** to sign-up as a walker, sponsor a registered walker, or donate to the team in general. **Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's** are walking as one team on the **Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY)** under the banner "Angels United Georgetown". The 5KM & 2KM walk event will be held at 4:00PM on **Saturday, February 22** at Norval United Church. All funds raised through the CNOY Georgetown Walk stay in the community and will be directed to the Georgetown Bread Basket and Links2Care. Please help make this community outreach a success.

[Please Click Here to Register or Sponser one of our Walkers](#)



THE SPIRIT OF ST. ANDREW'S

Community Announcements



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



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

Pub Night



Featuring

- *Russell Braun and Carolyn Maule*
- *Diana Tesser and Justin Tesser*
- *Don Ablett and Brent Cooper*

Food Drinks Fun Friends

Silent Auction

No Entry Charge Free Will Offering

Saturday February 22, 2025

7:00pm to 11:00pm

**St Alban's Church Hall
537 Main St., Glen Williams**

A Fundraiser for GFORCe3
Supporting Our Refugee Family

Grace United Church Presents

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Scrumptious Pancakes & Sausages
(with real maple syrup!)

TUESDAY, March 4, 2025

Served between 5 & 7 p.m.



Tickets:

Adults \$15
Children \$5
(12 & under)

Tickets from

Church office
(905-451-1215)

Take out
available



Be a part of the pay-it-forward social community.
Donate the cost of a ticket by February 23 and Grace
will distribute tickets to those who are in need.

Together we can make good things happen at Grace.
Thank you for your support.

156 Main St. N., Brampton



Farming Against the Odds

Training helps farmers find stability and hope for the future.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



In the rugged hills of India's Badabasko village, Jaiprakash Paharia, a determined 60-year-old farmer, and his wife, Rami Paharin, have battled against nature's odds. Their land, stony and dependent on increasingly unpredictable rains, yielded meagre crops of maize, cowpea, pigeon pea, and sorghum each year. Their family had literally hit rock bottom.

Faced with declining harvests, they turned to goat rearing in search of a more sustainable livelihood. Left with no other choice, Jaiprakash invested all he had in what seemed to be a promising venture. However, these efforts were marred by heartbreaking losses. Year after year, diseases claimed up to 20 of their precious goats, threatening their hope for a steady future once again. It was as if they were back at the foot of the hill; they were desperate.

As they were counting their losses, through Mission and Service partner Canadian Foodgrains Bank, member Tearfund Canada brought life-changing support to their village through The Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief (EFICOR). The project team provided thorough training on livestock management practices and taught about essential deworming and vaccinations to best sustain livestock.

Jaiprakash was skeptical at first about giving these treatments to his goats. However, as he learned how they could safeguard his livestock's health, he took on these practices graciously and achieved transformative results. For the first time since they had started keeping livestock, their goats remained healthy throughout the season, with zero losses! This newfound stability secured their livelihood and revitalized their hope for the future.

Jaiprakash and his family are endlessly thankful to Tearfund Canada and EFICOR for their radical support. Their training not only improved the health and well-being of their livestock but also equipped them with the tools and understanding to sustain themselves through future adversity.

Thank you for supporting our Mission and Service partners and people around the world, as they walk toward a more sustainable future.

WAYS TO GIVE

We thank all those that continue to support our Church with your giving!



CASH & CHEQUE



CANADA HELPS



SCAN ME for more details



**ETRANSFERS TO
standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com**



Our Charitable Registration Number is: 892633462RR0001

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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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