NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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



5th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Indigenous Day of Prayer The Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:8-10 The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:14-16 Sermon: The 7 Grandfather Teachings



Scripture Summary

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Humour Corner

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father, if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut."

The young man waited for a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samsom had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair!" to which his father replied, "Yes, you're right, and they also WALKED every where they went!

Membership Announcements

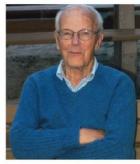
Father's Day Service Thank you to everyone for joining us last Sunday for our Father's day service and for sending in the great photos!































Coffee Time Starting June 30th

For the month of July we will be serving cold refreshments and cookies only from the friendship room and weather permitting out on the lawn. We will be welcoming St. John's UC throughout July. Thank you to those who have already signed up. There will be extra cookies and juice provided but it would be helpful if those who have signed up could also bring some on their Sunday.

Indigenous Sunday

This Sunday is Indigenous Sunday so looking forward to seeing everyone in bright colours orange, yellow etc. to celebrate the culture.

-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.

St. Andrew's Announcements

Great News!

We are very excited to announce that Horseshow Falls Regional Council has extended Rev. Kate Young's appointment until April 15, 2025 with the option for another 6 month appointment. We are blessed to have Rev. Kate as part of the St. Andrew's Family!

Strawberry Freezer Jam Fundraiser

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the fundraiser again this year. I anticipate that the strawberry jam will be delivered by the end of June. If you have any questions or any empty jam jars please let us know. Lorne & Susan Campbell 905 877-4564.



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Bible Study

Bible Study is finished for the summer. Thank you to Heimen and Jackie for leading the group and everyone for their participation!

Our Daily Bread Booklets

The July/August/September issue is now available! Please find them on the table across from the office. A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

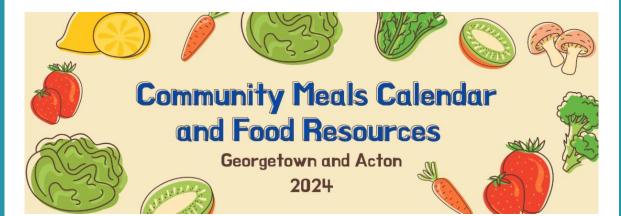
JULY: We are pleased to welcome St. John's congregation for worship at St. Andrew's for the month of July!

AUGUST: We look forward to worshipping at St. John's United, there will be no services at St. Andrew's.

Community Announcements



The UNITED 4 HOSPICE (U4H) team is comprised of volunteers from the four Georgetown United Churches (Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's) who are working as one to assist the Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF) with its goal to build North Halton's first hospice residence on the current Hillcrest site. The U4H supports and promotes two key TSF events to educate the wider Georgetown community about the purpose of a hospice and the Foundation's plan to build one to serve the residents of North Halton. The next events are the annual Candlelight Vigil in October and the annual Hike for Hospice in May 2025. U4H successfully organized the first Hike for Hospice to be held in Georgetown this past May. Further information about the Candlelight Vigil will be forthcoming in the Fall.



Please click here to view June's meal calendar, as well as more details about local food resources.

Looking for Large Suitcase Donations



If you have any old suitcases to donate, someone is looking for large suitcases to take to a charity overseas. Please contact the office.



An Act of Generosity

"The children...thought about it and decided to give it to help the people of Ukraine." Credit: The United Church of Canada



Those who work in the United Church's Philanthropy Unit have the privilege of hearing the stories of generous supporters. Each story shared is inspiring, but this note included in a cheque sent by Rock Lake Pastoral Charge in Manitoba is especially delightful:

"Please find enclosed our cheque for \$125.00. One of our member's greatgrandchildren rolled loose coins they found around the house. There was 1 roll of loonies, 6 rolls of quarters, 6 rolls of dimes, and 5 rolls of nickels. The three children ages 12, 9, and 7 were told if they rolled the coins, they could use the money however they wanted. They decided very quickly that they wanted to give it to children/people of Ukraine. They brought the money to Rock Lake Pastoral Charge and asked to have the money sent through The United Church of Canada for Emergency Response—Ukraine. They wanted it to go through the church because their great-grandmother loved the church. "The children could have gone and bought a toy or chocolate bar but they thought about it and decided to give it to help the people of Ukraine. They were so proud when they came into the office. It was a big heavy bag of coins they carried for seven or eight blocks to get here. They were really pleased to present it," says office administrator Linda Sharpe.

This story represents thoughtful, intentional giving at its finest. Every gift given is a treasure. Every gift given tells a story about generosity.

Thank you for <u>supporting the work we do together</u> as a United Church. May the story we tell in our giving and receiving bring us ever more near the heart of God.





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