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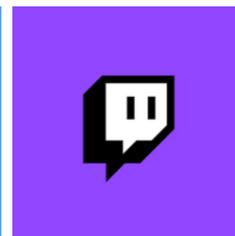
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday January 5, 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

This Sunday we will be remembering the baptism of Jesus. After Jesus grew up he came to be baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. John had been baptizing people before but when Jesus came he was baptized, not just with water but with “the Holy Spirit and with fire”. When Jesus was baptized it was the beginning point of his earthy ministry officially.

Baptism for Jesus and for us is a time to let go of the past, releasing what has happened before and setting us free for a new life in the future. Baptism is a time for release and renewal.

In our Christian baptism, we are sent forth to carry on the ministry God calls us to do. For each of us our Christian ministry will look different. For some we are led into a vocation of ministry in service, for others, we serve God in our full-time occupations, while others serve God in a variety of volunteer roles.

In the service, we will look at ways that we can serve God as we live out our baptisms. We will have an opportunity to renew our baptism in the service. We hope you will join us on Sunday.



Join us for our Youth Open House This Friday @ 6:30 PM

Youth aged 12 and up are welcome to join us for a fun night with pizza to help plan out what's important for youth in Georgetown. You do not need to be a member of our Church to attend. Please encourage your youth to attend. One of the outcomes is talking about what they would like to do in the future.

GFORCe3 AFGHAN SPONSORSHIP TEAM

Presents

A Lovely Evening with GFORCe3



Saturday, February 11, 2023
Norval United Church

14015 Danby Road, Georgetown

Cocktails at 6:15PM

Dinner at 7:00PM

Cash Bar: Beer, Wine, Cider

Live Entertainment

\$65.00/person

Bringing New Canadians Home

Reserve your tickets with Susan Tupling by sending your details ASAP to tupling@swdsl.com

GFORCe3 is having a fundraising dinner entitled "A Lovely Evening with GFORCe3" on Saturday, February 11, 2023. These funds are to bring two Afghan families to Canada, and until then support them while they are hiding out in Pakistan. Could you please advertise this community event in your bulletin/announcements throughout the month of January and the first Sunday in February? A poster with details of the dinner is attached. A silent auction may be added to the evening.

Georgetown Bread Basket

If you are thinking of making a donation to the Georgetown Bread Basket this month, the items in most need are drink boxes for students, individual pudding cups (preferably Chocolate); Pancake Mix; Ketchup and Sugar. Items can be



dropped at the food bank or at St. Andrew's United Church and they will be delivered for you.



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Sat Jan 14, 2023

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**MEN'S
Breakfast**
CLUB at 9 AM
at the Legion.

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

Mark Your 
CALENDAR

St. John's and St. Andrew's will combine worship in celebration of the Week of Prayer - We have extended an invitation to the congregation of St. John's to worship with us as a special way to observe the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The combined service will take place on Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 AM in the St. Andrew's sanctuary Plans are being finalized to include shared leadership and choirs in this special service. There will be no service at St. John's on that Sunday.

Looking for Committee Reports!



Please submit the information to the office at office@standrewsuc.ca

Please ensure all your reports are submitted by **January 19, 2023** to the office.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual General Meeting
Sunday February 12, 2023

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Youth
CONFIRMATION

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We are hoping to run a youth faith confirmation class in the new year at St. Andrew's. This will be open to anyone in grades 8 and up. If your son or daughter, or grandchild is interested please speak to Rev. Grant



It's cold out there. On **February 25, 2023**, our team "Georgetown United Angels" is going to do something about it. Together with thousands of Canadians across the country, we're walking and fundraising to support and serve people and families experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger in our community. Please, give generously by clicking the "Donate Now" button below. You're also welcome to join our team too with the link below!

Coldest Night of the Year

Our Updated Clothing Room



Thank you to all those that assisted in helping update, renovate and move our clothing room to its new location on the first floor! We'll have the room open on Sunday for all those that want to see the progress we've made!



If you or your child wishes to be baptized at St. Andrew's, please contact Grant

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Circle of Friends meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday, 5th if there is one in the

Williams to find out more information.

mornings. All are welcome to attend.



Our weekly bible study is held on thursdays at 10 am in person at the church. Everyone is welcome!



The choir practices Thursday evenings at 7 pm. All are welcome! No previous experience required!



United Church Mission & Service Fund



National Affirming/PIE Day

March 14 is PIE Day. In church circles it has nothing to do with math. PIE is short for “public, intentional, and explicit.” These are the standards we hold ourselves to when we seek to be affirming, welcoming, and inclusive.

PIE Day was co-founded by Affirm United/S’affirmer Ensemble and Affirming Connections. Every year, Affirm United (opens in a new tab) invites us to celebrate the full inclusion of Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ people in faith communities and beyond. The day challenges us to widen our welcome, to embody love, and to celebrate gender and sexual diversity.

It’s critical that we do. Gender identity and sexual orientation are used to justify human rights violations around the world. Same-sex sexual activity is a crime in 71 countries; in 11 of these the death penalty can be imposed.

Here in Canada, 1 million people identify as Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+. In 2019, police reported 263 hate crimes targeting people for their sexual orientation. This was a 41 percent increase over the previous year and the highest number since 2009.

Your gifts through Mission & Service sustain life-transforming advocacy and education. They support refugees fleeing for their lives because they identify as Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+. They support safe shelters, community awareness education, human rights programs, and safe spaces.

Thank you for giving through Mission & Service. God's compassionate love knows no boundaries. Your generosity shows ours doesn't either.

Happy New Year!!!

This year is starting off with a busy church. Over the Christmas holidays we have done some freshening up around the church. The new clothing room has been painted and new floor has been laid. Today with a crew of wonderful volunteers we have now

*Grant's
World*



moved all the clothing upstairs into the new room and it looks amazing. The new room is brighter, better organized with more rolling hanging racks and proper shelves. The new location is also more accessible for those coming to shop as its no longer in the basement. Many thanks to all the property crew for doing the renos and to the moving crew today for setting it up in just two hours!!

One request is, now that we have moved the room upstairs we no longer have a room for the extra clothing. We are looking for someone to donate a storage bin to place in the front hallway. We are hoping this will be a new or very good-looking bin. Ask me about more specifics of what we need.

The boxing fitness group has now moved into the church basement. It's a new year and if you are interested in signing up for some classes SO Fitness would love to hear from you. Their website can be found at <https://sofitness.ca/>

As we are now into the new year its time to start thinking about how you might be able to serve the church on the board or a leadership team. We are looking for a new director on the board and people to fill vacancies in all areas. Worship, Outreach, Finance, Property, Ministry and Personal, Trustees and Membership and Hospitality are the leadership teams looking for new people. If being on a leadership team isn't your thing perhaps you would like to help out as a Sunday greeter, scripture reader, Coffee hour host, or a Sunday school, teacher. If you are interested in any of these roles please let the office know.

Tomorrow night we will be holding a Youth group meeting at 6:30 PM any youth ages 12 and up are welcome to attend. Mark Wyatt, from our visioning team will be leading the group in a conversation about the church and our future events as a youth group. We will be serving pizza too.

While life around the church is getting more active we also need to let you all know of some sad news. Today we heard the news that Joyce Gaudreau passed away in her 98th year.

We extend our condolences and prayers to Ove Andersen and all of the family. Funeral arrangements have not been made yet.

Blessings,
Grant



We have changed our email addresses!

To contact us via email now please use:

office@standrewsuc.ca or minister@standrewsuc.ca

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