NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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





WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thank you to our worship ministry For their hard work hard in planning speakers. We are so blessed to have so many people willing to lead worship for us. Join us on Sunday to hear these guest preachers!

September 24 - Rev. Ross Leckie October 1 - Rev. Jean Leckie October 8 - Rev. Sue Hertell October 15 - Rev. Sue Hertell October 22 - Rev. Sue Hertell October 29 - Scott Martin, LLWL

The Search for a Part-time Supply Minister

A brief report from your St. Andrew's 'Search Team' which has been searching for a half-time supply minister to lead us for the next 6 months: "We are fully engaged on the United Church of Canada 'ChurchHub' system, we have not had any applications, we have reached out to possible candidates asking them to consider applying, but many of them already have positions or the geography of where they live makes taking the position impractical. The Search Team continues its work on finding a half-time supply minister."

-Mark Wyatt, Joanne Wardle, Marlene Beitz, Ross Leckie



Scripture Summary

Here is a parable that is not really about a fair wage. It may stretch our mind about what is fair in life and what is fair to God. "Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first."

Humour Corner

A passenger jet was going through a severe thunderstorm. As the passengers were being bounced around by the turbulence, a young woman turned to a minister sitting next to her and, with a nervous laugh asked, "Reverend, you're

a man of God, can't you do something about this storm?" To which he replied, "Lady, I'm in sales, not management."

Membership Announcements



Milestones:

Our Gord Rea is celebrating 95 years young Sept. 24 Congratulations and best wishes from your St Andrew's family. Come to church this Sunday and find out Gord's secret to aging gracefully!

Photo Sessions for October:

As fall is a busy time don't wait too long to sign up if you require a specific day and time for your family.

Also if you need to change an appointment you must do it through Michelle in the office as she is the administrator for the program.

NOTE For many of you who can't attend in person due to health or mobility issues, you may send in a picture and Margaret and I will put together a special page. Submissions must be in by October 20.

Sign up online in person on Sunday or by phone @ 905-877-4482 or emailing <<u>office@standrewsuc.ca</u>> or by clicking on the button below.

This directory is a capsule in time of our church history. Let's strive to make it a memorable account of the life of our church and the people who make it possible.

Colleen

Please click here to sign up online

St. Andrew's Announcements

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting Friday, Sept 22nd at 9:30 am in the Fellowship room



Please click here for more details and the application form





The Rev. Ross Leckie will facilitate an on-line study group for Men, beginning in October. The book to be studied will be, An Audacious Invitation, A compelling reflection on the Gospel According to John by Walter Farquharson and Jeff Cook. "Here we discover a Jesus of love and compassion and hope, and a compelling call to a new way of living." I would begin the on-line Zoom format, October 16 at 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Please let me know if you need further information. Thanks, Ross Leckie

SAFE FOOD HANDLING PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 4th at 1:00pm

Please arrive 15-20 minutes early so that we can get started on time. We allow an hour to write the exam but most people usually finish earlier. The cost per person is \$10. Thank you to everyone who has signed up as we have the necessary 10 people to make this a go! Please contact the office if you wish to participate.

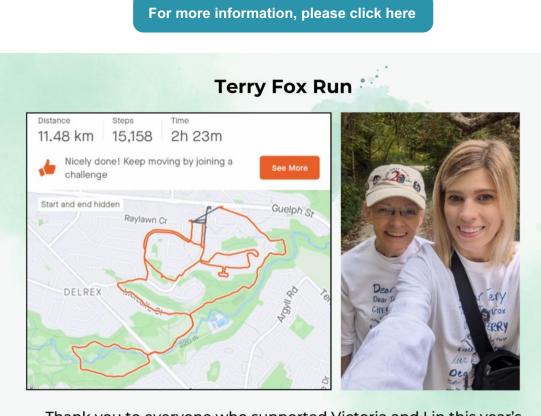
Community Announcements

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

September 30, 2023

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community intergenerational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. On September 30, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.



Thank you to everyone who supported Victoria and I in this year's Terry Fox Run. Your generosity raised \$1500 for cancer research in Canada. You are awesome! Valerie



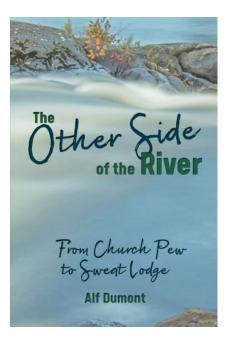
Please click here to register



Listening and Learning on the Path to

Reconciliation

"You bring a gift that I don't have; I bring a gift that you may not have." Alf Dumont's memoir bridges First Nations and non–First Nations understandings. Credit: The United Church of Canada



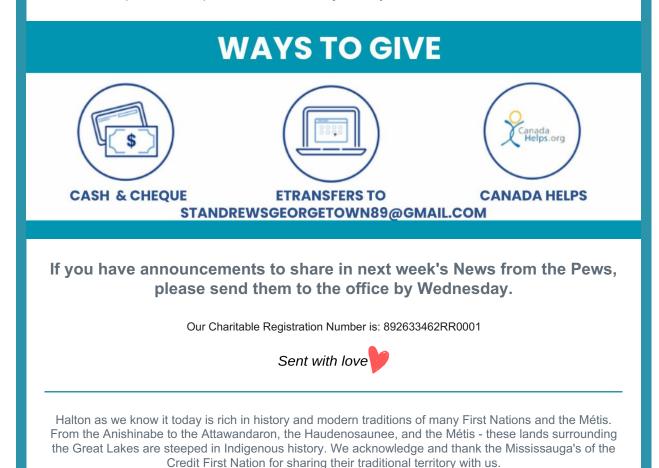
When Alf Dumont's Roman Catholic father and Anishinaabe mother asked the priest serving the Shawanaga reserve to marry them, the priest rejected their request, advising them to "marry someone of their own kind." Nearby, a United Church minister had a different response. He told the couple he had just two

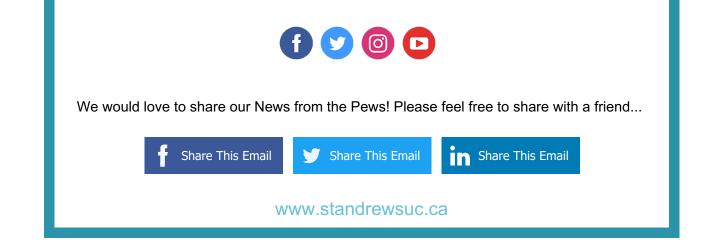
rules: "If you have differences, talk them out and just try to get along." "Dad and Mom said 'I think we can do that.' They brought together First Nations understanding and non-First Nations understanding. That's how I came to the church," Dumont recounts in a United in Learning <u>webinar</u>. Dumont spent his life as a spiritual leader, serving the United Church as a minister while staying connected with his traditional Indigenous spirituality. His memoir <u>The Other Side of the River: From Church Pew to Sweat Lodge</u> shares stories of how Dumont walks between the two worlds of Indigenous and settler, traditional spirituality and Christianity.

"Part of the struggle with me in life was to find out who I was as Anishinaabe and who I was as French, Irish, and English mix," Dumont shares. With a foot in both sides of the river, Dumont's words eloquently draw together spiritual threads.

"There are seven truths in some of the Anishinaabe teaching: love, courage, respect, humility, truth, wisdom, and honesty. But you can't have one of those teachings or truths without having the others. So you can't have respect without love. You can't have truth without humility," explains Dumont. "I took those underlying teachings and applied them to the four teachings on love: Love God. Love your neighbour. Love your enemy. Love yourself. You can't have one teaching without the other. You can't love God if you don't truly love yourself. You cannot love your neighbour unless you truly love God." In an <u>interview</u>, Broadview magazine asked Dumont to weigh in on the future of reconciliation: "Part of the struggle has to do with learning to walk together again. It means being as open as we can," he says. "You bring a gift that I don't have; I bring a gift that you may not have. And as we share, we learn from the gifts that we have been given."

Your gifts through <u>Mission and Service</u> help support the creation and publication of luminous, timely work like Dumont's book as well as the webinar discussions and education events that follow. Through listening and learning, we take important steps forward on the journey toward reconciliation.





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