

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday July 9, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

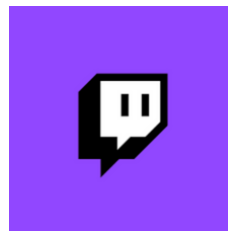


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St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Sunday, July 12th
10:00 AM at St. Andrew's UC**



The Inventions of Summer - String beans Taking Up an Offering

"There is no end, believe me! to the inventions of summer..."

-Mary Oliver, The Roses

This Sunday we continue with our Combined Summer Worship Series with St. John's United Church. Throughout July, Rev. Kate will lead worship at St. Andrew's United Church. In August, our congregations will gather for worship at St. John's United Church.

Thank you to our volunteers & everyone participating in the service this week!

Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

Greeters: Lorne MacLeod and Beth Avis

Scripture Reader: Alan Grundy

Coffee Time: Nora McClure and ****Volunteer Needed****

Offering Counters: Pat Moore and Linda McKinnon

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



With Pentecost here, we begin a simplified Summer Sunday School program. This is your opportunity to get to know our wonderful children.

Jean has prepared a lesson each week for the next three months. Everything you need is on the table in the basket in the fellowship room.

If you are able to help out by taking the children out after the Children's Ministry, everyone will be better for it. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the sanctuary or please contact the office. Thanks for helping when you can!

Humour Corner

Why did the pastor bring sunscreen to church?

Because they were preaching about the Son all summer!

Membership Announcements



Jammin 2026

As a fundraiser, members of St. Andrew's United Church made over 150 jars of delicious strawberry freezer jam.

The jam is delicious on toast or over a scoop of vanilla ice cream. A wonderful hostess gift too.

For the next two weeks jars of jam will be available at \$9 each.

Please arrange to pick up your jam after the service at St. Andrew's on Sunday.

For further information, please contact Susan or Lorne Campbell at (905) 877-4564, or the church office at (905) 877-4482 or office@standrewsuc.ca.

Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those who have stepped up to help with coffee time!

Linda MacKinnon is organizing juice and cookies in July.

Help is needed July 12, 19 and 26.

Please see the sign up sheets outside the sanctuary doors!

Prayers of the People

We continue to keep those in our church family dealing with health issues at home or in hospital in our prayers and hope to see you back soon.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Kate continues to provide pastoral care to the St. Andrew's congregation. If you would like a visit or know of someone who is in the hospital, please let Kate or Colleen Armstrong know.

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

St. Andrew's Announcements

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>WHO</u>
5-Jul	10AM	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
12-Jul	10AM	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
19-Jul	10AM	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
26-Jul	10AM	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
2-Aug	10AM	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
9-Aug	10AM	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
16-Aug	10AM	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
23-Aug	10AM	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	SANDY WOODWORTH
30-Aug	10AM	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	SANDY WOODWORTH



Saturday, July 11th
ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH
MEN'S
Breakfast
CLUB
at 9 AM at the legion.
All are invited to join us!



Looking for Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers for coffee time, scripture readers, and greeters! As well as greeters for the following month at St. John's. Please consider signing up on the sign up sheets outside of the sanctuary or contact the office.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

The poster is framed by a decorative border of various food items including watermelon, grapes, a juice box, a banana, a can of soup, a box of cereal, a raspberry, a strawberry, a kiwi, a lime, and a slice of watermelon. The text is centered on a white background.

BRING YOUR ITEMS THIS SUNDAY!

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

**LET'S STOCK UP FOR SUMMER...
HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION**

All summer, we will be collecting donations in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket.

Please bring donations
to our collection boxes at St. Andrew's
Thank you for your generosity!

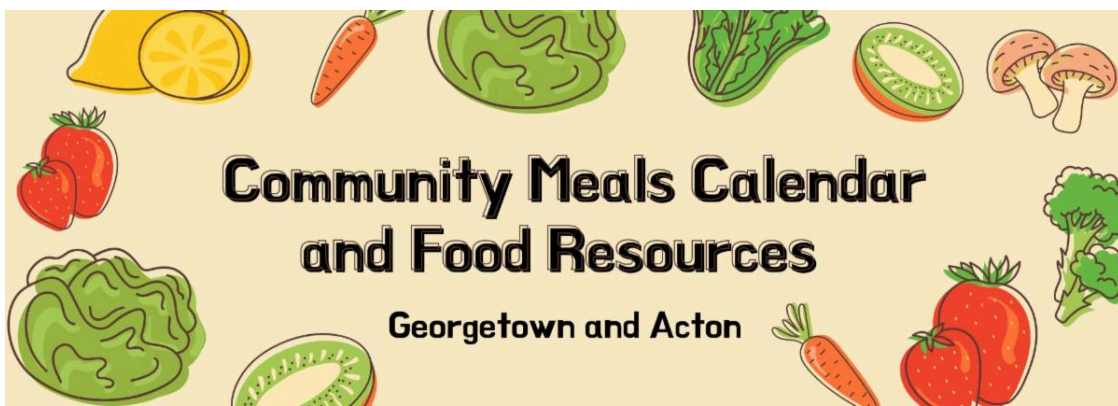
**A few essential items that are
running very low at the food bank:**

- Cooking Broth
- Canned Black Beans
- Juice Boxes
- Instant Noodles
- Tomato paste
- Syrup



Georgetown
BREAD BASKET
Your local food bank

Community Announcements



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

A promotional graphic for the PRIDE HALTON parade. It features a background of colorful, overlapping circles in shades of blue, orange, yellow, and green. In the center, there is a white cloud-like shape containing the PRIDE HALTON logo and text. The logo includes a rainbow flag icon and the text "Presented by PRISM".

PRIDE HALTON

**PRIDE PARADE: SUNDAY, JULY 19TH
2PM @ MILTON, MAIN STREET & BROWN
A Celebration of Love and Unity**

Anyone who wishes to be part of the Churches of Halton in the parade can meet at **St. Paul's United Church on Main Street at 1:30 pm.**



*The Friends of the Old Seed
House Garden presents:*

Music in the Garden

*Sunday afternoons at the Gazebo
3:00-5:00 p.m. (free admission)
135 Maple Ave. Georgetown*

June 21st - Pearl and her Harp

July 5th - Georgetown Transfer

July 19th - Hillsvie Seniors Band

Aug 2nd - Retired Teachers Rock Band

Aug 16th - Celtic Chords

Aug 30th - Georgetown Folk Collective

Sept 13th - Standard Time Jazz Band

Sept 27th - Halton Hills Concert Band



STEM camp[®]

Registration for Summer Camp 2026 is OPEN!



At St. Andrew's this Summer!

STEM Camp is coming to a location near you for summer camp 2026! We can't wait for your camper to join us for Minecraft, LEGO, and messy, awesome FUN! For more information and to register, visit:

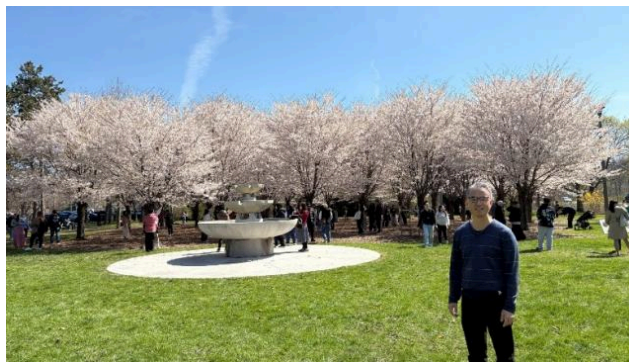
www.STEMcamp.ca



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Grace at the Gate

Credit: The United Church of Canada



We would like to share a blog written by Rev. Won Hur, who works as the Global Partnership Program Coordinator for Asia in the General Council's Church in Mission Unit:

One of the biggest challenges in my thirty years as a congregational minister was not knowing whether I was making any difference at all. Unlike bricklayers, butchers, or teachers, there were no concrete indicators to measure the impact of my ministry. This also holds true when we give, practice generosity, and support Mission and Service. We often want to know what difference it makes.

In reality, our offerings do make a difference in ways we cannot even imagine, and often in very concrete ways.

There are many partners of The United Church of Canada who do incredible work in Canada and around the world. One of them is Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin, a private Christian girls' school in Tokyo, Japan. The school was founded in 1884 by Ms. Martha Cartmell (1845–1945), the first woman missionary of the Canadian Methodist Church, a predecessor of The United Church of Canada. At a time when girls were often denied education, she started a school for them, beginning with just two students. Today, the school has grown to an enrollment of over 4,200, with students from kindergarten through high school and into graduate school. It has retained its core Christian identity—the school day begins with worship, and students take classes on Christianity while living into the school's motto, "Reverence and Service." Over its history, more than 140 members of the United Church have answered the call to serve this school.

One of the more famous graduates of Toyo Eiwa is Hanako Muraoka, who graduated in 1913. During her time at the school, she enjoyed the library and read many books in English; she became a writer and translator. Later in life a Canadian friend, Loretta Leonard Shaw, gave her a copy of *Anne of Green Gables*, by Lucy Maud Montgomery. Hanako fell in love with the book and its main character, Anne, and went on to translate it into Japanese. The translation became a bestseller and has since become a cultural phenomenon—Japanese tourists regularly visit Prince Edward Island to see the Anne of Green Gables Museum, as Toyo Eiwa students each year do.

Another notable graduate is Rev. Shoko Aminaka, General Secretary of the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ), who attended the school from grade one through grade 12. Having grown up in this environment and been immersed in Christian faith, she began to think deeply about life and she found freedom in entrusting herself to God. After being baptized in grade nine, she discerned her call, was ordained, and eventually rose to the highest office in the UCCJ. Currently, four ordained women clergy in the United Church of Christ in Japan are graduates of Toyo Eiwa.

It is often difficult to see or fully understand the impacts of our faith at work in the world. Like fruit trees in an orchard, they take time to grow, blossom, and

bear fruit for all to enjoy. Such is the work of ministry and service—it is often hidden from our eyes, yet it is growing and flourishing.

Among Toyo Eiwa students and alumni, there is immense gratitude toward Ms. Martha Cartmell and The United Church of Canada. They raised funds to plant about 100 cherry blossom trees in Centennial Park in Dundas, near Hamilton, Ontario, and in Lakeview Cemetery in Thorold, Ontario—Ms. Cartmell's hometown. In 2014, for the school's 130th anniversary, they visited Dundas to celebrate the tree-planting ceremony.

Thanks to your contributions to Mission and Service, The United Church of Canada continues to support partners around the world in ways that are not always visible. Yet those partners—and God—appreciate our generosity and our shared commitment to a more just and peaceful world.

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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.



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