

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, December 11, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

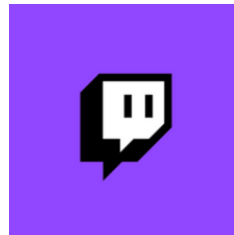


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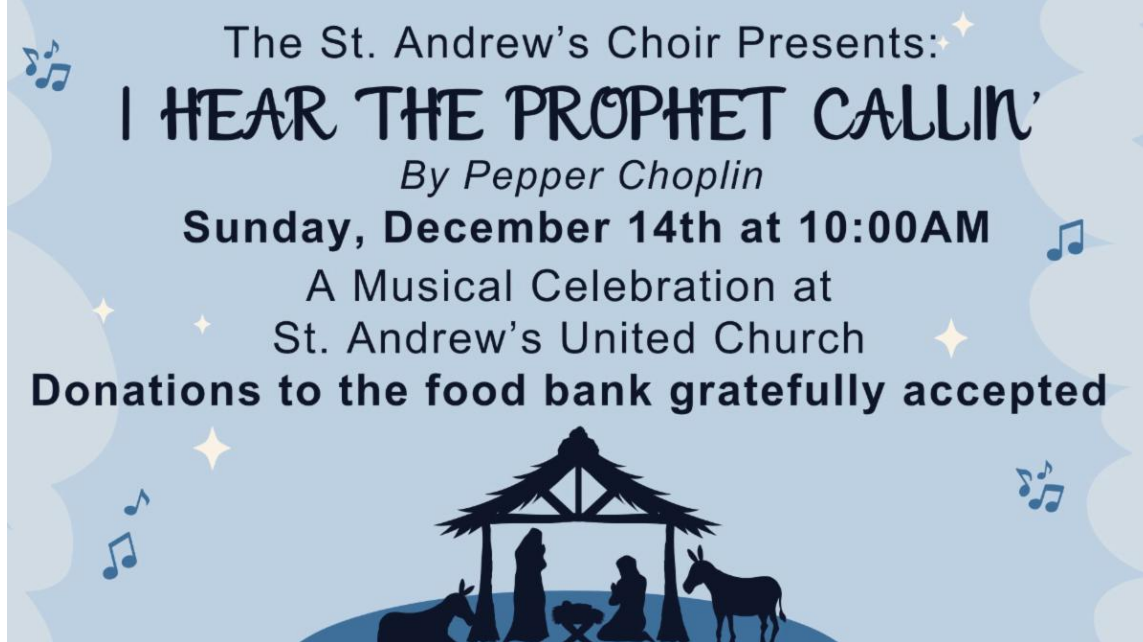
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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship this Week - Sunday, December 14th



Something very different this Sunday - no bow ties nor black gowns. The cantata this year is a celebration of Cajun and Appalachian music. You will be surprised to see the choir in plaid shirts and blue jeans! I Hear the Prophet Callin' is written by Pepper Choplin. We are performing it as part of this Sunday's church service. Hope to see you there!

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

Advent Readers: The Pennycook Family

Coffee Time Volunteers: Kathy MacLeod and Robin Thompson

Offering Counters: Linda McKinnon and Ross Yahiro

Front Door Greeter: Florence Riehl

[Please click here to view this week's Order of Service](#)



Scripture Summary

God will save the lame and gather the outcast. God will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

Humour Corner

Why did the Christmas tree join the choir?
It wanted to branch out musically.

Membership Announcements

Candy Cane Lane



What a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit by enjoying this year's performance of Candy Cane Lane! We hope you had a chance to join us last Saturday and Sunday for our fabulous Christmas play. What an incredible performance from our talented cast! Their hard work and dedication, rehearsing since September, truly shone on stage. Their performances were outstanding, and they were having so much fun that it was infectious.

A huge thank-you to Stephanie and Bryan Scott, who every year pour their creativity, talent, and countless hours into making our Christmas play unforgettable. From the professional sets and costumes to the music, sound, directing, and rehearsals, every detail was exceptional!

Looking for Photos!

Please email the office pictures of your crèches nativity scenes to be included in our Advent PowerPoint.

Prayers of the People

We continue to keep Alex and Al in our prayers as well as Phil who is feeling under the weather.

Piano Free to a Good Home!

Please contact Sue Whaley or the office for more details.



Advent Sunday #3 Joy

We hope for peace in a world that is torn
It's love that we want to flow
It is joy that we live every day of our life
Spreading joy everywhere that we go
For the One that has come to bring light to the earth
Has given to us a great gift
He's come here to teach us the love that's within
When it's shared will bring joy and a lift
When our heart has been opened to our soul deep inside
When we've taken to heart Jesus life
When our lives are compassion lived out every day
Joy reigns, marking end to our strife
On the path that we travel, this body, this life
When we've opened our hearts to the light
We're full up with love we're bubbling with joy
Each day of our life's a delight

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



St. Andrew's Worship Schedule



November 30 - The First Sunday in Advent: Hope

December 7 - Christmas Play and

The Second Sunday in Advent: Peace

December 14 - Christmas Cantata

The Third Sunday in Advent: Joy

December 21 - The Fourth Sunday in Advent: Love

December 24 - 7pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



St. Andrew's, we have a reputation to uphold! Last year 328 lbs of food were donated along with mittens, hats, socks and scarves. This year food donations are down but the need is greater than ever. Therefore on this last weekend of collecting, we need to step it up and bring in food donations.

Cheques, gift cards and cash also accepted.

I know we can do it!!!!

Please bring donations to the church by this Sunday. December 14th.

[Please click here to view the most needed food items](#)



Weekly Bible Study ***Every Thursday at 10:00am***

Dec. 11 Reviewing the Birth of Jesus
Matthew Chapters 1 & 2 and Luke Chapters 1 & 2

- The Ancestry of Jesus Christ, His birth in human history
- Herod takes vindictive precautions, Jesus brought to Narareth
- A vision comes to an old priest, and then to Mary
 - The old woman's son, John, is born
- The census brings Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem
- A vision comes to shepherds on the hill-side

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, December 12th at
9:30 am in the Fellowship room



Saturday, December 13th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!





Poinsettia Memorial Donations

For a minimum donation of \$10, you can dedicate a poinsettia in memoriam. The money will be used to decorate our sanctuary and any remaining donations will go into our general fund.

There are poinsettia Memorial Donation Envelopes on the Welcome Table.

We would appreciate having donations in by Sunday, December 14th



ST. ANDREW'S FREE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, December 19th

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

We hope you can join us this month for a full Turkey dinner! With special performances from the Hillview Centre Band!

All are welcome!



NOW ACCEPTING: Winter Coats and Boots Only

ST. ANDREW'S FREE CLOTHING ROOM

Clothing room hours:
**9:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
or by appointment**

All are welcome!

Thank you for all of your donations!

Christmas Card Exchange at St. Andrew's



The mail slots for our Christmas Card Exchange are back! Save on postage and bring your Christmas cards for Church friends to church! Also, don't forget to check the slots once in a while for cards addressed to you!

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2025

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again!

To all Ministries, Committees, and Groups:

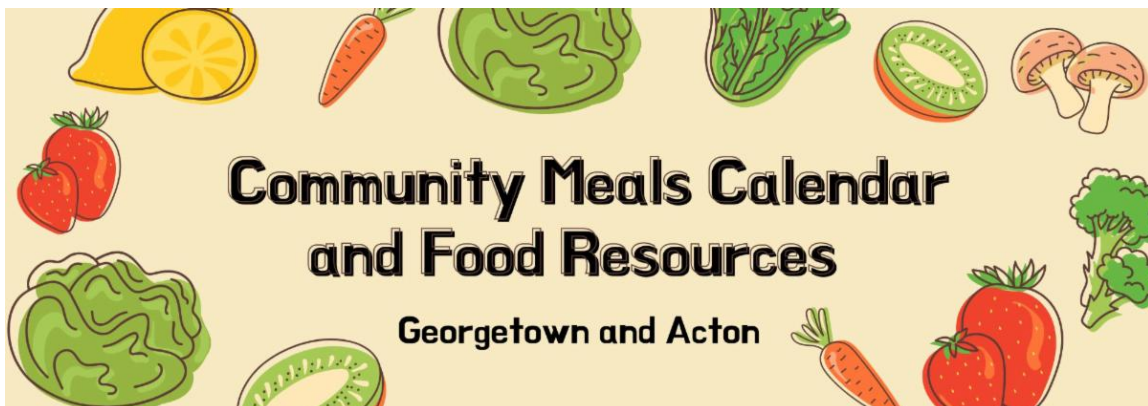
Please submit your reports for the 2025 Annual Report to the office by **Sunday, January 18th, 2026**.

Reports can be emailed to: office@standrewsuc.ca.

If your committee does not have a Chairperson, please assign a member (or members) to prepare the report. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the office. Thank you for your contributions!



Community Announcements



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

THE CHOIR OF
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UNITED CHURCH
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GLEN WILLIAMS
PRESENTS

WITH A JOYFUL SOUND

Mark Peterson - Music Director

St. John's United
Church Choir and guests
are delighted to bring you
With a Joyful Sound
Monday, Dec. 15th, 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7pm, no reserved seating)

Tickets required for this event
Free tickets are available at
the church office (905-877-2531)
Monday(1:30pm - 6:30pm),
Tuesday(8:30am - 1:30pm),
closed Wednesdays,
Thursday(8:30am - 1:30pm),
Friday(1:30pm - 6:30pm).

The Sanctuary Concert Hall
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown

*A free will collection
will be donated to CARE
(Community Alliance Reaching Everyone)*



St. John's
United Church
of Georgetown and Glen Williams

Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds



United Church Mission & Service Fund

**Gifts with Joy, Gifts with Hope.
Gifts with Visions**

Credit: The United Church of Canada



December always seems to arrive in a blink, doesn't it? Some are already checking off shopping lists, and others are thinking about starting. Wherever you fall, Gifts with Vision can make your Christmas giving simple and meaningful.

With Gifts with Vision, there's no wrapping, no shipping deadlines, and no frantic mall searches. Instead, you can choose a gift that truly matters. Every gift supports communities across Canada and around the world—addressing poverty and hunger, strengthening education, supporting healing and reconciliation, and more. There's something thoughtful for everyone on your list.

Each Gift with Vision connects directly to a Mission and Service project that relies on the generosity of people like you. Your gift becomes part of real change and real hope for people who need it.

As you settle into the season, whether you're a planner or a last-minute shopper, consider a gift that gives back. Gifts with Vision is just a click away.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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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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