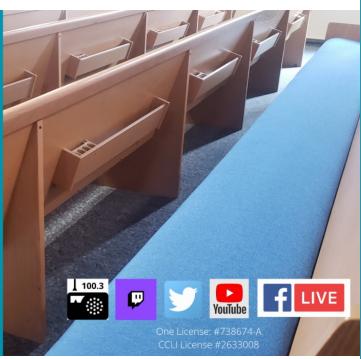
## **NEWS FROM THE PEWS...**

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

Thursday June 13, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews



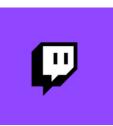


We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitter, Twitch & 100.3 FM Click on the icons below to connect!











#### St. Andrew's United Church

## Worship This Week - Sunday, June 9th

We hope you can join us this Sunday for our Father's day service led by Rev. Kate Young. All are welcome!

Theme: Who Helps to Grow Your Faith and Father's Day The New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: 'Everything I Know About Farming'

## Happy Father's Day!

To the "Dads" of all kinds



#### **Scripture Summary**

"The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the groundand would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

#### **Humour Corner**

How do pigs wake up their Dad on Father's Day? With hogs and kisses.

## **Membership Announcements**

## UCC 99th Anniversary Service













On Sunday, June 9, the four United Churches in Georgetown joined together at Norval United Church to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. The sanctuary was full for a meaningful and memorable service celebrating our national church as well as the United Church in our Georgetown community. There was a guest speaker - Rev. Dr. Robin Wardlaw - and participation by members of the clergy from Norval, St. Andrew's, Hillcrest and St. John's. There was also special music, including a combined choir from the four churches and a mass singing of The Hallelujah Chorus. All

of the free-will offering was collected for the Townsend Smith Foundation for the new Hospice in Halton Hills! Thoughtful worship, great fellowship, lovely treats and seeds for our future! Thank you to Norval United for hosting us!

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



## Coffee Time Volunteers

There are no volunteers for coffee time this week, next week and the month of July! Starting June 30th we will be switching to cold beverages and moving to the fellowship room. Please consider signing up on the sheets outside of the sanctuary or contact the office. Thank you to all of our volunteers!





## **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.



# Rally for Climate Action NOW! Tuesday June 18th 4:00 to 4:30 pm Dominion Gardens Park, Guelph St, Georgetown Organized by Halton Hills Climate Action

Our world is burning, yet there's a lot of climate inaction right now. It's time to inspire action. "If it's to be, it starts with me." Governments at all levels need to see public support before they will jump in front of the parade. Hear short speeches by special speakers, then we will finish the rally with a parade. Bring a sign and a friend!





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



#### **Rainbow Camp is Welcoming**

"We don't want any camper to feel afraid to be who they are."

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Rainbow Camp® in northern Ontario has welcomed young people of all sexual identities since 2012. From the beginning, Mission and Service has supported Welcome Friend Association, which runs the camp.

"Initially, we wanted to bridge the local LGBTQ community with area churches. We started the association, and then we launched the camp. We had no idea what we were doing at the time. Only one person on the board had camp experience, but we knew that young people would benefit," says Chris Southin, one of the camp's co-founders.

Rainbow Camp® now serves up to 50 youth each week for four weeks, with expansion plans in the works.

Above all, Rainbow Camp® provides campers with a safe space to be who they are without judgment. "I'll never forget our first year of camp," says Harry Stewart, also a co-founder. "It was the second full day. A camper told us his mom had found a dress in his closet. He lied to her and said that it belonged to his girlfriend. He had brought the dress to camp and said he would like to wear it. High heels and sand don't mix!" he explains, laughing, "But the warmth, love, and compassion that the camper received from everyone at camp was amazing."

Southin and Stewart want the camp experience to be memorable, fun, soul-searching, and supportive. "We don't want any camper to feel afraid to be who they are. I think that's why so many now call it their home." This important work was recognized with a Governor General's award in 2021.

Your generosity through <u>Mission and Service</u> supports safe, welcoming spaces like Rainbow Camp®. Thank you!

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

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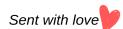


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We would love to share our News from the Pews! Please feel free to share with a friend...







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