

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, October 16, 2025

## St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

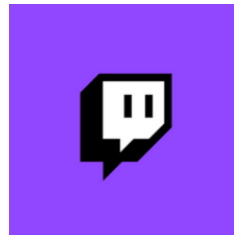


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## St. Andrew's United Church

### Worship this Week - Sunday, October 19th

#### World Food Sunday

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 22: 15-22, Paying Taxes

**Message:** Heads of Tales? Scott Martin, LLW

Thank you to Scott Martin for leading us in worship and to our volunteers this Sunday!

**Scripture Reader:** Alan Grundy

**Coffee Time:** Colleen Armstrong

**Greeter:** June Longstreet

**Offering Counters:** Pat Moore and Ross Yahiro

**Front Door Greeter:** Florence Riehl



Thank you to Jean and the Sunday School for decorating our bulletin board with their beautiful artwork!

## Scripture Summary

Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?

## Humour Corner

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates.

When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

## Membership Announcements

### EAT Meeting

On October 5th the Exploring Amalgamation Team (EAT) gave an update on our progress. At the time we did not open the floor for questions but announced that after our worship service this Sunday October 19, 2025, we will be available to take time to hear from you and respond to questions/concerns.

**GFORCe presents: A Journey of Hope**

We invite you to join us tomorrow night, 7:00pm on Friday, October 17th at Holy Cross Church for a wonderful evening of music to raise funds in support of an Afghan refugee family living here in Georgetown. Our St. Andrew's Choir has been hard at work preparing some beautiful pieces and would be grateful for your support in the audience. You'll have time to make it after our community dinner! Tickets are available at the door: Adult \$20, Child \$10, Family \$40.

*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.*

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## St. Andrew's Announcements

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### Looking for Volunteers



The sign up sheets for the fall are now posted outside of the sanctuary! We are looking for coffee time volunteers, scripture readers, and greeters.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, your help is greatly appreciated!

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH  
www.standrewsuc.ca (905) 877-4482

**Friday, October 17th  
Doors Open at 5:30 PM**

**ST. ANDREW'S  
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**

89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown  
Anyone wanting takeout  
please contact the office by Thursday.

**Supported by Community  
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# CHRISTMAS PLAY UPCOMING PRACTICES

**Saturday, October 18th**

2:00-3:00pm in the gym.

**Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>**

11:30am-12:30pm after church.

**Reminder: no practice this Friday.**



## Join our Bell Choir: The Bell Ringers

We are no longer meeting Thursday.  
The first practice will be this Sunday, October  
19th at 1:00pm in the sanctuary.  
Please contact Stephanie for more details.



## Weekly Bible Study



***Every Thursday at 10:00am***

October 16<sup>th</sup>: Lesson 5 – 1 Samuel 30:1-25

Finding Strength in the Lord

David destroys the Amalekites who captured  
his two wives

Encourage friends to find strength in the Lord  
in the midst of their difficulties.

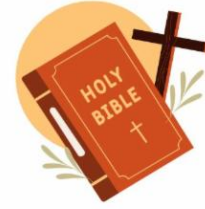


# Men's Online Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00am on Zoom

First meeting October 27th

*'The Other Side of the River:  
from Church Pew to Sweat Lodge'*



The Men's Study Group will begin to look at a new book, meeting over Zoom later this month, Mondays at 10:00 am. Our first gathering will be October 27. It has been 10 years since Canada's Truth and Reconciliation pathway began. I suggest we look at *The Other Side of the River, from Church Pew to Sweat Lodge*, by Alf Dumont.

Alf served as a United Church minister for over 40 years. This book traces Alf's path as the son of a French Canadian-Irish father and an Indigenous mother from life in Parry Sound, on to Laurentian University, Sudbury, to Emmanuel College, Toronto and eventually to walk with the church bringing the indigenous voice forward. Alf Dumont walks between the two worlds of Indigenous and settler, traditional spirituality and Christianity. He shares stories of building bridges between these worlds. Dumont challenges the church to re-examine the theology behind its past decision around residential schools, so that it might live out the words of its apologies. He challenges the country to re-examine its responsibilities and relationships with Indigenous people. Through stories, humour, poetry, and shared insights we gain some access to Alf's journey, his unique spiritual views and a partial summary of the work of the United Church of Canada from the 1980s to 2020.

Please speak to Ross Leckie, 905-873-9808 for a copy of the book (also available as an ebook) and/or further information.



**Volunteers Needed!**

**Volunteer Orientation Nights:**

**Monday, October 27th & Sunday, November 2nd**

As the colder months approach, we are once again preparing for another season of the Out of the Cold program at Knox. Each year, this most crucial ministry makes a vital difference by providing shelter through the coldest nights and by serving warm, nourishing meals on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Last season, thanks to your commitment, compassion, and hard work, we were able to serve our community consistently—missing only four nights all winter long. That is a tremendous accomplishment and a testament to the heart and dedication of our volunteers.

This year, however, we are facing a potential challenge: we need more volunteers. To continue providing meals and shelter without interruption, we need to grow our team. That's why we're asking each of you to consider bringing a "buddy"—a friend, family member, or colleague—to one of our Volunteer Orientation Nights.

☐ Volunteer Orientation Nights:

- Monday, October 27
- Sunday, November 2

By attending this kick-off and bringing along a buddy, you can help us spread the word and increase our volunteer base. Every new pair of hands means more meals served, more beds filled, and more lives touched.

Together, we can make sure no one is left out in the cold this winter. Thank you for your continued dedication, generosity, and willingness to invite others into this important community initiative.

Further information can be obtained from Rev. Ross Leckie, 905-873-9808

### Calling All Bakers at St. Andrew's!



Once again, we'll be holding a Bake Sale at the Christmas Craft Show! It's time to start thinking about what you'll be baking! Cookies, squares, loaves, pies, or any of your favourite festive treats! We're calling on all the wonderful bakers of St. Andrew's to help make this year's sale another great success. Our bake sale is always a highlight of the event, thanks to your delicious contributions!

We kindly ask that donations be brought to the church **by 4:00pm on Friday, November 7th**, if possible, so that we can begin packaging.

**Please do not cut any squares**, as we'll be cutting them to a uniform size for the sale.



## Accepting Personal and Business Donations

St. Andrew's Christmas Craft Sale  
Saturday, November 8th

We are asking for donations for our silent auction and raffle! Items should be new or handmade or a gift of time such as handyman work, babysitting, etc. We are also looking for Business Donations - The best way to get donations is a good customer asking the business for a donation!

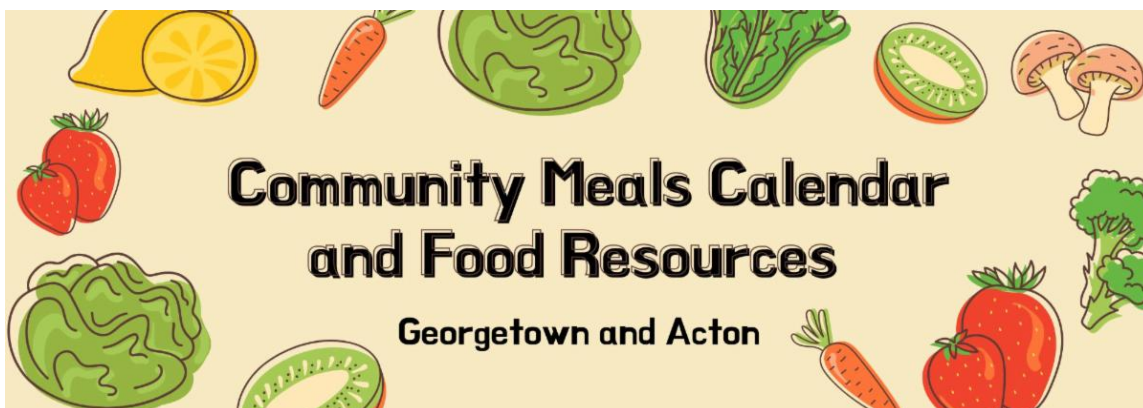
Your donations can be dropped off anytime now until Sunday, November 2nd. There are donation forms and a table set up for the donations at the end of the hallway outside of the office. All donations big or small help make this fundraising event successful and we thank you in advance for your generosity!

[Click here to visit our website and download the donation or registration forms](#)

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## Community Announcements

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## Community Meals Calendar and Food Resources

Georgetown and Acton

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



Townsend Smith Foundation:  
The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Candlelight Vigil Ceremony

7:00PM

Thursday October 16th  
at Hillcrest United Church



# A JOURNEY OF HOPE



AN EVENING OF SONG

IN SUPPORT OF OUR AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Friday October 17, 2025



**Presented by**

**Choirs from Georgetown Churches  
supporting GFORCE3**

**With Special Guests**

**THE YOUNG AT HEART SINGERS & BAND (Erin)**

**THE OVER TONES INC. (Guelph)**

**and**

**ABLETT & COOPER**

**Where: HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH 14400 ARGYLL ROAD, GEORGETOWN**

**Date: Friday, October 17, 2025**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 pm)**

**Admission : Adult: \$20.00 Children: \$10.00 Family: \$40.00**

**Tickets: •at the door •from a GFORCE Rep • Mary Blackmore at  
[blackmodmcb@gmail.com](mailto:blackmodmcb@gmail.com)**

**50/50 DRAW ON CONCERT NIGHT**

**Organized by Georgetown Friends of Refugees Committee (GFORCE3)**



# Wednesday, Oct 22

**John Elliott Theatre** - 9 Church St., Georgetown, ON

**Ticket pick up & table displays:** 6:30 p.m.

**PowerPoint Presentation & Film:** 7:00 p.m.

Tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office  
or online at: [www.haltonhills.ca/theatre](http://www.haltonhills.ca/theatre)

**Adults: \$10 | Students: \$5**



## This Film is Garbage!

This film is a family fun and informative adventure through our everyday garbage! Filmmaker and environmental activist Andrew Nisker investigates our relationship to household waste by enlisting the help of an average urban condo couple and a typical rural family.



Join us this Fall season as **Halton Hills EcoFilm Fest** continues to celebrate 10 years of inspiring action through films on climate change, nature, and sustainability. Visit: [www.haltonhillsnature.com/ecofilms](http://www.haltonhillsnature.com/ecofilms)



**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1ST,  
2025**

**NORVAL UNITED  
CHURCH- 14015  
DANBY RD**

**STARTS AT  
7PM**

**Join us for an evening of music, unity, and action as we raise our voices and funds to help preserve the beauty and balance of the place we call home.**

## **FEATURED PERFORMERS**

### **Russell Braun & Carolyn Maule**

World-renowned baritone and pianist duo who captivate audiences with their artistry and connection. A rare chance to hear this world-class duo, who call The Glen home.

### **Katherine Wheatley**

Poetic songwriter whose nature-inspired music evokes the landscapes we fight to preserve.

### **Chris & Simon Dawes**

Georgetown's father-son duo blending choral mastery and rising jazz talent in a heartfelt performance.

### **Maeve Sharkey**

A local favourite with a global voice. Maeve's heartfelt connection to the environment and community shines through her music.



**TICKETS ARE \$35! - INCLUDES HORS D'OEUVRES. AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR VIA E-TRANSFER [GLENWILLIAMSCA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GLENWILLIAMSCA@GMAIL.COM)**

**All concert proceeds will support legal and advocacy efforts to protect the unique character and heritage of our beloved hamlet! Please join us for an inspiring evening of music and community resolve.**



## 2025 Fall Yard Clean-up

*Assisting families in need due to age, health or circumstance.*

**When:** Saturday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Time:** 8:15am to noon. Great Lunch after at Knox  
**Where:** Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Road  
**Bring:** Garden rakes, clippers, garden gloves, other small garden tools.

Please join us afterwards from 12:00 – 1:00 at Knox Presbyterian Church 116 Main Street for a time of fellowship, food and drink

*If you can't rake, join us and be a "friendly visitor"*

*Should the date be rained out, homes will be assigned to individual churches to be completed at their convenience.*

To volunteer or if you have a home in need please provide your church representative, Minister/Reverend or email to [tjc@chisintl.com](mailto:tjc@chisintl.com) with your name, cell number, email address and number in your group, or look for the Volunteer Form posted in your church.

"My husband and I were the fortunate recipients of your generous help. We will never be able to thank you and your volunteers enough for what you did for us. Please thank them for taking all that time from their busy lives to help us. People like them are a breath of fresh air in our community and a gift to humankind." *Homeowner*

"The couple were in bad shape physically and really appreciated the work and when we prayed she broke down and cried and that really touched me." *Yard Work Volunteer*

"This is one of the best, if not the best service provided in our community. Young people today are so busy that it is hard to get them to help, so this is a service that I am very grateful for. The combined efforts of the members of churches in our community, setting aside a day to help seniors is such a loving, generous service. Thank you." *Homeowner*



*"Local Churches Working Together  
Making a Difference In Our Community"*



United Church Mission & Service Fund

## Setting More Tables Together

*Credit: The United Church of Canada*



At Thanksgiving, many of us gather around tables filled with food, and share familiar traditions and prayers of gratitude. In the Bible, food is more than just sustenance: it's manna in the wilderness, a feast shared among thousands, and a table where all are welcome. Again and again, food is a sign of God's care and abundance.

But we know that not everyone has the blessing of a full table or loved ones to gather with. Hunger remains a painful reality for far too many. These are not just numbers or statistics: these are our neighbours, making impossible choices between heat and dinner.

Through Mission and Service partners, your generosity is part of God's response. Together, we are helping farmers in India care for their livestock, families in Zimbabwe grow food in drought conditions, and communities in Northern Canada access nutritious food despite high costs. Across Canada, ecumenical campus ministries and community centres serve weekly dinners where everyone is welcome. These meals don't just ease hunger, they help reduce stress, support learning, and bring people together where everyone has a place at the table.

This Thanksgiving, may gratitude fill our hearts. May that gratitude ripple outward, becoming generosity that helps set more tables, share more bread, and create more moments of joy. Because when we share what we have, God's promise of abundance comes to life, not just as a symbol, but as a feast of hope and possibility for all.

Thank you for the difference you make through Mission and Service.

# 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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