

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

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St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

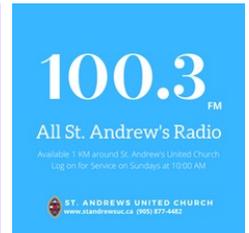
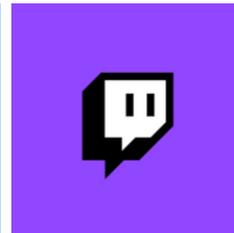


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, July 21st



Combined Church Service

Hillcrest • St. Andrew's • St. John's

A special welcome to St. John's
and Hillcrest United! We are
excited to have you join us for the
month of July!

We hope you can join us this Sunday for our Combined Summer Services! We look forward to worshipping together as we continue to grow our friendship! Thank you to Rev. Kate Young and Rev. Sue Cowan for leading us in worship! All are welcome!

Theme: The Story of Cain and Abel

There are always consequences for our Actions

The Story Raises Questions about Religion

Cain's Life of Exile

Can one bad choice define our Life?

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-26

The Responsive Psalm: Psalm 111 VU 833

Sermon: "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"



Scripture Summary

The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Humour Corner

Too Much Prayer

Johnny, a very bright 5 year old, told his daddy he'd like to have a baby brother and, along with his request, offered to do whatever he could to help. His dad, a very bright 35 year old, paused for a moment and then replied, " I'll tell you what, Johnny, if you pray every day for two months for a baby brother, I guarantee that God will give you one!"

Johnny responded eagerly to his dad's challenge and went to his bedroom early that night to start praying for a baby brother.

He prayed every night for a whole month, but after that time, he began to get skeptical. He checked around the neighborhood and found out that what he thought was going to happen, had never occurred in the history of the neighborhood. You just don't pray for two months and then, whammo- a new baby brother. So, Johnny quit praying. After another month, Johnny's mother went to the hospital. When she came back home, Johnny's parents called him into the bedroom. He cautiously walked into the room, not expecting to find anything, and there was a little bundle lying right next to his mother. His dad pulled back the blanket and there was -- not one baby brother, but two!! His mother had twins!

Johnny's dad looked down at him and said, "Now aren't you glad you prayed?" Johnny hesitated a little and then looked up at his dad and said, "Yes, but aren't you glad I quit when I did?"

Membership Announcements

Thanks to all who have signed up for refreshments in July. Please bring cookies and juice.

There will be extra supplies of cookies, juice and disposable cups in the white cupboard in the small kitchen. Weather permitting we can enjoy fellowship outside as well.

A church member with mobility issues is looking for rides to St. John's for the month of August. If you are able to drive any of the weeks, please contact the office.

We hope that most of you were spared flooded basements during that torrential downpour Tuesday. Rev Kate has now been officially initiated into St Andrew's by participating in her first flooded basement cleanup. A huge thank you to Rick Armstrong and Bill Pennycook for fixing the failed sump pump by installing a new one. Much appreciated were the Mop team of Jan & Bill Pennycook, Michelle Yahiro, Colleen Armstrong and Rev Kate.

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JULY: We are excited 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 for the month of August.

As Hillcrest does not hold services in the summer, their members have been invited to join our combined worship services in July and August.



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.

Community Announcements

2025

Call for Bulletin Photos

Visit united-church.ca and search "Submit Your Photos" for details.

Photos, left to right, Row 1: Matt Robinson, Bob Root, Mary C. Moore, Ian Ball, Row 2: Yuvadee Feltham, Ian Ball, Gil Collicott, The United Church of Canada, Row 3: Joyce DeMeester, The United Church of Canada, Sharon Schmidt, S. McAlpine.

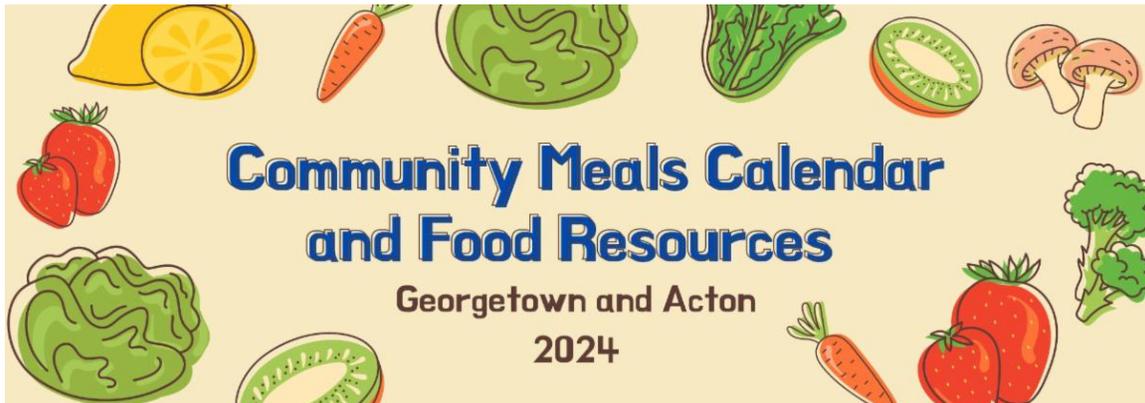
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The UNITED 4 HOSPICE (U4H) team is comprised of volunteers from the four Georgetown United Churches (Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's) who are working as one to assist the Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF) with its goal to build North Halton's 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.



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



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Restoring Lost Languages

Working hard to keep the Inuinnaqtun language
alive

Credit: The United Church of Canada



These days, most of us have access to technology that allows us to learn the world's common languages. But countless languages—including many Indigenous languages—can only be learned from their few remaining speakers.

Revitalizing a lost language, as one of our partners in Nunavut is doing, is an important way to preserve not just the language but also the culture that surrounds it.

The Inuinnaqtun language is the cultural foundation of the Inuinnaït people, who live in the central Canadian Arctic. The literal meaning of the word Inuinnaqtun is “to be like an Inuinnaq (a person).” Today, fewer than 600 people can still speak Inuinnaqtun fluently. Many lost the language when they were removed from their communities and sent to residential schools.

Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, is working hard to keep Inuinnaqtun alive. One-on-one language immersion sessions with mentors inspire reconnection. Through everyday conversations at home and on the land, mentorship is helping to heal the wounds of systemic oppression.

In partnership with Mission and Service, Inuinnaqtun language mentors get resources to allow them to spend 300 hours a year working with their apprentices to begin to restore the language.

Your gifts to Mission and Service help partners continue to restore language and culture. Thank you.

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