

# St. Andrew's United Church

## News from the Pews



Advent 2022

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TO GENERATION...  
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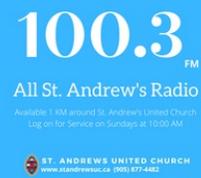
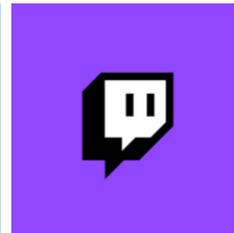
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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday December 8, 2022

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!



### This Week's Theme: Advent 3 Advent Joy

This week we continue our advent series called Generation to Generation from A Sanctified Art. Each week we look at different ways for how we connect with God through this Advent season. On Sunday we look at how we can choose joy in the midst of struggle. So often our mindsets are wired to lead us toward things that cause us fear or harm. But with faith in Christ, we can choose the better way. The way of Joy!

The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. It is also a time to look for joy in the world around us. Joy is everywhere if we open our eyes and seek out the smiling faces, the laughter and the generosity people show to one another. Joy is what keeps us going in life. Without Joy we could be sad all the time and who wishes that?

Joy is God allows us to see Christ in action. It allows our hearts to be filled with happiness and positive energy from others.

In our reading from the prophet Isaiah, he says, "the wilderness and the dry land will be glad, the desert will rejoice and blossom; like a crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with singing. This passage brings joy to the people of Israel and it brings joy to us also in 2022. Let us all go through our lives with joy in our hearts as we rejoice in God.

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 35: 1-10, Matthew 11:2-11

**Meditation:** Seeking Joy in God!

## St. Andrew's United Church

**CHURCH**

**Saturday Dec 10th, 2022**

**9 am - 1 pm**



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The Long-Range Vision Team is inviting you to a community Town hall Meeting on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to 1 PM at St. Andrew's. This will be an opportunity to share ideas, vision and have conversation with others as we create our future together as a congregation. We encourage as many people as possible to attend. If you are interested in being part of this day, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer or speak to our Co-Chairs Mark Wyatt or Kimberly Floyd. There is a link to register online for this event. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-andrews-united-church-town-hall-tickets-465968683877>



**Have you seen our shepherd?**  
Andy arrived today at the church! He's excited to be back and can't wait to see everyone on Sunday!

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ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S  
**Breakfast**  
CLUB

**Sat Dec 10, 2022**

**at 8 AM  
at the legion.**

All are invited to join us! Email the office to join!

**Note the 8 am time change due to the church town hall.**



In November and December we will have a mailbox available for people to contribute gift cards to people in need. Cards for Grocery stores, Chapters, iTunes, Sportchek, Best Buy etc. would be appreciated.

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 11, 2022**

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*Mitten  
Tree Gifts*

**DECEMBER 11TH AT 10 AM**

We are hoping to collect up any handmade or purchased mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. Items will be placed on the Christmas Tree in Worship. The donated items will be given to families in need in our community through the Salvation Army family services.



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Come out and sing your  
favourite Christmas Carols!

Presentations by 5 local  
United Church choirs!

# Community CAROL SING

## SUNDAY, DEC 18TH

FREE ENTRY/ FREE WILL DONATION TO CHARTIY  
2 PM

REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE CAROLLING



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In addition to coffee, tea and juice we will be serving **hot chocolate** at fellowship. Come out and get in the Christmas Spirit.



### NEW SANCTUARY KEYS!

Our sanctuary has new keys! If you require a key to the sanctuary please contact the office for one.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Our St. Andrew's United Church community mailbox is out and available for everyone to leave their Christmas cards. It can be found in the lobby.



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**We have changed our email addresses!**

To contact us via email now please use:

**office@standrewsuc.ca or minister@standrewsuc.ca**

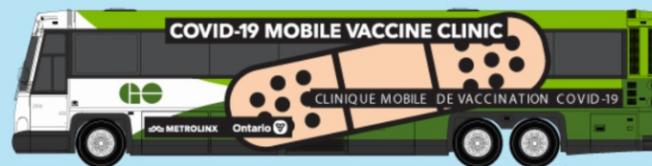


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# HOP ON THE GO VAX BUS SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th

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# FREE Community Turkey Dinner



FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH  
6 PM - DOORS OPEN @ 5:30



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# Christmas Eve Family Service



SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2022  
4:00 PM  
IN PERSON

# Christmas Eve Service

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2022  
7:00 PM  
IN PERSON & ONLINE



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## Youth CONFIRMATION



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We are hoping to run a youth faith confirmation class in the new year at St. Andrew's. This will be open to anyone in grades 8 and up. If your son or daughter, or grandchild is interested please speak to Rev. Grant



A person from Brampton is looking at possibly joining our choir but requires a ride from Brampton at about 6 pm on Thursdays. Susan will ensure she is able to return home. If there is anyone that could offer a ride please let the office or [Susan](#) know!



This is a great magazine with a broad range of topics!

The following are coming up in Jan/Feb. edition.

Keeping Faith on Death Row

Ramiro Gonzales faces execution in Texas. Since 2014, a United Church minister has been his spiritual compass.

What's in a Name?

Some people think Negro Creek Road in Grey County, Ont., should be renamed. For others, it shines a light on the rural area's Black history.

Born a Week Apart

In my 60s, I discovered the half-brother I never knew I had — and began to unravel the complicated story of our births

### **It's Gift Subscription season!**

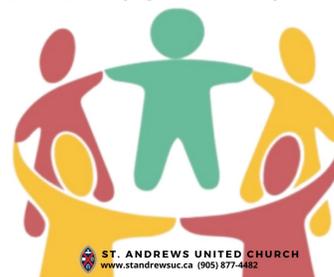
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**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**



If you or your child wishes to be baptized at St. Andrew's, please contact Grant Williams to find out more information.

Circle of Friends meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> if there is one in the mornings. All are welcome to attend.



Our weekly bible study is held on thursdays at 10 am in person at the church. Everyone is welcome!

The choir practices Thursday evenings at 7 pm. All are welcome! No previous experience required!



## United Church Mission & Service Fund



Children are the most vulnerable group in Colombia.

We all know what it's like to feel our spirit lift at the first note of music or to sense our minds being pruned open by an enlightening radio or television show. Deep down we know that art changes our lives.

For hundreds of children living in Córdoba, Colombia, arts programs supported through your Mission & Service gifts teach children about their rights, give them an opportunity to express themselves, and promote peace-making as well as gender justice.

"Providing workshops for children that teach them about their rights empowers them to think critically about themselves and their country. Through media, art, music, and theatre, they learn about important social issues, human rights, and gender equality," says the Latin American Center for Popular Communication (CEPALC).

Children are the most vulnerable group in Colombia. Eighty-four percent of violent acts in Colombia are committed against children. Two and a half million children living there work to sustain their families. Many are forced into dangerous labour. That's why CEPALC designs programs in sectors hardest hit by poverty and violence.

"I told my mom that we had seen some works of Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Flora Tristan. I remember that they taught us that we must defend the rights of us women. What I like, in general, is that they taught us

that we must make peace,” says Amelie, an eight-year-old girl who lives in Bogotá and workshop participant. “Thanks to CEPALC workshops, I’ll be a writer, and I will write things so that children will promote and defend peace, following Jesus’ examples. I will defend and promote our rights in my stories so that nobody can disrespect us or the rights that we have. When I am an adult, I won’t be doing violence against anybody.”

*Grant's  
World*



Last Sunday was a joy filled day. We had a wonderful beginning to our worship service with a flash mob of our choir singing, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.” The church was full and there was a great deal of energy in the space. It felt good to be at church! many thanks to the choir singing and to all the children who sang and

danced along with them.

After worship, we gathered in the gym for coffee and fellowship and then gathered up all the food donations for the Bread Basket. I am happy to report that your donations exceeded 325 pounds this year! Way to go!!

This Saturday, we have our Town Hall meeting planned. Starting at 9 am we will gather in the sanctuary to begin our half day meeting to have conversations about the future of St. Andrew’s. our vision team has been working hard to do some research and look at some statistics as we planned for this Town Hall Day. This will be a meeting for discussions, presentation, and community building. There will not be any decisions made on this day. We now have around 50 people signed up but there is room for more. If you wish to attend on Saturday, please sign up with this [link](#).

This is your opportunity to have a say into our future direction. I have to say so far this fall has been amazing with many new people joining the church, newcomers attending, our choir with record numbers each week, our Sunday school growing again and many people stepping up to volunteer for events. I am certainly happy with how things are going now and am pleased to say that we have exceeded our pre-covid worship attendance. So many churches have been struggling to get back to church post pandemic and St. Andrew’s has been growing all fall. Additionally, we have been working hard to secure new rental tenants. As of this week we have signed a contract with a Boxing gym who will be renting our basement for exercise classes each week. This will give us a big boost in our rental revenues. St. Andrew’s is on the move and has a positive future! We thank God for all who come and make up this community of faith.

Blessings,  
*Grant*

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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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