

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, March 12, 2026

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

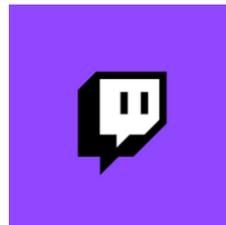


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St. Andrew's United Church

**Worship this Week:
Sunday, March 15th
10AM at St. John's**

Join us this Sunday at St. John's for our Combined Worship Series! Both congregations will worship together in a joint service led by Rev. Kate Young. The service can also be watched live from St. Andrew's Facebook or YouTube page using the links above.

For the month of March, all Combined Worship Services will be held at St. John's. We look forward to worshipping together and strengthening our shared community of faith.

We will have boxes with our nametags at the front, we encourage everyone to please wear your nametags.

Thank you to our volunteers this week!

Greeters: Joanne Wardle



Humour Corner

The Hand of God

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

“Doesn’t it look like an artist painted this rainbow?” his mother exclaimed. “I bet God painted this just for you!”

“Yes,” replied Philip, “God did it, and he did it left handed.”

Confused, his mother asked him, “What makes you say God did this with his left hand?”

“Well,” said Philip, “we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God’s right hand.”

Membership Announcements

Pastoral Care

Rev. Ross Leckie and Kate are providing pastoral care support under the collaborative agreement in place until June 30, 2026. If you would like a visit or know someone who is in need, please don't hesitate to reach out to either Ross or Kate.

In Memoriam *William "Bill" Harry King*

**Visitation at Jones Funeral Home
10AM on Friday, March 13th
The Funeral to follow at 11AM**

Bill, a longtime member of St. Andrew's, passed peacefully on March 8, with his family in his heart and by his side.

We send our prayers and condolences to his wife, Linda; children, Laura, David (Dolores), and Eric; granddaughter, Kenzi; brother-in-law, Lorne (Kathy); and the extended family and friends.



[Please click here to view the obituary, make a donation, or share condolences in the guestbook](#)

In Memoriam *Janice "Jan" Elinor Smith*

Janice passed away peacefully on March 5, at the Bennett Centre LTC at the age of 90. She was a longtime member of St. Andrew's. We send our prayers and condolences to her family and loved ones.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to The Bennett Long Term Care Centre or the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.



[Please click here to view the obituary, make a donation, or share condolences in the guestbook](#)

In Memoriam *Lloyd Ross Williams*

**Visitation at MacCoubrey Funeral Home
30 King St. E., Cobourg
2-4PM & 6-8PM on Friday March 20th, 2026**

**Service at Trinity United Church
284 Division Street, Cobourg
1PM on Saturday, March 21st**

Lloyd passed away on March 8, at the age of 89.
We send our prayers and condolences to Grant Williams (Tammy) on the passing of his father, and to his granddaughters, Kate (Nathan) and Sarah.



[Please click here to view the obituary, make a donation, or share condolences in the guestbook](#)

A Poem for Lent

Written
by Greg Howard



Jesus came to Jacob's well the town was named Sychar
And he was very thirsty as he had traveled far
So he sat down beside the well right upon the ground
In the town where Samaritans those others could be found

There was a gal already there for water at the well
If he dared to speak to her he'd go straight to Hell
For she was from that other clan that Jews would sure condemn
For she was a Samaritan and the Jews hated them

But Jesus asked her for a drink in a gentle tone
For him to speak to unknown girl was virtually unknown
For women in those days of yore were not revered at all
They were servants to the men and were considered small

And for a Jew to ask a gal from that other clan
For a drink she thought that Jesus must be a madman
And so she asked him why it was that you would speak to me
I haven't got a cup you see and I sure am thirsty

The water that you give to me would leave one with a thirst
The spirit water that I have will help you place love first
And you will have eternal life with nothing more to fear
So go and get your husband girl and bring him over here

But she said I'm not married to this man at home

And Jesus said you've had five men you don't like being alone
 You know so much you are so wise our prophet could you be
 When he replied to her he said yes daughter I am he

Many came to hear his words and many did believe
 That freedom from their inner fears was something they'd achieve
 For Jesus was the holy one who'd set aside his pride
 He told the crowd like each of us we've spirit deep inside

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

COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>WHEN</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>WHO</u>
01-Mar	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
08-Mar	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
15-Mar	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
22-Mar	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
29-Mar	10AM	PALM SUNDAY	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
02-Apr	7PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
03-Apr	10AM	GOOD FRIDAY	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
05-Apr	10AM	EASTER SUNDAY	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
05-Apr	10AM	EASTER SUNDAY	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	ROSS LECKIE
12-Apr	10AM		St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
19-Apr	10AM		St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
26-Apr	10:30AM	HOSPICE SUNDAY	HILLCREST	8958 TRAFALGAR ROAD	KATE YOUNG
03-May	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	MARY PARSONS
10-May	10AM	MOTHER'S DAY	ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
17-May	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
24-May	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	KATE YOUNG
31-May	10AM		St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	MARY PARSONS
31-May	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	WALTER REID
07-Jun	10AM		St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	MARY PARSONS
14-Jun	10AM		St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
21-Jun	10AM	FATHER'S DAY	St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	KATE YOUNG
28-Jun	10AM		St. ANDREW'S	89 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. S.	MARY PARSONS
28-Jun	10AM		ST. JOHN'S	11 GUELPH ST.	WALTER REID



Weekly Bible Study

*Every Thursday at 10:00am
in the Fellowship Room*

We pray and we listen for God's voice
through Scripture, reflection, and silence.
All are welcome!

Cancelled This Week: Circle of Friends

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

Circle of Friends is cancelled this week.
Thank you for your understanding!



Saturday, March 14th

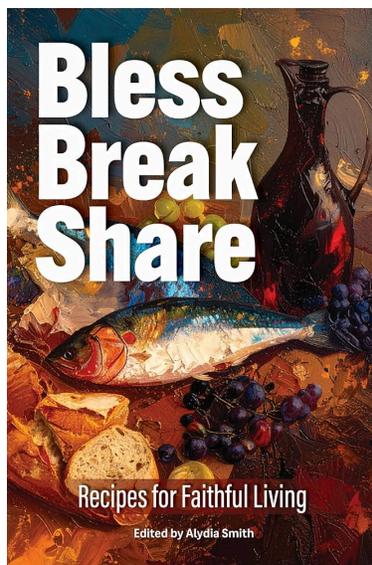
ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!



Lenten Study

St. John's and St. Andrew's United Churches

Using the United Church Lenten Study Book for 2026, Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living, please join Kate for a time together each week during March. Most of the sessions will be on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm, with two in-person meetings. One in-person gathering was held at St. John's on Wednesday, March 4 and one in-person meeting will be held at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, April 1.

Bless, Break, Share study books are available from Kate for \$20.00, tax included. You can also purchase your own book through UCRD (soft cover or e-book).

A Zoom link will be available for those who are participating in the study. The book can be ordered through Kate or by going to the United Church Resource Centre. www.ucrd.com. The book is available as a softcover or an e-book. Please let Kate know if you are planning to join the study. Kate looks forward to sharing Lent with you.

[Please click here to purchase the softcover or E-book](#)



Easter Basket Brigade
Saturday March 28, 2026



We together as a Christian Community can and will make a difference in Halton Hills...and this is happening with your action and answering **"His Calling"** loudly. Jesus has chosen you as **"His Voice"** and calls each and every one of us to walk in his ways, and together we are taking a beautiful step in our journey in his name.

Collection of Cards/Donations: From Churches Latest Tuesday March 24, 2026

God's Ask...

In conjunction with the Georgetown BreadBasket, Community Unity has identified approx 225 Families in need of Groceries in the Halton Hills area and will be convening **Saturday March 28th 9:30 AM at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church**. We are Praying for and "Asking" Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by ideally purchasing **(2) \$50.00 Grocery Gift Cards** and also writing an **Easter Card** to the family and share God's love between us... Any size of donation is greatly appreciated and please forward all Cards, Donations and Easter Cards to your Church Representative.

Or

Donations to Community Unity

Individual Donations will also be gratefully accepted and donations may also be made at <http://www.communityunityhaltonhills.com/> and clicking on "Donate" - Canada Helps - a tax receipt will be instantly generated. It would be ideal to receive the donations prior to March 22nd as it takes a week for the funds to be released to Community Unity.



[Please click here for more information or to make a donation](#)

Easter Basket Brigade

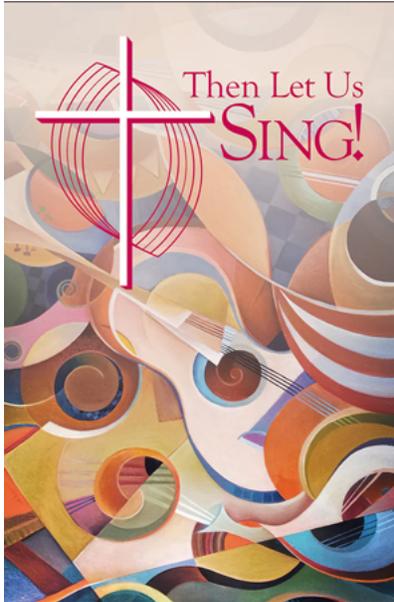
The Community Unity annual Easter Basket Brigade is now underway. Community Unity churches are collecting donations that will be distributed to approximately 225 families in Halton Hills facing food insecurity. Each recipient family is given an Easter greeting card containing gift cards from a grocery store.

St. John's and St. Andrew's will continue our tradition of supporting this initiative. Envelopes containing donation slips will be distributed by the ushers on March 8, 15 and 22. Please fill out the slip with your donor information and include a cheque or cash. Return the

envelope and the completed slip with your donation by March 22 or, better yet, donate online at givings@stjohnsuc.ca or standrewsgeorgetown89@gmail.com (write "Easter Brigade" in the comment section).

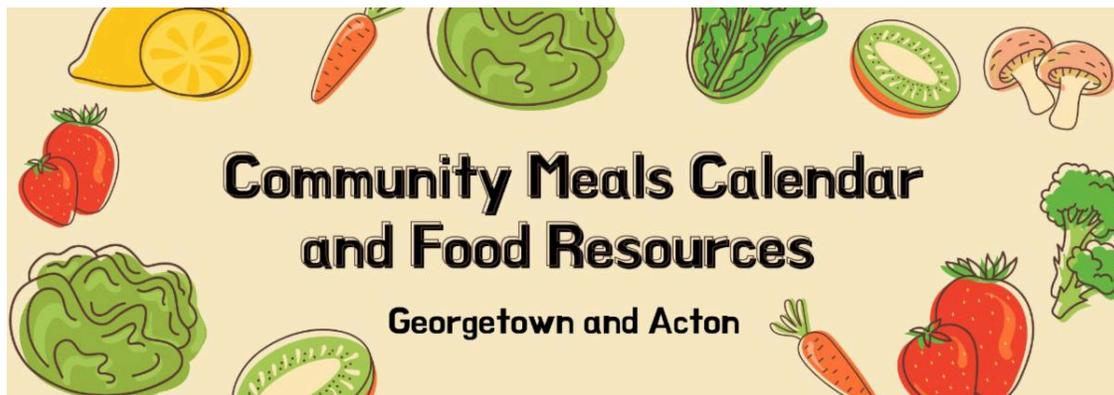
A tax receipt will be issued by your church. **The deadline for donations is March 22** to allow Community Unity time to purchase the gift cards.

If you are interested in helping to distribute the gift cards on Saturday March 28 from 9:30 am until noon, please inform Sue Sibley at suesibley24@gmail.com or 905-703-6422



We're excited to share that our choir has been working their way through the new hymn book and will begin featuring hymns from it during our June services. Thank you to Sue and the choir for all your hard work!

Community Announcements



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



Thursday, March 19

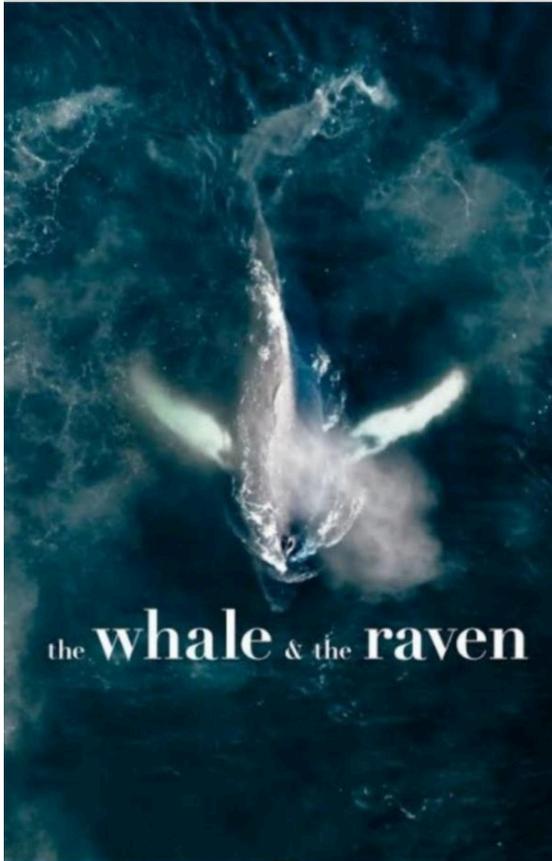
John Elliott Theatre - 9 Church St., Georgetown, ON

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

Adults: \$10 | Students: \$5



The Whale & the Raven

The Whale and the Raven illuminates the many issues that have drawn whale researchers, the Gitga'at First Nation, and the Government of British Columbia into a complex conflict. As the people in the Great Bear Rainforest struggle to protect their territory against the pressure and promise of the gas industry, caught in between are the countless beings that call this place home.

On a remote island in the Pacific populated by wolves, ravens, and two whale researchers, is a town with the promise of a second industrial boom torn between the wish to protect its territory and the pressure to cope with investors. Director Mirjam Leuze, Cast Roy Vickers



World Water Day 2026

March 22

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.1 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

SONGS FOR GAZA



Join us for an evening of music and solidarity, featuring Arab and international musicians.

All proceeds will support humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza.



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MARCH 22ND AT 3 PM

ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
454 REBECCA STREET, OAKVILLE



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<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/songs-for-gaza>



Oakville
Gaza
Peace
Group





Cinderellas & Fellas at Acton Bethel Church is looking for donations of accessories for our event on Fri Mar 27. We are looking for:

Ladies' - jewelry (earrings, bracelets, necklaces), purses, wraps, shoes

Men's - ties, bow ties, vests, belts, shoes

Can you help us? We can pick them up from you if you can't drop them off at one of our drop off locations (Acton Smooth Solutions Spa & Laser Clinic, Georgetown Indaba Hair Studio, Acton Bethel Church delivery deck box). Thank you for helping us shine light and show love to the youth and young adults in our community.



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Partnership in Bloom

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Spring doesn't arrive quietly. It pushes. It breaks through frozen ground, insisting on life.

That same insistence is at work through Mission and Service partners around the world. And when we give to Mission and Service, we're not simply supporting good intentions. We're strengthening this steady, rooted, courageous work that is already underway.

Our generosity supports partners as they show up, day in and day out, wherever there is need.

When wildfires displace families: they're there to open their doors in welcome.

When food prices rise beyond reach: they're organizing food distribution before cupboards are bare.

When storms wash away infrastructure: they're planting crops in soil made fragile by climate change.

When isolation presses in on communities: they're creating safe spaces for learning, healing, and belonging.

Every gift we give through Mission and Service is fuel for this response. Our collective generosity becomes groceries on a table, a workshop that shifts harmful beliefs, seeds planted in changing climates, and training for leaders. This work is not theoretical. It's daily, practical, and faithful. And it grows because, together, we continue to help it grow.

Spring is coming. Let's make sure hope grows everywhere it's needed.

Give to support Mission and Service today; help love take root.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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Sent with love 

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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