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

Thursday September 7, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

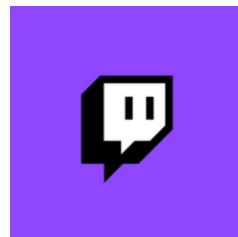


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, September 10th

Thank you to Scott Martin for leading us in worship this week!

New Testament Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

Message: We Are the World



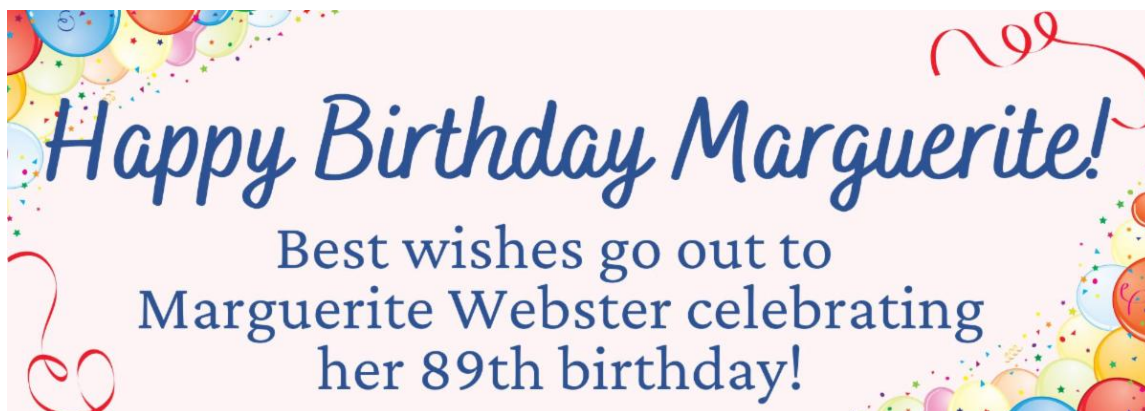
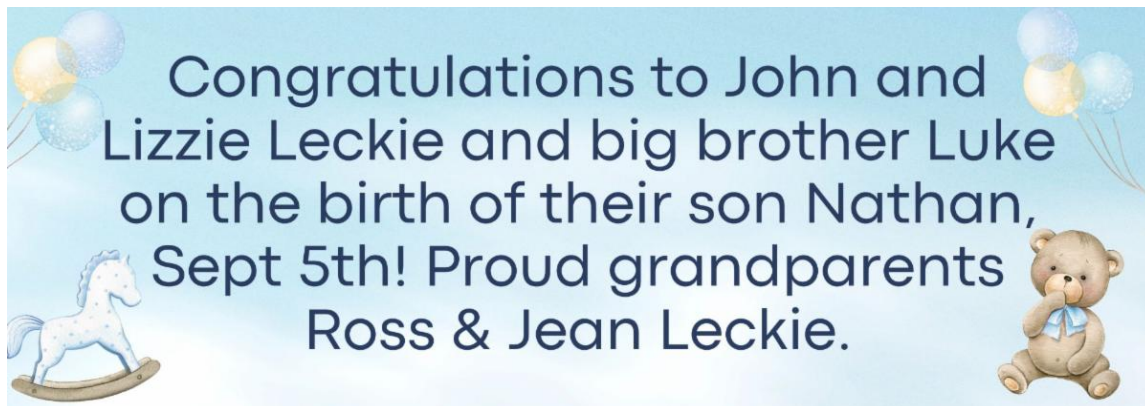
Scripture Summary

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Humour Corner

A mother with a fidgety seven-year old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still. Here's how: about halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, Pastor Charlton is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!' It worked."

Membership Announcements



A very Happy Birthday to Marguerite Webster from your St. Andrew's Family! Thank you Marguerite for bringing in treats this Sunday to celebrate!

Sept 17 - RALLY SUNDAY - Joanne and Nora are planning lunch following the service. We are also celebrating the baptism of Oliver Bryan Pepper son of Erynne (Scott) and Eric Pepper, grandson of Stephanie and Bryan Scott.

Food Handling Certification: If you are interested in writing the exam, the date is **Wednesday, October 4th at 1:00pm**. If we have a minimum of 10 people, we can write the exam at St. Andrew's for a fee of \$10.00 per person. Please contact the office if you are interested and we will send you the link to study guide.

Refreshments: Thank you to all who assisted with serving refreshments over the summer! As of Sunday September 10 we will be moving back into the gym for coffee hour.

This means that we need more than one person serving coffee and people to help set up tables and take down after.

We thank Ross Yahiro for doing this in the past but Ross will be away in September so any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sign up sheets are posted outside the sanctuary.

Photos: Photo sessions in August were well attended. For those of you who missed or had to postpone appointments, you still can sign up online or by calling the office for the October appointments.

Correction: Previously we had indicated that there would be a complimentary photo as per the information in the package. However that is no longer being offered and was an error in the brochure. However the directories will still be free to those who have had their pictures taken!

Colleen

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St. Andrew's Announcements



St. Andrew's Presents:
RALLY SUNDAY
Sunday, Sept 17th at 10am

Bring your family and friends and celebrate Rally Sunday,
all are welcome!

Please join us for a bbq after the service!

Sign up for groups, programs, and volunteer opportunities
for the new fall season!

HAPPY NEW YEAR Susan Whaley exclaimed in an email to the choir.

Why Happy New Year? Well it is the start of the New Year in the life of our church as we gather together after the summer hiatus. Rally Sunday is our chance to join together, enjoy great food and catch up.

We have missed so many of you and are glad to see you slowly returning.

Often I hear questions being asked such as "When are we going to get a new minister?" "What is happening with the Visioning committee?" What is our plan for the future?

Well Rally Sunday is your chance to come out and ask those questions of your board members and your visioning committee. You are invited to bring your own thoughts and ideas on these issues.

Studies have shown that a church is not considered healthy and viable by financial status alone. It would seem from our last financial update that we are not in a place financially that we would like to be in as givings are down and

our major renter left.

Churches who are considered healthy are those whose members are engaged in giving of their time and talents in a community of faith to serve the needs of that community and the wider community.

Currently there are those in various roles feeling overwhelmed and aging out. Whether you can make a large commitment of time and talent or a small commitment, every little bit helps. We have been collecting a skills and task list during the photo sessions so folks can see where there are needs and if there are tasks that are of interest to them on a long term, short term or one off situation.

When the search for a minister does begin, one of the things that a candidate might consider is what kind of support do we as members bring to this church and its mission.

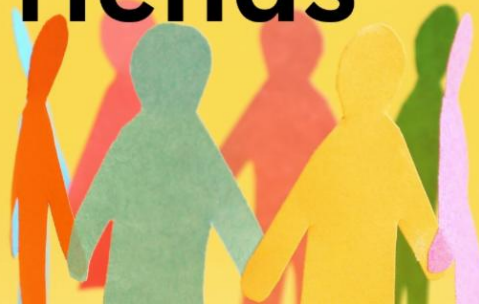
So seize the opportunity to come out September 17, ask questions, become informed and see where you can make a difference as we move forward.

Colleen

Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our first meeting back
Friday, Sept 8th at 9:30 am in the
Fellowship room



Saturday, September 9th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

**MEN'S
Breakfast**

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!

"Do What You Have Heard"

Thursday, September 14th at 10:00-11:30 am

If you are interested in attending the weekly Bible Study discussions, please contact either Jackie Gray or Heimen Donker.

We are about to begin a fascinating study focused on the greatest person who ever lived – Jesus Christ.



With the start of the school season, we urge you to consider joining our St. Andrew's Bible Study. As in previous years, we will continue to use the popular Life Guide Bible Study booklets. This season we will be discussing the apostle Paul's personal letters 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.

While these letters are very short, they provide an immense variety of topics for discussion among the group and for how we should/could live.

We expect that each participant will spend about one hour reading the relevant chapter from the Bible and answering the 12 questions in the booklet. At the meeting, each person has an opportunity to give his or her answer to the question and reflect on what others have said. All answers are warmly received, even including "I don't understand the question" and "This question makes no sense".

We meet in the Fellowship Room, enjoy some tea and coffee, and the occasional goodies. The meeting is over by 11:30 am. If you have never attended a Bible Study before, this is a good one to start with.

If you have any doubts about what we do, nothing is better than a good reference. Talk to someone who has attended in the past. Or, failing that, contact Jackie Gray, Heimen Donker, or Michelle, the church secretary at 905-877-4482.

[For more details about our bible study, please click here](#)



CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday September 14th
7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Please join us for our first choir practice of the new year! Sue has been putting together new music and some other anthems for the fall and a Christmas program that she is certain you will all love!



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Friday, September 15th, 2023
Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

ST. ANDREW'S
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

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

Supported by Community
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It's that time of year, we're looking for interest for our

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

If there are any kids or youth interested,
please email, text or call Stephanie this week at
dadandmom29@gmail.com
or 647-323-9756

Community Announcements



The United Churches of Georgetown
Hillcrest • Norval • St. Andrew's • St. John's

The UNITED 4 HOSPICE (U4H) team is made up of volunteers from the four Georgetown Area United Churches who are working together to assist the Townsend Smith Foundation (TSF) with its goal to build North Halton's first hospice residence.

The former site of Hillcrest United Church has been purchased by the TSF and will be the location of the hospice. The hospice will provide 24-hour palliative care for individuals living with a life-limiting illness, support services for the individual's loved ones, and community services. The hospice will offer specialized, individualized care, recognizing that residents are on their final journey and need comfort and kindness. There will be ten private rooms for residents; each will be also be able to accommodate overnight guests. Serene outdoor areas are planned as well as a family/visiting room.

Member of the U4H from St. Andrew's UC: Jean Leckie

[Please click here for more information about the TSF and its work to build a hospice for North Halton](#)

The Georgetown Agricultural Society Presents:



**The 2023
Georgetown Fall Fair**
September 8th, 9th, 10th

[Please click here for more details](#)

HUGE JIGSAW PUZZLE SALE

Brand new , gently used
and kids puzzles!

Trinity United Church
70 Mill St. E. Acton

Fri. Sept. 29th 3pm-7pm
Sat. Sept. 30th 9am-2pm

Call 519-853-1081 for more details

Terry Fox Run

My daughter and I are once again participating in the Georgetown Terry Fox Run to help fund critical cancer research in Canada. We greatly appreciate the generous support of family and friends in past years. If you would like to donate to Team Jordan please click the link below.

Thank you!

Valerie



[Please click here to donate to Team Jordan](#)



United Church Mission & Service Fund

Providing Tuition Assistance

Your support helps remove barriers to education for teenagers like Hamdan.

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Hamdan wants to become a doctor someday. As the oldest son, this young teenager dreams big amidst the daily struggles that he and his family face. Hamdan's family came to Lebanon several years ago to escape the war in Syria. They can barely afford their monthly rent, food, household expenses, clothing, and medical needs. While his father works in a produce shop, his mother stays at home to care for the family's four children and two other family members. This family of eight lives on the father's pay and a small income supplement they receive from the UN.

Like Hamdan, many children in Lebanon are at risk of losing their education because an economic crisis—intensified by the COVID pandemic and the devastating 2020 explosion in Beirut—has plunged their families into poverty. When parents can't pay school tuition, children face an unstable future. The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) assists Lebanese students and Syrian refugees ages 8–13 with tuition and fees to secure their education and prevent them from becoming a lost generation.

One thing Hamdan's parents don't have to worry about anymore is his education. With tuition assistance provided by MECC to Hamdan and his siblings, they can continue to study until graduation and gain entrance into a university—giving Hamdan a chance to achieve his dream.

Your support through Mission and Service helps remove barriers for teenagers like Hamdan so they can work toward their dreams. Thank you.

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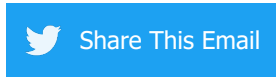
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Halton as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis - these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. We acknowledge and thank the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory with us.



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



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