

March 20, 2014

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

March 23, 2014, 10:00 am

The Story, Chapter 23: Jesus' Ministry Begins



**Sunday,
March 23**

Reader:

Nancy Heinmiller

Greeters:

Sam and Marion
Gilmour

Ushers:

Margo Baird
Margret Vander Voet

Counter:

Bruce Munro

AV operators:

Howard Beitz

James Stringer

Announcements:

Mission/Outreach

**Next week,
March 30**

Reader:

Mattie Spencer

Greeters:

Earl and Marg
Pepper

Ushers:

Read and Bev
Whatmough

Counter:

Ross Yahiro

AV operators:

Heather Curtin

Graeme Thompson

Announcements:

Mission/Outreach

This week we continue in the New Testament of the Story with Chapter 23. In the beginning of this chapter we are introduced to John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. Baptism is the beginning of Jesus' official ministry on Earth. When the clouds open up, a dove comes sailing down and the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus to launch his ministry with the people of Jerusalem. This chapter continues with many other familiar stories of Jesus.

This week in worship we will be celebrating a baptism with a new family at St. Andrew's. Robert and Kristine Collins will bring forward

their infant daughter Victoria Catherine Collins for baptism and initiation into the church family. Baptism is a milestone and a rite of passage with roots back to the time when Jesus himself was baptized.

This week's readings are:

Matthew 3: 3-17

Matthew 4: 1-11, 18-22

Sermon:

Stories of Jesus



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If you would like to publicize an event, please send it in the body of an e-mail (not as an attachment) to:
standrewsoffice@cogeco.ca by Wednesday night.

For further information, contact our secretary, Heather Curtin, or our Minister, Rev. Grant Williams, at 905-877-4482.

Contact us:

Website: www.standrewsuc.ca

Church Secretary/Office:

standrewsoffice@cogeco.ca

Secretary Hours:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays:

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursdays: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Minister Hours:

Monday - Thursday

Grant Williams:

standrewsminister@cogeco.ca

KAIROS WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 22, from 9:30 am until noon, Kairos will be presenting a workshop called "Indigenous Rights 101" in the church hall. There will be group participation time with question and answer sessions. Admission is by donation. Please contact Jackie Gray if you would like to attend, or for more information.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for all the well wishes during Joyce Gaudreau's illness. Joyce is feeling a lot better now, and would welcome visitors. Ove and Jackie Andersen, Joyce Gaudreau



St. Andrew's United Church
**Spring Fest 2014
Auction**

When: Saturday, April 5
12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

Where: St. Andrew's United Church
89 Mountainview Road, 905 877-4482

What: Games, Raffles, Draw Prizes,
Food & FUN, FUN, FUN!

\$5.00 admission
Great Bargains – New Merchandise
No Tax and No Fees
Terms: Cash or Cheque (with Gov't I.D.)

Supporting 4th Georgetown Venturer Scouts,
Adventure14 Jamboree, Nfld.

COMMUNITY AUCTION

SPRING FEST

St. Andrew's annual Auction is coming!
Saturday, April 5, 12noon - 3:00 pm. Tickets \$5.
Please see Wilf Gray or Ross Yahiro if you are able to help or make a donation.

DISTRICT LEADERS

Would you please pick up any remaining auction letters from the table in the Fellowship Room and deliver them to our church family?

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Our weekly Bible study groups continue on Thursdays at 10:00 am with Rev Grant Williams and Tuesdays at 7:00 pm with Rev Jean Leckie. We are following "The Story" lessons each week. Come and join us for some lively discussion on the bible. Anyone is welcome to join. No experience is necessary.



STAYING CONNECTED TO ST. ANDREW'S ONLINE!

St. Andrew's has a Facebook site at: www.facebook.com/StAndrewsUnitedGeorgetown. On the site you will find news about upcoming events, pictures, videos and daily devotionals. Please "like" our site! Check it out! You can also follow us on twitter @SaintAndrewsUC to read late breaking news. Our Website at www.standrewsuc.ca includes lots of information about St. Andrew's programs, events and ministries. Also posted are HD videos of the Sunday sermons. Look under the Media tab and click on sermons.



FLORENCE'S FORUM

We were rockin' again on Sunday morning with the music of the "Bob'D Wire Band" from Brantford. They entertained us with Irish songs before the service and opened the service with three very old songs and a hymn after the meditation. Thanks guys. Please come again.

The congregation was a sea of green in honour of St. Patrick's Day and our minister became a rather tall leprechaun.

At last we are out of the Old Testament and into the Birth of Jesus. Hurrah! I did think we might have sung a few Christmas Carols to honour the occasion.

Shannon Bain sang Flying Free to close off the service. What a powerful voice! Thanks Shannon.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to George Ohashi and Doug Magwood and families and caregivers as they watch over them in their struggles of life.

It is only 3 weeks to the Spring Fest Community Auction, Saturday, April 5, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Your new donations for this may be brought in any time. A lot of work and a lot of fun. Please be a part of this fundraising venture. There will be a five dollar admission.

Well, the Good Lord willin', I'll see you on Sunday. Let's hope it warms up. Think warm! Warm! Warm!
Florence

COMMUNITY

BENEFIT CONCERT SERIES

St. John's United Church is hosting a series of concerts to raise funds for their 175th Anniversary Renovation Project.

Sunday, March 23, 2:30 pm - Katherine Wheatly, St. John's Choir

Sunday, May 4, 2:30 pm - Adi Braun, David Restivo, Linda Ippolito

Sunday, November 2, 2:30 pm - Chris Dawes

Tickets are \$20 each, or all three for \$50. Contact St. John's for more information at 905-877-2531 or office@stjohnsuc.ca

See poster on bulletin board for more details.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 - 8:00 pm there will be a free Zumba class here at the church for anyone who would like to try it. Come on out and have some fun!



OUR CHURCH VISION



With God's Help we will:

- develop Spiritual and personal growth through Christian faith and fellowship
- welcome and encourage new ideas
- encourage outreach programs
- offer programs for all ages and stages in life
- foster personal growth and friendship through Small Groups ministries
- be more visible in our community

Week-at-a-Glance

Thursday, March 20

7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, March 21

9:30 am Gord's Guitar Group

7:00-9:00pm Youth Group

Saturday, March 22

9:00 am Kairos Indigenous Rights
Workshop

Sunday, March 23

10:00 am Worship: The Story Chapter 23

Monday, March 24

7:00 pm Auction meeting

Tuesday, March 25

2:00-6:00 pm Good Food Box pick up

7:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, March 26

7:00 pm Board meeting

Thursday, March 27

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, March 28

9:30 am Gord's Guitar Group

9:30-11:30am Circle of Friends

7:00-9:00 pm Youth Group

Sunday, March 30

10:00 am Worship: The Story Chapter 24

GRANT'S WORLD

Last week was a whirlwind of a March Break. For many families the week was spent having fun, travelling, relaxing and enjoying the time away from school. My family spent the week travelling to Michigan to visit Laura's mom in the assisted living home. While we spent time running errands and helping her settle in to her new residence, we also had some quality family time. It was nice to be away for a few days.

Last Saturday we said goodbye to a well know woman in our community. Lynn Clark passed away on Saturday, March 8th and her

funeral was this past Saturday. We had a standing room only crowd at the church and her legacy could be seen by the hundreds of people who attended the service. Lynn has definitely left an impact on countless people through her Scouting and Guiding connections. I want to say a big thank you to all the St. Andrew's people who helped organize the funeral and reception that followed. You all did a superb job and it was very much appreciated by me and Lynn's family.

Sunday worship this week was a fun time! The Bob'D Wire

band from Brantford did a fantastic job playing for the congregation. We were blessed by their presence and good old fashioned tunes they played. I think it warmed the hearts of many people.

Hope to see you all on Sunday.
Blessings,
Grant

