

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

NEWS AND INSPIRATION FROM
ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH, GEORGETOWN, ON

WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

September 21, 2014, 10:00 am

Worship Series: Becoming Spiritually Fit: Drawing Closer To Christ

Part 2: "Serving Others"

This Sunday we continue in our worship series "Becoming Spiritually Fit". Last week we focused in on the importance of being balanced in our physical and spiritual needs. This week we look at serving others in Christ's name.

On the night before he was betrayed Jesus ate with his friends in the upper room. Before the supper, Jesus put a towel over his arm and kneeled down on the floor in front of his friends the disciples. He bowed in humility and service to them. In serving others it shows the importance of caring.

In life there are opportunities to serve. This may be as a parent to a child in your family, it may be helping a teacher at school, it may be relating to coworkers in the office, or it may be helping to dish out sandwiches to complete strangers in a neighbourhood centre.

Jesus models service in John's gospel chapter 13 with his disciples but in reality it extends farther than that. Throughout

the gospels, the message of serving others in clear. Jesus served the poor, the outcasts, the homeless and he brought the message of love and peace to others.

The message this week will focus our attention on living a life of service that will be a blessing to those around you. When we serve with the heart of Christ we are drawn into a closer relationship with Him.

Also in the service there will be a covenanting service with our new Intern Sula Anne Kosacky. This will be a time to show our support for her and nurture her as she ministers among us.

This week's readings are:

Philippians 2: 1-11

John 13: 1-20

Sermon:

Part 2: Serving Others

Sunday, September 21

Reader:

Brian Heinmiller

Greeters:

Brian and Nancy
Heinmiller

Ushers:

Greg and Carole
Howard

Counter:

Joe Oatman

AV operators:

Bryan Scott and
Ryan Wilson

Announcements:

Christian
Education
(CE) Ministry

Next week, September 28

Reader:

Bill Elgie

Greeters:

Mel and Jeannie
Yach

Ushers:

Read and Bev
Whatmough

Counter:

Andrew Piper and
Pat Moore

AV operators:

Andrew Piper (Jr)
and Howard Beitz

Announcements:

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News from the Pews is the electronic newsletter of St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, Ontario, produced every Thursday.

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 NOON. For further information, contact our secretary, Margaret Yahiro, or our Minister, Rev. Grant Williams, at 905-877-4482.

FAMILY NEWS:

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Mary Hoyle, mother to Leslie Hoyle and mother in law to Bill Elgie in our congregation. Mary was diagnosed with Lung Cancer in June around the same time as Leslie's father Colin's funeral.

We offer our condolences and support to Bill and Leslie, Cameron, Evelyn and Annie Elgie.

Mary's funeral will be held on [Saturday, September 20th at 3 PM](#) at St. Andrew's.

**BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE LEADER NEEDED**

St Andrew's is in need of a lead person for the Building and Maintenance team effective immediately. This job would best be handled by someone who is retired and lives relatively close to the church. If you are interested in the position, please contact Alan Grundy.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY MEETING THIS SUNDAY

There will be a meeting with all the children that are interested in participating in the Christmas Play this year on Sunday immediately following the service in the sanctuary. Cd's with the music will be given out at this time along with a practice schedule. For more information, please contact Stephanie Scott.

**GORD'S GUITAR GROUP**

The group consists of about 8 beginners. If you're interested, or would like to play the guitar, come join us [Friday mornings @ 9:30 a.m. starting on September 19th](#). We have spare guitars to get you started. Maybe someone would like to come sing with us??

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS GROUP**

will be meeting on [September 22nd at 10:00 am](#) in the Fellowship Room. Here's some wisdom on Genesis 1 from the program on evolutionary Christianity called "Painting the Stars" that we're using: "May we allow the Mystery that powers and sustains the universe to power and sustain our efforts to care for and to be worthy stewards of this wonderful planet on which we depend for life, health and well-being." All are welcome and no previous connection with the group is required. Contact Greg Howard for details or study materials at 905-873-0896.

ANNUAL FALL GARAGE SALE, BAKE SALE, CAR WASH AND BBQ**- PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH**

On [Saturday September 27th](#) from 8 AM to 12 Noon we will be holding our annual fall sale. We are looking for nicely used items for sale. Toys, books, household items, Knick Knacks etc, but please no clothing! Garage sale items may be brought to the church after September 21st and placed on the stage. [Set up is on Friday evening at 6pm](#).



BAKE SALE items can be brought to the church on [Friday, September 26th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.](#) All baking will be welcomed (e.g. squares, cookies, cakes, pies, etc.). If you can have it already plated and ready for sale, that would be great. If you bake with nuts, please make sure it is clearly labelled.



Coming Soon! Our Second Annual Christmas Craft, Bake Sale and Silent Auction

will be held on [Saturday November 8th](#)

For anyone interested in **joining the planning committee**, the next meeting is on [Monday, September 22 at 7:00 pm](#). New members are very welcome!

Volunteers for the actual day will be requested at a later date.

COFFEE TIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dorothy and Gord Robinson are starting to gather names for Coffee Time Volunteers - if you are willing to help out, please contact them. Thank you!

MEN'S BREAKFAST - CANCELLED FOR SEPTEMBER

Due to the rescheduling of events in September, the Men's Breakfast that was scheduled for Saturday, September 27th has been cancelled! The next breakfast will be held on the third Saturday of October (i.e. October 18th) at 08:00 am. Location to be determined. All men are welcome!



BAPTISM

If you are feeling called to be baptized or have your children baptized at St. Andrew's please contact Rev. Grant Williams. Our next baptism date will be

on [October 19th](#).

NEW MEMBERS AT ST. ANDREW'S

This fall we will be receiving new members on [October 26th](#) into our congregation. If you would like to become a member of St. Andrew's by Profession of Faith or Transfer from another church please speak to Rev. Grant Williams.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Margo and Neil McVittie

Invite you to a Celebration of their

50th Wedding Anniversary

At a Come and Go

At the Masonic Hall

12 Lindsay Court, Georgetown, Ont.

Date: **Saturday, October 4th, 2014**

Time: From 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Best Wishes only, please.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP THURSDAY MORNINGS

The weekly Bible study group is on Thursdays at 10:00 am with Rev. Grant Williams. Come and join us for some lively discussions. Anyone is welcome to join. No experience is necessary.

COMMUNITY

AFTER SCHOOL CARE STILL NEEDED

We are looking for 30 minutes of after school care for a Junior-Kindergarten (J-K) student at [Gardiner Public School](#).

Please contact Sara at 289-891-8935 or Barb at 289-891-8456.

ZUMBA CLASSES STARTING UP AGAIN AT ST. ANDREW'S

Ditch the workout and join the party! Try Zumba classes for fun and fitness here at St. Andrew's.

When: Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: St. Andrew's Upper Hall/Gymnasium

Classes have started and will run until the spring of 2015.

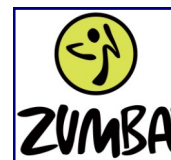
To save your spot or for more information, email: info@ditchtheworkoutnow.com

or call 416-400-8597

Jackeline Bigras, Instructor

Notes:

- 1) The First Class is Free for new participants*. Visit Ditchtheworkoutnow.com to find out how.
- 2) Members of St. Andrew's get a discount when they mention they read it in the News from the Pews.
- 3) Cost is on the website: Ditchtheworkoutnow.com



DISTRESS CENTRES NORTH HALTON AND OAKVILLE

Presents safeTALK Training - suicide alertness for everyone

September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day

This 3 hour training can help you make a difference. Learn 4 basic steps to recognize a person with thoughts of suicide and connect them with suicide helping resources.

2 training sessions in September - the last one is

TONIGHT - Thursday, September 18th, 2014

New Life Church, 824 Thompson Rd. S., Milton

7:00pm – 10:00pm Cost: \$10 per person

Please e-mail at info@distresscentreoakville.com or call at 905-849-4559.

INTERFAITH SPEAKER SERIES:

You are invited to our first of three interfaith speakers. Shirish Nathwani will share the [Hindu](#) faith. Opportunity for conversation.

[Sunday, September 21st, 2014](#) from 2-4pm at Caledon Village Place, 18313 Highway #10 in Caledon Village. Sponsored by Central Peel United Churches.

Free Will Offering.

For more information contact the Rev. Felicia Urbanski at urbanski_felicia@yahoo.com

Phone: 519-833-9727

'Come and meet our Neighbours.'

A WORKSHOP FOR M&S ENTHUSIASTS AND ANYONE WHO IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE M&S FUND

Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 10 am to 2 pm at St. John's United Church,
56 Victoria St. East, Alliston

Led by Cheryl Curtis, M&S Funding Officer for the General Council Office, and Jody Maltby, Conference Minister for Vision and Mission in Living Waters Presbytery, this gathering will be an opportunity to network, share ideas, and support one another in promoting the M&S Fund.

To register, please go to www.torontoconference.ca/events-calendar



SCOTIABANK TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON'S CHARITY CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT UNITED CHURCH CAMPS - October 19, 2014

Running or at a Leisurely Stroll – It's Your Call
Walk, Run or Cheer for United Church Camps – where lives are transformed.
Nurture Youthful Leaders – Protect Wilderness Environments
Support Your Camps: Where young lives are awakened to community

By participating in the Waterfront Marathon you'll support the Toronto United Church Council, an organization that has nurtured camping programs for more than 100 years – and continues to support camping programs for children and youth in south central Ontario. Tens of thousands of children have benefited through healthy wilderness camping and their introduction to their first roles as leaders in community. Our campers are from all faiths and no child is turned away for a lack of funding. At five camps – Simpresca, Lake Scugog, Sparrow Lake, Big Canoe and Ryde Lake, children and youth are challenged to be their best. Toronto United Church Council is strongly committed to working with the Camps of Toronto Conference to renew their infrastructure and to continue to develop Council's capital reserve funds for each camp to draw on. More info at:

<http://www.tucc.ca/investingandgiving/campingopportunitiesfund.html>



Special Appeal from Sparrow Lake Camp:

Please pledge your support! On October 19 2014 a team from Sparrow Lake Camp will be walking and running in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Charity Challenge. Giving children a wilderness camping experience is one of our Church's longest running and most rewarding youth programs. Sparrow Lake Camp offers young people a chance to learn new outdoor skills, to experience inclusive community, to gain self-confidence—and to have fun doing it! These experiences are made possible by United Church people who give what they can to help maintain camp properties, to construct new buildings, and to offer "camperships" to children who are unable to afford camp fees. Please support the efforts of the Sparrow Lake Camp team on October 19. \$5, \$10, \$20—any amount helps! Your gift is an important contribution towards the long-term health of our Church's camping programs. Pledges of \$10 or more will receive an official tax receipt.

Make your online contribution at: <http://tinyurl.com/sparrowlaketeam>. Contact Ali Hayes at Toronto United Church Council - 905-771-5124 ex. 31 - to make a pledge by phone or to find out how to register for free in a marathon event (5 k, half- or full marathon) and do your own fundraising.

Thank you! We appreciate your support!

GRANT'S WORLD

In Psalm 100 it says, "Make a joyful Noise to the Lord all the earth, worship the Lord with Gladness, come into his presence with singing."

Last Sunday was a day to give praise and thanks to God for. It was our annual Rally Sunday. We give thanks for our choir back signing again after a hiatus over the summer. We give thanks to the baseball team for winning the championship game in August. We give thanks to Vivian Hicks for singing an amazing rendition of "Hallelujah." We give thanks to the wonderful volunteers who coordinated the BBQ and lunch for us all. We give thanks for the Sunday school leaders for preparing the lessons allowing our children to learn about God. And we give thanks to Anne Kosacky, Mel Yach and Ron Lovegrove for leading us in praise and worship music.

Sunday was a day to make a joyful noise to the Lord and to come into his presence with singing. It is on days like this that we all feel God's presence among us and we are blessed to have such a wonderful congregation.

This week we also open up our hearts in prayer for the people in Scotland who are voting today on a referendum to become an independent state from England. The future of the 307-year-old union with England will be decided today. We pray to God that peace will endure and the people will be united in a common vision with hope.

Blessings to you.

See you on Sunday.

Grant



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.



Church Secretary/Office:
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Secretary - Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 9 am - 1 pm
Thursdays: 9 am - 3 pm

Minister Hours:
Monday - Thursday
Grant Williams:
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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

Week-at-a-Glance

Thursday, September 18

10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir practice

Saturday, September 20

3:00 pm Funeral for Mary Hoyle

Sunday, September 21

10:00 am Worship

Monday, September 22

7:00 pm Christmas Craft Sale Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 23

2:00 to 6:00 pm Good Food Box Pickup
7:30 pm Hope Group

Wednesday, September 24

7:00 pm Board Meeting

Thursday, September 25

10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir practice

Friday, September 26

9:30 am Circle of Friends
9:30 am Guitar Group
6:00 pm Garage Sale Setup
6:00-7:30 pm Bake Sale Donations

Saturday, September 27

8:00 pm - noon Garage Sale, Bake Sale,
Car Wash and Barbecue

Sunday, September 28

10:00 am Worship

Humour Corner!

Thanks, Val!

If you have a funny story or joke to share, please send it to
standrewsoffice@cogeco.ca



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for

'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

HAVE A NICE DAY!

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE



Indoor Garage Sale in the Gym

Saturday September 27 8-12:00 PM



Garage Sale

Bake Sale

Youth Car Wash and BBQ



We are looking for good used items to be sold to raise money for the church. Knick Knacks, Toys, Small Appliances, Light Furniture, Books, Household Items etc. No Clothing Please!

St. Andrew's United Church 89 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown

Any donations may be left on the stage after **September 21st**

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