

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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



Sunday Dec. 30

Reader:

Graeme Thompson

Greeters:

Bert and Carolyn
Burns

Ushers:

Marleen Beitz and
Valerie Jordan

AV Operators:

Nick Sprague and
Graeme Thompson

Counters:

Ross Yahiro and
Alex MacKenzie

Announcements:

M&P Committee

Next week,

Sunday Jan. 6

Reader:

Nora McClure

Greeters:

Lorne and Susan
Campbell

Ushers:

Bev Barrett and
Marion Dimson

AV Operators:

Bryan Scott and
Alan Grundy

Counters:

Bruce Munro and
Ross Yahiro

Announcements:

Chair of the Board

Service this week at St. Andrew's December 30, 2018

Theme: Christmas Hat Sunday

This week we celebrate with Christmas Hat Sunday!
Wear your Christmas hats, sweaters, socks, etc!

Please come out and join us!

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26,

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon:

Where is Jesus?

Rev. Grant Williams Away

Note: Please note that Rev. Grant Williams will be away on vacation next week (December 31st to January 6th).

On Sunday, January 6th, 2019, **Bonnie Neely** will be leading the Worship Service.

Come and join us!

THANK YOU FROM AGNES TAYLOR

Agnes Taylor would like to thank everyone who sent her the lovely Christmas cards. She wishes all a Happy New Year!



NOTES FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY

2018 TAX RECEIPTS

Reminder: All donations for 2018 must be submitted by
this Sunday (December 30th)
to be included in your 2018 Tax Receipt!



Thank you to everyone who has given/or will be giving a special
Christmas Offering. Wishing everyone a **very Happy New Year!**
Thank you for your continued support of our church!



2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICKUP

The Envelopes are in alphabetical order by last name in a box across from the office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND PAR

If you are interested in acquiring offering envelopes or the convenience of donating through **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**, please get in touch with Nancy Thompson.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2018

(It's hard to believe that it is this time of year again!)

To all Ministries, Committees and Groups:

Please submit reports for the 2018 Annual Report to the office by **Sunday, January 6th, 2019.**

Email them to: standrewsoffice@cogeco.ca

If you have questions, please contact Margaret Yahiro.

Thank you!



CHRISTMAS CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thank you to Sue Whaley, Bryan Scott, the singers, the instrumentalists, the readers, the light and sound crew, the greeters, the refreshment servers, the childcare provider and to all the volunteers along with everyone who attended this year's Choir Christmas Concert! **\$600 was raised with the proceeds going to CASHh.**

It truly was **AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!**



"COMMUNITY TABLE" DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT - LAST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered (e.g. set up, decorating, serving, making the dessert, cooking and preparing the meal, clean-up and putting away, etc.) at the Community Dinner. **We had a record number - approximately 140 people attending!** Thank you to all who attended the Community Table Dinner last Friday and also to the **Senior Band** for playing! **A big thank you to the Outreach Committee for organizing these dinners.**

A special thank you to **Stephanie Scott** for running the Movie night!

Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Just a reminder to check the slots for cards addressed to you! **There are still lots of cards to be picked up!**

THE COFFEE TIME VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2019 HAS BEEN EMAILED

The Coffee Time volunteer schedule has been emailed out. There is also a list posted in the small kitchen and on the bulletin board across from the office.

There are some slots not filled - if you can help out, please sign up on the list in the small kitchen.

Thank you!



OUR DAILY BREAD BOOKLETS -
FOR JAN/FEB/MAR 2019 ARE NOW AVAILABLE



Our Daily Bread Booklets for **JAN/FEB/MAR 2019** are NOW available.
 Please find them on the table by the photocopier.
 A donation of \$1 would be appreciated.

NOTE: We received a note that these Daily Bread Booklets contain articles repeated from 2018 in error. New books will be printed and sent in mid-January. Watch for an announcement when the corrected version arrives.



****** SENIOR YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE ******

Any youth **in grades 7 and up** are welcome to attend.

January 11, 2019 - 6:30 PM to 9 PM Bowling @ Champs

Cost will be \$12.00 each, including shoes Drivers will be needed!

January 18 - 5:30 to 9:00 PM Community Supper - Serving Dinner

February 1 - No Meeting! PA DAY

February 8 - 6:30 to 8:30 PM Regular meeting @ Church - Art Night

February 22 - 6:30 PM to 9 PM Laser Tag @ Laser Quest, Brampton

Cost will be \$20.00 for two games Drivers will be needed!

Other Events and Volunteer Opportunities.

Youth in High school can get volunteer hours for helping with any of the following:

Community Dinners at St. Andrew's (third Friday of the month)

The Youth can help with the preparation, serving of food and cleaning up after the meal. All are welcome to attend.

Next dinner: Friday January 18th (5:30 to 7 PM)

Church Audio Visual (A/V) booth- Weekly

Each week we require volunteers to run the sound board and computer between 9:30 am and 11:30 am.

Vacation Bible Camp

August 2019 Monday to Friday 9 am to Noon

THIS SUNDAY!

On **Sunday, December 30th, 2018**, we are changing the UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER to an **UGLY CHRISTMAS HAT** contest. There will be prizes, so start thinking and putting together a CHRISTMAS HAT! You can still wear your Christmas sweaters, pajamas and/or socks to the service as well!



gifts with **vision**



Gifts with Vision - A new catalog for 2018/2019 is available.

Gifts with Vision Projects support the work of United Church partners in Canada, Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East.

Gifts starting at \$10.

You can also choose gifts online. Website: www.giftswithvision.ca.

There is one catalog available on the table across from the Church office.



COLLECTING USED/NEW EYE GLASSES

A grade 12 student from the Norval Presbyterian Church is doing a "Passion Project" for her grade 12 English class .

She is collecting glasses for donation to the **Lions "Recycle for Sight"** program.

Looking for new and used reading, single vision, bifocals, children, safety, and both prescription and non-prescription sunglasses (clip-ons and glasses).

Frames, glasses in frames or uncut lenses.

There is a box beside the welcome table for the glasses.

Now is the chance to clean-out some of your old glasses that have been hanging around for years!

It will be collected sometime in the middle of January.

Thank you for your support!

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY FOR SUNDAY SERVICES



If you would like to place **flowers on the altar table for a Sunday service**, in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion or "just because", please write your name on the schedule that is on the bulletin board across from the office and/or email/phone Valerie Jordan jordanheirs@yahoo.com or phone 905-877-3291 or contact the church office.

WANTED - AUDIO/VIDEO (A/V) OPERATORS

FOR SUNDAY AND SPECIAL SERVICES

We are looking for a few more people to help out with the A/V (Audio/Video) role in the Sunday Service and periodically special services (the people at the back!). It's an easy way for High School students to add to their volunteer hours. Training will be provided! If you can use a mouse, you can do the Video portion and if you can push a button and slide levers back and forth, you can do the Audio portion!

If interested, please contact the **office or Bryan Scott!** Thank you!



"RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE"

St. Andrew's United Church reaches out to the Community in many different ways.

Effective immediately we have space available for rent.

Please contact our Church Office to inquire about Rental Space for your Group, Organization or Personal Needs. i.e. Reception, Workshop, Birthday Party, Anniversary Party, Dinner, Meeting etc.

We have a fully equipped, certified Kitchen able to handle any type of event, with a Hall capacity of 120 with tables and chairs or 170 with chairs only.

We offer competitive rates and a variety of rental space options.

"We may have what you are looking for. Give us a call for Rental Rates and Availability".

COMMUNITY

ANXIETY WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY TEACH **(TEACH, EMPOWER, ADVOCATE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH)**

Anxiety Management Workshop starting Thursday February 14th for 8 weeks from 1 pm – 4pm at St. Andrew's United Church.

This workshop is open to anyone. If interested, please contact Rabia Ahmedullah to register.

Anxiety Management Workshop is an education and support group for individuals who live with anxiety and/or panic attacks.

In the workshop, we examine what anxiety is, how it affects our lives, and learn coping strategies.

Rabia Ahmedullah

Administrative Supports, TEACH

Phone: 905.693.8771 x 390

(TEACH runs one of the support groups that meets on Tuesdays at our church.)

Announcing a great Halton Hills EcoFilm 2019 line-up.

Mark your **2019 calendars** for these screenings:

- 1) **Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019** - Jane
- 2) **Tuesday, February 12th, 2019** - Modified
- 3) **Wednesday, March 21st, 2019** - Blue
- 4) **Wednesday, April 24th, 2019** - Growing Cities
- 5) **Wednesday, May 22, 2019** - ground swell Rising

Season's pass - See 5 movies for \$40 - Save \$10 available until January 23rd

John Elliott Theatre,

9 Church St.

Georgetown

Tickets on site: \$10 Adults and \$5 Students

7:00 - 9:00 pm

www.haltonhills.ca/theatre

Presented by P.O.W.E.R. - Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources -

www.powerhalton.ca and the Town of Halton Hills





OUR CHURCH VISION

Growing In Faith Together
actively serving
Our God
Our Church Family
Our Community

Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, December 30th, 2018

10:00 am Worship - Ugly Christmas
 Hat Celebration Service

Sunday, January 6th, 2019

- Bread Basket Sunday

10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Happy New Year!

Humour Corner



Father John and His Young Parishioner

It was the Sunday after Christmas at St Peter and Saint Paul's Church in Borden, Kent, England. Father John was looking at the nativity scene prior to packing away the figures when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the scene.

Immediately, Father John turned towards the vicarage in order to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Harry with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Father John walked up to Harry and said, 'Well, Harry, where did you get the little infant?'

Harry replied honestly, 'I took him from the church, Father John.'

'And why did you take him?'

With a sheepish smile, Harry said, 'Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.'

https://www.funny-jokes.com/humor/christmas/funny_christmas_religious.htm

Have a Nice Day!

2018 Poinsettia In Memoriam Donations

Anonynous	General Memorial
Colleen Armstrong	in memory of Sheila Ward
Norma and Keith Arthurton	in memory of Our Parents and Son Randy
Margo Baird	in memory of Dr. Ed Baird
Marlene Beitz	in memory of Howard Beitz
Jean Brown	in memory of Loved Ones
Susan and Lorne Campbell	in memory of Friends
Carol Dalbec	in memory of Peter Dalbec
Alice Greenaway	in memory of Grant Greenaway
Alan Grundy	in memory of Dianne Grundy
Greg Howard	in memory of Carole Howard
Leslie Hoyle and Bill Elgie	in memory of Dr. Robert Elgie, Colin and Mary Hoyle
Valerie and Percy Jordan	in memory of Jack and Jean White and Syd Jordan
June Longstreet	in memory of Lee Longstreet (Husband)
Lorne & Kathy MacLeod	in memory of Departed Loved Family Members
Pat Moore	in memory of Absent Family
Bruce and Barbara Munro	in memory of Our Parents
Ken & Norma Nokes	in memory of Our Loved Ones
Glenn and Nolle Ohashi	in memory of Minn and George Ohashi
Margaret and Earl Pepper	in memory of Our Parents
Ina Reed	in memory of Jack Reed
Florence Riehl	in memory of Earl L. Nelson & Gordon and Laura Riehl
The Scott/Christmas Families	in memory of Arthur John Christmas and Richard Scott (our Dads)
The Sprague Family	in memory of Bryan and Millie Sprague
The Sprague Family	in memory of Lloyd Sharpe
Nancy Stringer	in memory of Don Stringer (Husband's Brother)
Graeme and Nancy Thompson	in memory of Loved Ones
Fran Trowbridge	in memory of Husband Ivor
Bev and Read Whatmough	in memory of Janice and Al Thachuk
The Yahiro Family	in memory of Michelle's Grandparents
Luise Zander	in memory of Klaus Zander

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.

Contact us:

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Georgetown, Ontario
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Website: www.standrewsuc.ca

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standrewsoffice@cogeco.ca

Office Hours Next Week

Wednesday, January 2nd :

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Thursday, January 3rd:

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Minister's Hours:
by Appointment

Rev. Grant Williams:
standrewsminister@cogeco.ca

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** at noon.

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