

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, December 26, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

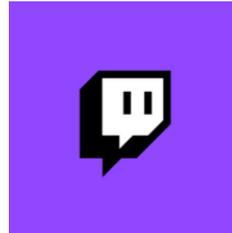


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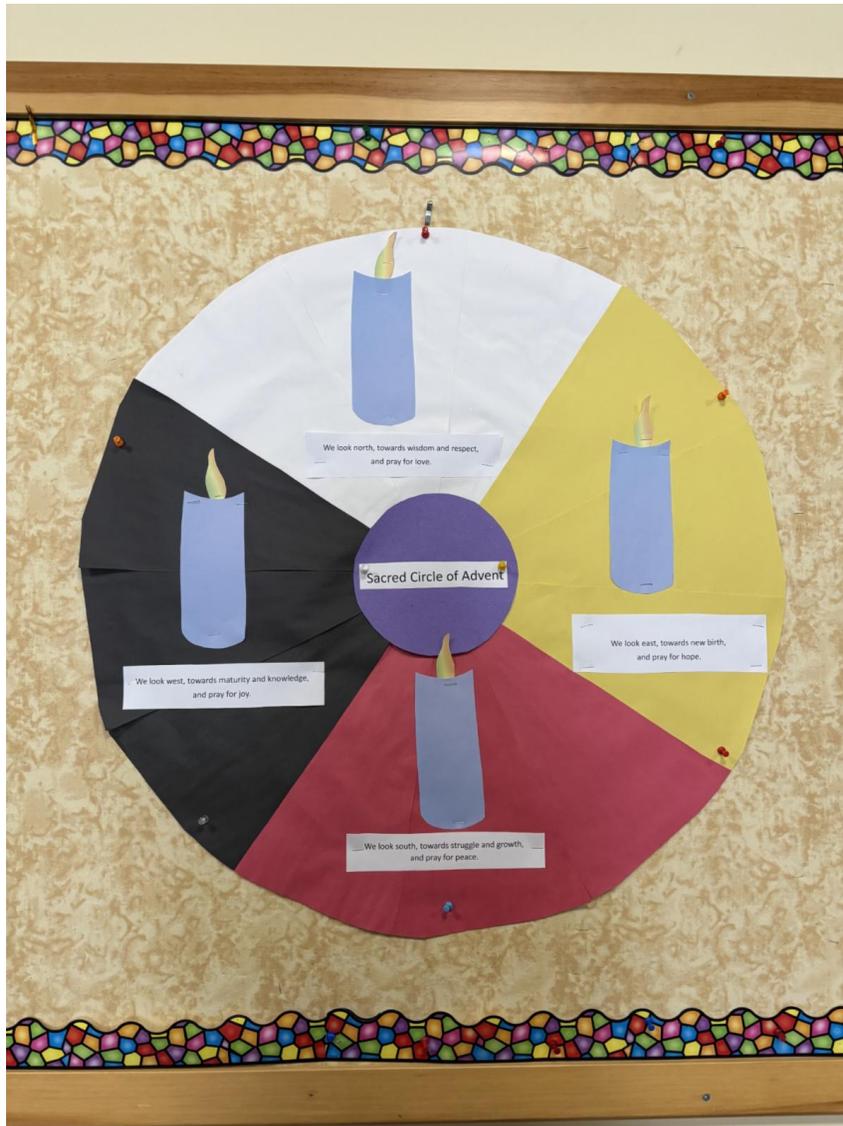
Worship This Week

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas Day! Thank you to Rev. Kate for leading us in worship this week! We hope you can join us for our Sunday Service, all are welcome!

1st Sunday after Christmas

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: A Christmas Story



Thank you to Jean and the Sunday School for decorating our bulletin board for advent!

Scripture Summary

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Humour Corner

The Three Wise Women

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

Membership Announcements



A big thank you to Valerie for beautifully decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias, and to Joan for crafting the stunning handmade Christmas panels! Our sanctuary looks truly festive and vibrant, thanks to your hard work and creativity.



Poinsettia Memorial Donations

The beautiful poinsettias gracing our sanctuary this Christmas have been thoughtfully purchased in memory of cherished loved ones.

In memory of family

From Bill and Linda King

***In memory of Jim & Elsie McMaster
and Cliff & Mary Larmer***

From Bill and Marie McMaster



***In memory of my husband, Peter Dalbec and
my brother, Gary Simpson***

From Carol Dalbec

***In memory of Barb Munro, Fran Trowbridge
and Ina Reed***

From Colleen and Rick Armstrong

In memory of Earl Lewis Nelson

From Florence Riehl

In memory of Family

From Jean Brown

In memory of Barb Munro

From Jean, Carolyn and Susan

In memory of my husband, Lee Longstreet

From June Longstreet

***In memory of our parents and Kate's sister
Jane***

From Kate and Neil Young

***In memory of all the loved ones of the
MacLeod family***

From Lorne and Kathy MacLeod

In memory of David Baker

From Lucy Stella Oversby

In memory of family members

From Margaret and Earl Pepper

***In memory of Arie and Christina Vander
Voet***

From Margret Vander Voet

In memory of Bill and Vivian Heinmiller

From Mark Heinmiller

In memory of Howard Beitz

From Marlene Beitz

In memory of loved ones

From Mel and Jeannie Yach

In memory of Loved Ones

From Nancy and Graeme Thompson

***In memory of Sherry Farago, Lloyd Sharpe,
Bryan and Millie Sprague***

From Nancy and Mike Sprague

***In memory of Elsie & Don McClure
and Norma & Chuck Hattey***

From Nora, Philip and Judy McClure

In memory of absent family

From Pat Moore

In memory of Alan and Evelyn Martin

From Scott Martin

In memory of Arthur Christmas and Richard Scott

From Stephanie and Bryan Scott

In memory of Michelle's grandparents and Ross' brother, Doug

From The Yahiro Family

In memory of my Parents, Jack and Jean White

From Valerie Jordan

A heartfelt thank you to those who donated poinsettia money in memory of loved ones and to Brian at Arnold's Greenhouses in Norval for supplementing our display with a generous donation of plants. The sanctuary looks beautiful Merry Christmas!

If anyone would like a poinsettia to take home, please wait until Sun. Dec. 29, then following the service, please pick one up. There are wrappers to protect your plant.

Thank you,
Valerie

Coffee Time

Sign up sheets for coffee are posted for Jan/ Feb. Please take a moment to check them out.

NOTE: no coffee time Dec. 29th as it is usually a light Sunday for attendance and no one signed up.

Thank you to all who have faithfully helped with coffee, baking, set up and take down. It is much appreciated!

If you have announcements to share or milestones to celebrate in next week's News from the Pews, please send them to the office by Wednesday.

St. Andrew's Announcements



OUT OF THE COLD

Volunteers Needed for January 1st and Future Dates!

We do have a 'homeless' challenge here in Georgetown. St. Andrew's volunteers have been contributing to the 'Out of the Cold', downtown Georgetown efforts for the last 3 years. We have been providing Wednesday night coverage, every other week during the winter. A 'crew' of three comes to Knox Presbyterian Church at 8 pm to setup for the overnight guests. Lately there have been 6-8 overnight guests. The evening 'crew' offers to feed the guests a simple meal, often from 'leftovers' of the recent community dinner from the previous Tuesday night. At 10:30 pm the evening 'crew' is relieved of their duties by the overnight 'crew'. The overnight 'crew' is relieved at 6:00 am by the morning 'crew', that prepares breakfast, cleans up and has people on their way by 8:00 am. **Needed-two volunteers to work with Joanne Wardle for Wednesday evening, January 1**, providing a pause for two of our regular volunteers. If you can help with 'Out of the Cold' for January 1 and/or in the future, please speak to Joanne Wardle or Ross Leckie.

Christmas Card Exchange at St. Andrew's

The mail slots for a Christmas Card Exchange are back!
Save on postage and bring your Christmas cards for Church friends to church! Also, don't forget to check the slots once in a while for cards addressed to you!

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2024

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

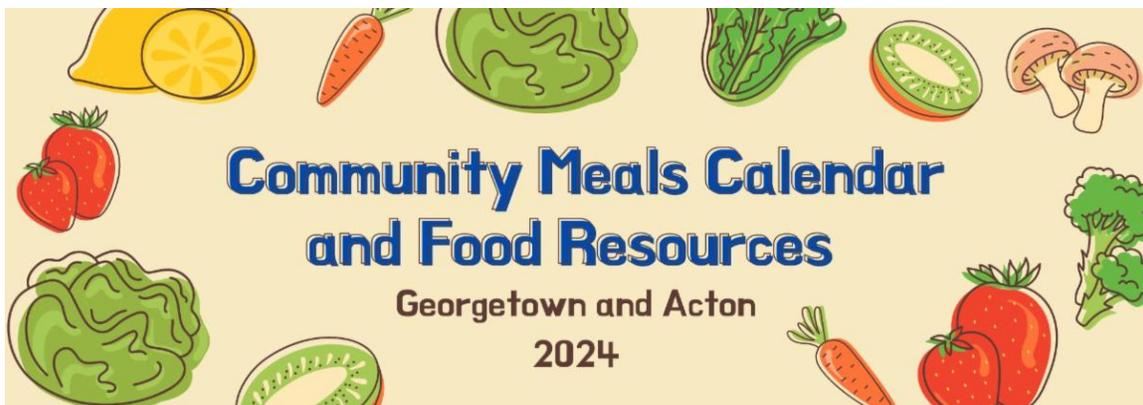
The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 9th.

To all Ministries, Committees and Groups:
Please submit reports for the 2024 Annual Report to the office by Sunday, January 19th, 2025.

Email them to: office@standrewsuc.ca.

If you do not have a Chairperson for your committee, please assign a member or members to create the report. If you have questions, please contact the office. Thank you!

Community Announcements



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



Afghan Refugees Update

The Afghan family supported by GFORCE3 has arrived in Georgetown and are very thankful for the support!

GFORCE has an obligation to support the family for the next year while they adjust to employment and life in Canada. St. Andrew's board has voted to support GFORCE3 as an outreach initiative. **That means we can accept and receipt donations and forward them to GFORCE3. You can mark your gift "Refugees" and every cent will be used for the welfare of these wonderful**

people.



United Church Mission & Service Fund

A Time of Reflections

"Thank you for Bringing Hope to so Many "

Credit: The United Church of Canada



As we look forward to the New Year and all the hope and possibility 2025 will bring, it's also a time to reflect on the growth we experienced in 2024. Through moments of peace and challenge, joy and sorrow, it has been a true blessing to witness God at work through people like you.

Amid earthquakes, conflict, economic struggles, hunger, and more, you have consistently asked, "How can we help?" Thank you for holding our neighbors in warm, compassionate care throughout a challenging year. Together, you have helped put food on tables, rebuild communities after disasters, provide life-saving medication, educate children, and so much more.

Your gifts continue to support our partners as they respond to urgent needs in Canada and around the world, bringing hope and breaking down barriers so that they can keep doing their vital work. As we reflect on this past year and welcome the new one, we are deeply grateful for your support of Mission and Service. Thank you for bringing hope to so many.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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