

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, January 9, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

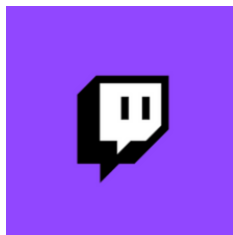


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**We stream our worship services Sundays at 10 am
on Facebook Live, YouTube, Twitch & 100.3 FM
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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, January 12th

1st after Epiphany

The Baptism of Jesus

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

The Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29, VU 756

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: 'Splash and Dash'



Scripture Summary

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Humour Corner

A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

Membership Announcements

Thank you!

A big thank you to Nancy Thompson for generously volunteering to open the clothing room and take messages while I'm out of the office! Please note that office hours are reduced this and next week and will be as follows:

Thursday, January 9th, and Tuesday, January 14th, from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, January 16th.

Kind regards,

Michelle

Fire Panel Update

Our Fire Panel was replaced and we are now off of fire watch! A big thank you to our fire watch volunteers: Colleen and Rick Armstrong, Brian Heinmiller, Lorne MacLeod, the Martin family, Stephanie Scott, Jan and Craig Pennycook, Joanne Wardle, Mark Wyatt, and the Yahiro family! They have spent the last week monitoring the church around the clock and we greatly appreciate their efforts!

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

Celebrating
100 Years
of Deep • Bold • Daring



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Circle of Friends

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

Join us for our next meeting
Friday, January 10th at 9:30 am
in the Fellowship room



Saturday, January 11th

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

MEN'S
Breakfast

CLUB

at 9 AM at the legion.

All are invited to join us!



Friday, January 17th
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

ST. ANDREW'S
FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

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

Supported by Community
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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!

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2025



SEMAINE de
PRIERE
pour L'UNITÉ DES CHRÉTIENS
2025

"Do you believe this?"
(John 11:26)

« Crois-tu cela? »
(Jean 11,26)

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Combined Church Service at St. Andrew's United on Sun. Jan. 19, 2025 @ 10:00AM

The people of Hillcrest and St. John's United will be visiting St. Andrew's for a combined service to celebrate the The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Sun. Jan. 19, 2025 @ 10:00AM**. Our second combined service for 2024-25 will be led by Kate Young - St. Andrew's, with support from Sue Cowan - St. John's, and Ken MacDonald - Hillcrest. We are anticipating another joyful worship experience and we hope that members from the 3 congregations will stay afterwards to enjoy conversation and further grow our friendship.



Walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year - Sat. Feb. 22, 2025

Hillcrest, Norval, St. Andrew's and St. John's will again be walking as one on the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) under the team banner **Angels United Georgetown**. Our team captain is Joanne Wardle from St. Andrew's. The 5KM & 2KM walk event will be held at 4:00PM on Sat. Feb. 22 at Norval United Church. Please go to the **Angels United Georgetown CNOY webpage** <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1024706> to sign-up as a walker, sponsor a registered walker, or donate to the team in general. All funds raised through the CNOY Georgetown Walk stay in the community and will be directed to the Georgetown Bread and Links2Care. Acton will be holding its own CNOY Walk in 2025 in support of the various programs at the Roxy Centre.

[Please Click Here to Register or Sponser one of our Walkers](#)

Community Announcements

PRAYER WITH THE SONGS OF

TAIZE



A SERVICE OF PRAYER WITH THE SONGS OF
TAIZE WILL BE OFFERED
AT PORT NELSON UNITED CHURCH
3132 SOUTH DRIVE, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH AT 7:30 P.M.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS REFLECTIVE
WAY TO END THE DAY AND BEGIN THE WEEK.



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

Faith in Action: Empowering Global Peace

Keeping Hope in Impossible Situations

Credit: The United Church of Canada



Project Ploughshares

Project Ploughshares is a Canadian peace research institute with a focus on disarmament efforts and international security. It is also one of our dedicated Mission and Service partners. Project Ploughshares’ important efforts come with many barriers, including discouragement, pushback, and regular exposure to mentally draining work.

Duncan Etches started his journey with Project Ploughshares as a supporter. When he saw an opportunity to be The United Church of Canada representative on the management committee, he felt it was time to step into the key role. He comments on how wise and inspirational the whole team is, sharing that “they keep hope in impossible situations.”

Project Ploughshares includes people from diverse backgrounds who are all deeply committed to making the world a better place. Rooted in the ethics of Christianity—peace, reconciliation, and justice—their work connects with people inside and outside faith communities. Members are respected and invited to be part of important conversations.

Your support through Mission and Service provides encouragement and hope to leaders of Project Ploughshares, a vital connection point for those passionate about global peace and security. Thank you.

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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.



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