

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, January 2, 2025

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

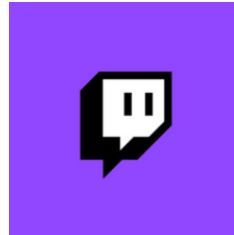


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week - Sunday, January 5th

Happy New Year!

Epiphany Sunday

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: Weird Baby Gifts



Scripture Summary

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Humour Corner

On New Year's Eve Night, we walked down the road talking about the beautiful fireworks we had just seen. My husband pointed at the stars and said to our 4 year old daughter: "Look, Ninon, that's God's firework." After pondering this for a while she said: "Do you know why God made it so high in the sky?" "No," my husband said, "why did he?" She replied with conviction: "Because He's the only one who can reach up there!"

Membership Announcements



We are thrilled to celebrate Rev. Kate's one-year anniversary at St. Andrew's! On behalf of the entire congregation, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Kate for her dedication, leadership, and the many ways she has touched our church community. We are truly blessed to have her with us, and we look forward to the year to come!

Thank you!

Thank you to Rev. Neil Young for his captivating story telling during last Sunday's Service! It was a wonderful service!

Poinsettias

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. If anyone would like a poinsettia to take home, please take one following Sunday's service. There are wrappers to protect your plant.

Thank you,
Valerie

Fire Panel

There was a problem with the Fire Panel on Sunday evening and the Fire department was called. The panel was disabled. It was thought that the damage was due to water. After further inspection there was no water damage, the panel needs replacing from old age. We are hoping to get it replaced as soon as possible. A big thank you to our maintenance team for all of their hard work and all of our volunteers for checking in on the church every hour while we are on fire watch!

Tree Removal

On January 8th the dead trees from the parking lot have been scheduled to be removed. A big thank you to Rick for making the arrangements! Please do not park along the fence on this day.

Prayers of the People

Please keep Bill King in your thoughts and prayers, he is currently in the hospital.

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
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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.

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

Rotary Club of Georgetown Free Community Dinners

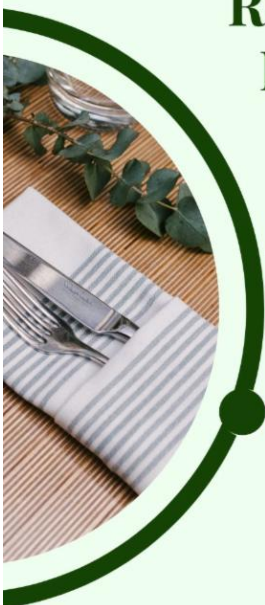
Everyone is welcome.

Donations to cover the cost of
those who are able to would be
appreciated.

Fri. January 3rd at 6:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

Knox Presbyterian Church
116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON



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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

Reflecting on the Past, Building the Future

The new year is a time to continue to care for one another and the world around us.

Credit: The United Church of Canada



As we welcome 2025, we are given an opportunity to reflect on the past year—the challenges faced, the resilience shown, and the moments of joy and connection that carry us forward. The new year is a time to embrace hope, dream of new possibilities, and recommit ourselves to building a world rooted in Christ’s love.

In a time when uncertainty continues to shape our world, acts of kindness and solidarity make all the difference. Together through Mission and Service, we can create change that ripples through families, communities, and beyond. Let this new year be a reminder that hope grows when we work together.

This year, let us continue to strive to care for one another and the world around us. As we begin this next chapter, may we walk with Mission and Service partners, finding strength in our shared commitment to a better tomorrow. With gratitude for the journey so far, and anticipation for all that lies ahead, let us move into 2025 with courage, generosity, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Thank you for the impact you made in 2024. Your ongoing generosity through Mission and Service is needed to spark hope, bring peace, and transform lives.

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



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