

NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

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

Thursday, December 5, 2024

St. Andrew's United Church News from the Pews

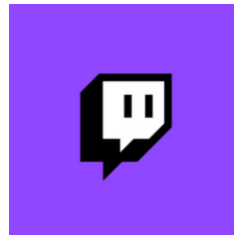


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St. Andrew's United Church

Worship This Week



Week 2 of Advent: Peace

Sunday, December 8th
10am Service

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!

Second Sunday of Advent

The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-8

Sermon: 'The Guy Who Steals Christmas'



Scripture Summary

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Humour Corner

A few days before Christmas, two young brothers were spending the night at their grandparent's house. When it was time to go to bed, and anxious to do the right thing, they both knelt down to say their prayers.

Suddenly, the younger one began to do so in a very loud voice.

"Dear Lord, please ask Santa Claus to bring me a play-station, a mountain-bike and a telescope."

His older brother leaned over and nudged his brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

"I know" he replied, "But Grandma is!"

Membership Announcements

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to Clive and Margaret Searle!



Clive and Margaret invite you to join them for cake following the service on Sunday, Dec. 8th in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on December 5th, 1959. Congratulations and best wishes on this important milestone in your life journey from all your friends at St. Andrew's!

Thank you!

A big thank you to our amazing maintenance team, Lorne MacLeod, Stephanie Scott, and especially Rick Armstrong for spending the week fixing our furnace in the gym! Rick figured out the problem when the repair company couldn't, it will be much warmer during Coffee Time this Sunday thanks to them! We truly appreciate everything our maintenance team does to keep our church running smoothly!

Attention

Rev. Kate's St. Andrew's outlook email has been hacked. Please delete all emails that come from office.leadsseniorepastor@minister.com. Kate would never ask for money, gift cards or personal information from anyone.

Please Note

For the four Sundays in advent, Kate will be unable to attend coffee hour nor stand and greet at the door. She is assisting another congregation in Etobicoke with their worship and leaving immediately following the service each Sunday.

Prayers of the People

Thinking of Merna Prete on Friday and Carol Hall Monday as they undergo elective surgery. Wishing both a speedy recovery.

Christmas Market

Support our members in their upcoming Christmas Markets! Christina is coordinating the Halton Chapter #280 O.E.S Vendor Sale, visit Joan and Linda's booths for lovely handmade gift ideas!



HALTON CHAPTER #280 O.E.S PRESENTS
3RD ANNUAL

 **CHRISTMAS**
✦ **VENDOR SALE** ✦

In support of The Salvation Army



SATURDAY DECEMBER.7 2024
10AM-3PM
ST. CLAIR MASONIC HALL



6321 Regional Road 25, Milton.

For additional information email
HaltonOES@gmail.com



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



St. Andrew's Worship Schedule



December 1 - The First Sunday in Advent: Hope

December 8 - The Second Sunday in Advent: Peace

December 15 - Christmas Play and

The Third Sunday in Advent: Joy

December 22 - The Fourth Sunday in Advent: Love

December 24 - Christmas Eve, 7pm

there will be one family/candlelight service

ADVENT SMALL GROUP STUDY with Kate

"Advent Longing" what are you longing for? Join me for 3 weeks of study, prayer and reflection about how we can use longing as a spiritual gift, and bring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to the world in practical ways.

Wednesday evenings,
December 4th, 11th, and 18th
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom.
Link available from Kate.
revkate@bell.net



[Please click here to join the zoom meeting](#)

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!

Poinsettia Memorial Donations

For a minimum donation of \$10, you can place an "In Memory of" notice. The money will be used to decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas. There are Poinsettia Memorial Donation Envelopes on the Welcome Table

Memoriam Fund for Poinsettias

This year, we will be accepting "In Memory" Poinsettia donations. For a minimum donation of \$10, you can place an "In Memory of" notice that will be added to the News from the Pews and Announcements in the coming weeks. The money donated will be used to pay for the Poinsettias with any remaining money going to our General Fund. There are Poinsettia Memorial Donation Envelopes available at the Welcome Table - please fill it out and put it in the offering plate. Donations can also be made by e-transfer marked with In Memory of _____ in the message.

We would appreciate having donations in by December 15th.

St. Andrew's Charity Drive Sunday, December 8th

Please bring new hat, scarf, mitten and sock donations and gift cards for our Mitten Tree! As well as food bank donations for our "Jam the Jeep" event in support of the Georgetown Bread Basket!

Mitten Tree

The mitten tree is set up in the Fellowship room and there will be fancy clothes pegs for people to clip on their items as well a box if they would like to donate new scarves, hats and socks.

A donation box will be set up in the entry for gift cards but only on Sundays. This year our focus is on teens, so Shoppers Drug Mart, Walmart, Mark's Work Wearhouse and Sports Chek are good options.

All items collected will be donated to the Georgetown Links2Care!

Christmas Food Drive

We will be collecting donations for the Food Bank this Sunday, Dec. 8th. Also we are asking if anyone might have a wagon we could borrow that the children of the Sunday School could use to deliver the food items to the front of the sanctuary during the service on Dec. 8. And a thank you to Lorne MacLeod who offered the use of his truck to transport the food items to the Food Bank!

Most needed items include:

- Beef or vegetable broth

- Brew coffee and tea
- Canned black beans
- Canned kidney beans
- Canned pasta
- Diapers size 4-6
- Flakes of ham
- Hamburger Helper
- Jam / jelly
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise

Please click here for the full list of food items needed



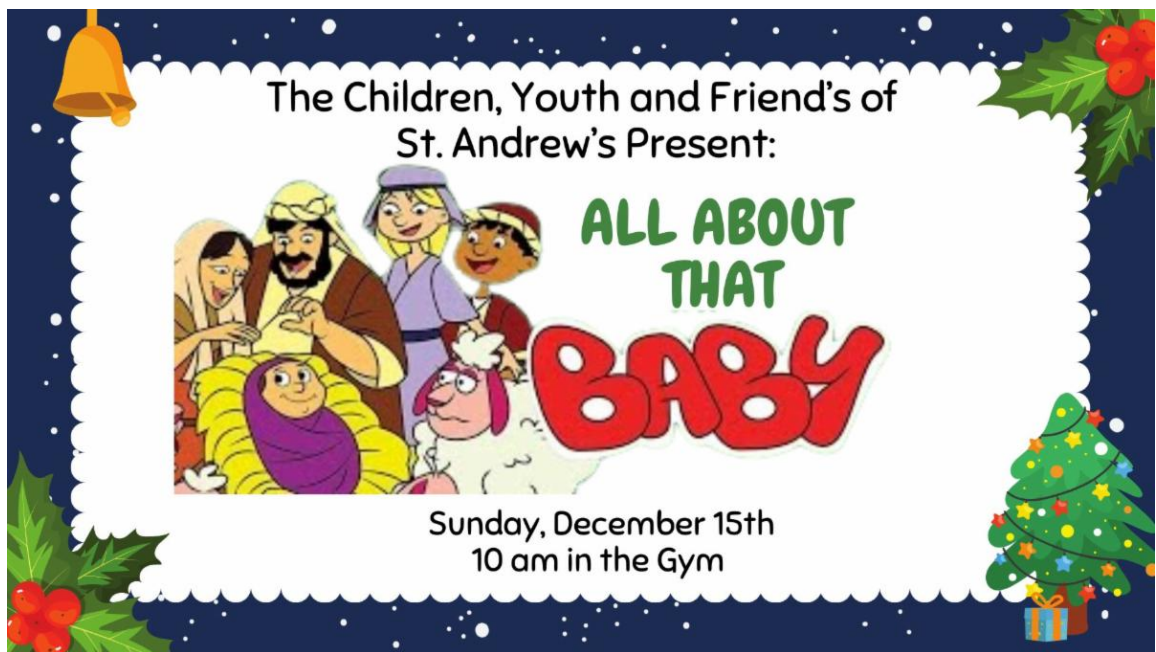
A Seasonal Celebration

Sunday, December 8th
7:00 pm at St Andrew's United Church

Please join us for an intimate evening featuring words and carols and songs for Christmas!

Carol Sing-a-long • Choir • Solos • Small Groups
 Instrumentalists • Hot Apple Cider

Free admission but donations would be gratefully accepted for: Cancer Assistance Halton Hills

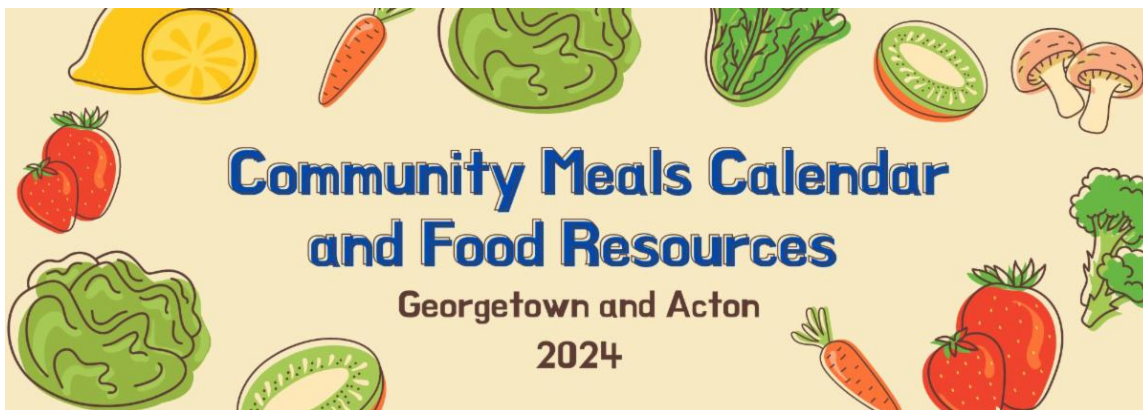



The Children, Youth and Friend's of
 St. Andrew's Present:

**ALL ABOUT
 THAT
 BABY**

Sunday, December 15th
 10 am in the Gym

Community Announcements



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

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. Dec 6th at 6:00pm
Doors open at 5:30pm
Knox Presbyterian Church
116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON



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.**

THE CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH
OF GEORGETOWN AND GLEN WILLIAMS
PRESENTS

The Sounds of Christmas

Mark Peterson - Music Director

St. John's United Church Choir
and guests are delighted to bring you
The Sounds of Christmas

Monday, December 16th, 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7pm, no reserved seating)

New! Tickets required for this event

Free tickets are available at the church office (905-877-2531)
Monday - Friday, (8:30am - 1:30pm), closed Wednesdays

The Sanctuary Concert Hall
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown

A free will collection will be donated to
Townsend Smith Foundation
Building a hospice for North Halton



Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds



The 35 voices of the Choir of St. John's United Church of Georgetown and Glen Williams and their guests bring *The Sounds of Christmas* alive in their annual choral presentation for the community. **NEW! Tickets are required for the event this year to avoid overcrowding.** Admission is free and tickets are available only through the church office and can be picked up Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8:30am to 1:30pm (the office is closed Wednesdays) or reserved by calling the office - 905-877-2531 - during office hours. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert, but chances are they will be very limited.

Admission to this concert will be free, but we will be holding a **free will offering** to support the Townsend Smith Foundation and the building a hospice in North Halton.

Local
Showcase
Series

THE
SANCTUARY
CONCERT HALL

Presents

Fossil
Rockers



Saturday, December 14th, 7:30 pm
(Doors Open At 6:45pm)

The Fossil Rockers Christmas Concert
in aid of Townsend Smith Hospice

The Sanctuary Concert Hall
at St. John's United Church
11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, ON L7G 3Z1

Tickets available
at TSCH.ca



Get Tickets



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This event is a co-fundraiser for St. John's
and for the Townsend Smith Foundation

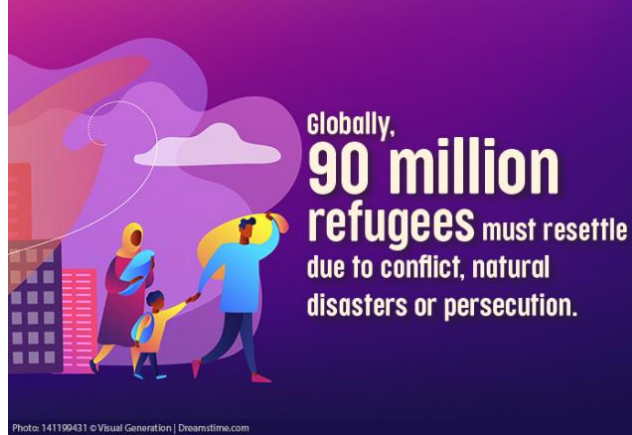


United Church Mission & Service Fund

Helping Refugees

With your support we can change lives

Credit: The United Church of Canada



This past year, Wesley supported over 1,000 newcomers from Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and other countries.

This is the story of one family of refugees.

Christine is a courageous and resilient mother who has been through unspeakable danger and sorrow to ensure the safety and success of her family. Christine, her children, and her grandchildren can teach us about self-sacrifice, endurance, and dedication to those we love. Initially from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Christine and her family fled to a refugee camp in Zimbabwe after a violent attack in their village. They lived through deplorable conditions and danger for ten years before finally being granted asylum in Canada.

When Christine and her family arrived in Canada, they were exhausted and emotionally drained from their long journey and years of unrest. Their first stop was Wesley's Newcomer Reception Centre, where they found support from Wesley staff and a comfortable place to rest. With the help of Wesley's programs and services, the family is rebuilding their lives in the Hamilton region.

Christine's dream for her children and grandchildren is to have a safe and bright future filled with opportunities. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, Wesley can provide supportive programs to newcomers, those experiencing homelessness, addiction and mental health barriers, and local families experiencing poverty.

With your support of Mission and Service, we can change lives.

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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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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