

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

February 2, 2012

News and inspiration from St. Andrews United Church, Georgetown, ON

News from the Pews is the electronic newsletter of St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, Ontario, sent 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 night. For further info, contact our secretary, Marlene Spies, or our Minister, Rev. Grant Williams, at (905) 877-4482.

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WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND – February 5, 2012; Theme: Good Samaritan

This Sunday will be a special service planned by the Youth in our church. The theme is on the Good Samaritan. There will be lots of participation and youth singing in the service. Thanks to the Youth, Scott Martin and Anita Rowland for planning the service. We hope you will come out and support our young people.

The readings this week are: Luke 10: 25 – 28 and Psalm 111

Sermon: What's Your Excuse?

This week, February 5, 2012

Reader, Greeters and Collection: Youth members, with Scott Martin as leader

Counter: Pat Moore

Announcements: Communications Ministry

Next week, February 12, 2012

Reader: Dianne Grundy

Greeters: Read & Bev Whatmough

Collection: Lorne & Susan Campbell

Counter: Etheleen Martin

Announcements: Communications Ministry

SYMPATHY

We extend the loving care and concern of the congregation to former members of St. Andrew's, who moved to Orillia. Marie McMenemy's mother passed away on January 30. She was Dorothy Jean Durst-Costen, born on February 20, 1933. Many members will remember Tom and Marie McMenemy.

MISSING

Item missing from the Residences' kitchen since Christmas: One heavy aluminum Christmas tray. Any clues as to where it has gone?

Alice Greenaway, tel: (905) 877-4466

LADIES' VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, February 11, there will be a breakfast for the ladies, starting at 9:00 am. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available from Wayne Barrett.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

This week for our meeting on Monday the 6th, Nancy Heinmiller has arranged a visit to the Solel Reformed Jewish Synagogue at 2399 Folkway Dr, Mississauga. We will gather in the church parking lot before 9:30 to enable car pooling. We plan to go out for lunch together after our visit. Anyone interested in joining in this learning experience and time of collegiality would be welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5th after worship. Please join us for a light sandwich lunch and the meeting afterwards in the gym.

NOMINATING

It's that time of year when we are looking for new people to serve our various church ministries. If you feel called to join a ministry for the next Council year, please see Al Grundy, Colleen Armstrong or Grant Williams. We have openings in many areas. If interested, please see the Ministry Team Resource Needs handout.

GEORGETOWN BREAD BASKET SUNDAY, FEB.5

Next Sunday, February 5, is Bread Basket Sunday. We thank everyone who brought non-perishable food for the food bank. The need is always for canned meat and fish, small juice boxes (good for children's lunches), personal care items, cold cereal, Cheese Whiz type spread and any other non-perishable food and personal care items like toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo. The Outreach Ministry members will make sure your donations will get to the food bank. Thank you.

DAILY BREAD BOOKLETS

The booklets for the next few months have arrived. Some are left from the previous three months, just check the front page. Please feel free to take some, to give to friends, or to read yourself. The usual donation is a Loonie, or what you can afford.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Practice will be on Sundays, after worship service in the sanctuary. Practices will run for about 1/2 hour.

UCW MEETING

Wednesday, February 8th at 1:30 pm

We are pleased to have our student minister, Anita Rowland, join us for the afternoon. She'll be telling us a little about herself, her travels, her call to be a Diaconal Minister and what that entails. All women are welcome to come and meet Anita.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Our next get together will be on Friday, February 10. All women are welcome to visit over coffee, tea and goodies and lots of good conversations. Drop in any time from 9:30 until 11:30 am.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, February 18, starting at 8:00 am. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available from Grant Greenaway.

NEWS & VIEWS (Quarterly Newsletter)

The News & Views now has a second editor, Emma Bass. With Emma coming on board, we will be able to maintain 4 issues per year. Since there are so many avid readers at St. Andrew's, we would like to start

up a Book Review section in each issue. Anyone can send a short review of a book you have read and would recommend for others to read. This can be sent at any time, don't wait for a deadline. We'll keep anything we get for the next issue. Please send any submissions to Heather at hmccurtin@hotmail.com or Emma at emcgrasshopper@hotmail.com

FLORENCE'S FORUM

Bye, bye January! It has certainly been an unusual winter so far. Don't you get the feeling we have a storm still to come? We surely can't get off that easily!

I am writing this column before February 2nd so I don't know which prediction for Groundhog Day came true.

We welcomed Zackery David Gogan Barrager, son of Craig Barrager and Erin Gogan as a member of the church of Jesus Christ through holy baptism. I'm not too sure that he thought too much of the whole process.

One of Zackery's grandmothers is Lois Barrager. Nice to see her back again for the day. The video we saw as part of the sermon was quite moving. I heard many sniffles including my own. Didn't it make you take a look at what we do individually? Do we share whatever we have no matter how small? The topic of givings in the Church is one which has a tendency to make one feel uncomfortable. Perhaps it is meant to do that. I am certain that the majority of people give what their financial circumstances allow. To me my volunteer time is another way I have to give.

Well, having put my two cents worth in, and, the Good Lord willin', I'll see you on Sunday.
God Bless!

Florence



GRANT'S WORLD

This week will be a busy week at church. On Sunday we will be holding our Annual General Meeting after worship. Annual meetings are a great time to be connected to what happens in the church over the year. At the meeting we get to reflect on the ministry that God has been doing in our church family. We give thanks to God for the service our members have done for the community and we get to look forward to what new ministry will happen. This year we will be spending some significant time spend on visioning for the future and looking at possible church governance changes. In advance, why not put some thought into the kinds of ministries we could be offering our church and community. Think about how God may be guiding us in living out our vision. It has been about five years since we did a similar exercise at an annual meeting and it is always a worthwhile experience to share our ideas and opportunities for new ministry to emerge.

Blessings,

See you on Sunday,

Grant

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COMMUNITY

CANCER CANVASSERS NEEDED

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills needs canvassers for the upcoming April residential campaign. Donating a few hours of your time during the month of April is very rewarding for everyone. Please help if you can. For more information, please call (905) 702-8886.

BENEFIT CONCERT: 4 MEN

The Executive. The Minister. The Professor. The Musician. Four men - voices united for a caring world.

They will be singing songs of love, hope and Inspiration at Emmanuel United Church, 420 Balmoral Drive, Brampton on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 each. Contact emmunitied@bellnet.ca or (905) 792-3269.

UCW'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

Celebration at St. Paul's United Church, 30 Main Street, Brampton on February 5 at 10:30 am. Guest speaker is the Very Rev., The Hon. Lois Wilson, Moderator of the United Church of Canada from 1980 – 1982.

THE SPIRIT OF HARRIET TUBMAN

A phenomenal one-woman show will be presented on Tuesday, February 14 at 8:00 pm at the Milton Centre for the Arts, 1010 Main Street East.

Tickets are \$29 (adults), \$16 (children and seniors). For tickets, call (905) 878-6000 or visit www.miltoncentreforthearts.ca

Students and teachers can see the performance on Feb. 14 at 12:15 pm or on Feb. 15 at 10:00 am.

For more information, visit <http://www.halton.ca/tubmanatthemuseum>

YOUTH MISSION ADVENTURE: The Go Project: Summer 2012

Youth in Grade 9 to age 19 and their leaders have 4 opportunities to serve in communities in Toronto, Ontario, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Vancouver, British Columbia and St. John's, Newfoundland. While practicing the gift of discernment, youth listen to the needs of their own community while serving in another.

Unique youth require unique programs. The GO Project was envisioned by a small group of youth and their leaders, who were desiring hands on experiences of mission and outreach, but were confronted with the reality that programming that matched their understanding of Christ, inclusion of all and acceptance of difference in a questioning atmosphere did not exist.

Participate in a community focused children's program. Reach out to youth through community programming, shelters and street cafes. Support seniors and newcomers through community clean up and home projects. Practice pastoral skills through visiting. Serve the basic needs of community members through the food bank and clothing share programs.

The 11-day program, food, lodging, city travel and experiences, projects and programming are all included in the cost of \$550.00.

Register and pay your deposit before February 1, 2012, and pay the early bird fare of \$495.00.

A 20% deposit (\$100.00) per participant is required upon registration for the GO Project.

Cost for participants and leadership is the same for attending the GO Project. Participants are expected to arrange their own travel to and from the GO Project City. The GO Project will assist in transportation from airport's to GO sites.

Once registration has been received, a confirmation email will be sent with further information.

Check out the website at www.thegoproject.ca or email thegoproject@islingtonunited.org for more information and to register. Grant Williams will also answer questions.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The 2012 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service will be held on Friday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 116 Main Str. S, Georgetown. This year the prayer service has been written by the women of Malaysia with the theme, "Let Justice Prevail". Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend this service and learn about Malaysia and its unique culture and heritage. The World Day of Prayer service is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. Each year it recalls our responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of our times so that we might bring a more authentic Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, country and community. It is sponsored by the Woman's Inter Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts, and is celebrated in more than 170 countries around the world and 2000 communities across Canada. All are invited to join in this ecumenical service of prayer.

SHOW DATE

Come join the Georgetown Seniors' Centre on a trip to the Mohawk Dinner Theatre to see a hilarious comedy "Who's Under Where?"

Date: March 28, Cost: \$80.00, Departure from Mold Masters Sports Complex at 9:30 a.m.
Final signup date is Feb. 25.

Please call Florence @ 905 873 1210 for further details.

CHUCKLES

At a restaurant one night, the man at the next table was pulling out all the stops to impress his underwhelmed date. He crowned a lengthy list of lifetime achievements by stating, "At least I can say I have been a Hollywood movie producer."

The woman nodded. "I'll make a note of that: 'has-been movie producer.'"

Week-At-A-Glance

Thursday, February 2

7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice

Friday, February 3

7:00 pm Kehillah (praise team)

Sunday, February 5

10:00 am Worship & Bread Basket Sunday
Annual Meeting and Sandwich Lunch

Thursday, February 9

10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice

Saturday, February 11

9:00 am Ladies' Breakfast