

St. Andrew's Session
Meeting notes from Nov. 6, 2017

Anniversary weekend – On the October 21st 22nd weekend we celebrated our congregation's 170th Anniversary of service here in Brampton. A fantastic Gala dinner was enjoyed by 84 people on Saturday night at the Meadowvale Visitation Centre. Hearty thanks go out to the 170th Anniversary Team, made up of Michelle & Wayne Tedder, Colin & June Young, Sue Haw and Kwasi Adjepong-Duodu, Luke Kinnear, and Susan Jess.

Sunday morning we welcomed Rev. J. P. Smit as our guest speaker, celebrated new members of our Century Club, and enjoyed cake and other treats during coffee fellowship. The Holy Spirit's presence was truly felt throughout the weekend.

At the November Session meeting we welcomed Eunice Boyd onto Session as our newest elder.

The **WMS** Christmas Tea and Bake Sale was again a great success, and thanks go out to all those who contributed baked goods, knitting, Christmas ornaments, books, and most of all their time and effort in making it a wonderful day!

Annual Budget Meeting – Sunday November 26th directly following the Worship service. Copies of the budget are available at the doors to the Sanctuary today and for the next two weeks. Please plan to join us for this important meeting in the life of St. Andrew's congregation. Light refreshment will be provided after the meeting.

Pre-Advent Event – Wednesday, November 29, 2017- 6:30pm. This year's theme is Keeping Watch. Come let the storytellers Rev. and Mrs. Ross and Kim Shepherd take you on a journey of exploration of the themes of Advent. Dinner is served at 6:30. Tickets are \$3 each, or \$10 for a family, available after the service for the next three weeks.

FREE Financial Planning Seminar – If you would like some advice on managing your finances efficiently—with no strings attached—please come to the Free Financial Planning seminar being held in the CE wing on Sunday November 19th right after the Worship service. Everyone is welcome!

Church Office Hours: Our Office Administrator Valerie Barrett is in the office every Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:30-5.

If you wish to be included in periodic Email Communication please fill in the form in the bulletin and place in the offering plate, or send a quick email to office@standrewsbrampton.ca

Committee Happenings

Next All Committee Night-November 14th, at 7:00 pm

The first all committee meeting was a great success, where members from all committees joined together in the Sanctuary to share information about upcoming events. The next one is sure to have similar rewards! If you're on a committee, see you there!

Food Bank: The Food Bank committee is asking for donations of Christmas gift cards to provide much needed Christmas presents for the children of our food bank clients. Gift Cards of just \$20 will ensure that each client receives the same amount. Donations of gift cards need to be in by Dec. 10th at the latest. Walmart is the preferred store, as it is an easily accessed store.

Mission: Saturday November 18th is the Brampton Santa Claus Parade, and the Mission Committee is putting finishing touches on the planning for the parade float – theme "Christmas around the World", and our outreach "free hot chocolate" stand. If you would like to participate, please contact Ray Scanlon for details.

Worship: Upcoming events:

-  Our next **Communion Sunday is Dec. 3rd** at the 10:30 service.
-  **Friday Dec. 8th** the Worship committee is hosting a **Family Christmas Movie Night** in the Great Hall. Stay tuned for more details!!
-  The Annual **Sunday School pageant** is on **Sunday Dec. 10th** and will be followed by a congregational luncheon.

Property: The Manse has had the main and garage roofs replaced, and interior repairs are underway. Thanks to the committee's efforts.

Congregational Care: Do you know of someone in the St. Andrew's community who experiencing ill health or other challenges and would like prayers or a pastoral visit? Please call the office at 905-451-1723, or email wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca so that we can arrange for a visit, or provide appropriate care.