

## St. Andrew's Session

### Meeting notes from April 9, 2018

**St. Andrew's Duty Elder:** As you may have noticed we now have a Duty Elder and partner stationed in the Great Hall during the service each week to welcome those arriving after the service has begun, and to assist any parents wishing to retrieve their children from Sunday School before classes have ended. Going forward we will be printing the name of the Duty Elder in the bulletin each week.

### Upcoming Events

**Presbytery Visit:** A delegation from the Brampton Presbytery will be making a routine visit to St. Andrew's on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be meeting with Rev. Ross and the Session earlier in the day, and would also like to meet with members of the congregation. All who are interested are asked to meet in the Sanctuary at 8pm.

**Leading with Care:** We will be hosting a Leading With Care workshop on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> right after the worship service, for all those who volunteer in any capacity at St. Andrew's. The hour long presentation will ensure all interactions with vulnerable individuals served by St. Andrew's are carried out with dignity and grace.

**"Canada Youth 2018—Stirred—not shaken"** July 2-7 at Brock University in St. Catharines. Join hundreds of youth, young adults and leaders for five days of soul-satisfying worship...unique expressions of faith in both large and small groups, unconventional keynote speakers and workshops, dynamic faith exploration and joyful celebration! For more information, check out the website <http://presbyterian.ca/canada-youth-2018/> or speak to one of the members of the CE Committee.

**Remember Your Baptism Sunday:** Mother's Day, May 13, will be a super exciting day, with several baptisms in service, and a celebration of those baptised over the past three years during coffee fellowship. **There will be cake!!** Bring in photos of your own or your child's baptisms to add to a display in the Great Hall. Stay tuned for more details!!

**Faith in Action 2018:** Activities run from April 29-May 27<sup>th</sup> with our service weekend May 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information in the bulletins over the coming weeks.

### Save the Dates!

**Congregational Picnic:** Save June 10<sup>th</sup> for our annual combined Picnic at Gage Park! There are 5 churches participating this year! It promises to be a fun day of fellowship for all!

**VBS—August 20-25:** Put this on your calendar if you have school aged children who may wish to attend. Plans are in the works! Keep your eyes open for registration information and opportunities to help with building/painting the props/set.

### Committee Happenings

**Property Committee:** The installation of a new industrial dishwasher in our kitchen should be complete this month! Additional repairs are being made at the Manse, and quotes are being obtained for the Sanctuary ceiling repairs. A list of outdoor tasks is being put together for the Faith in Action weekend.

**Stewardship:** Thanks to all who contributed to our Easter offering and floral cross this year. Stay tuned for information about the Spring North Country Meats fundraiser.

**St. Andrew's Food Bank:** The Food Bank Committee wants to thank the members of St. Andrew's for supporting the Food Bank through your Easter Offerings. The new rolling carts have been purchased for the Food Bank. These carts will certainly help the food bank volunteers in the transport and storage of the donated food.

**St. Andrew's Library:** The Library is the place to visit during coffee fellowship. Drop by and see what's new—borrow a book or DVD—there's lots for all ages!

The library table is also the place to pick up mailings, sign up for a grace group, volunteer for a committee, team, or event, and buy tickets for upcoming events! Stop by today!

**Communication and Congregational Care:** Jesus said "*Love one another, as I have loved you*". We need to know when care is required. Please notify the office or members of the Congregational Care Team if you know of someone who is unwell, experiencing extra struggles or in need of a pastoral visit, so that we can provide appropriate care. Also, if you would like to receive periodic emails regarding upcoming events, or have a change in address please contact the Church Office at 905-451-1723 ext. 0 or email [office@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:office@standrewsbrampton.ca)