

St. Andrew's Session **Meeting notes from May 7, 2018**

Session Visioning Workshop: The Session held its third Session Workshop with J.P. Smit on Saturday, April 14th at the Church. This morning's workshop ended with a 'working list' of attributes that will be used to determine how – and what – future decisions regarding the life and ministry of St. Andrew's will be made. We also discussed the need for the Session to help prepare St. Andrew's for the many changes that are being proposed for downtown Brampton and the opportunities that they bring.

Presbytery Visit: A team from Presbytery came to St. Andrew's on Monday, April 23rd for a scheduled visit to meet with Rev. Ross, the Session, representatives from our committees, and the congregation. Thank you to all those that made time to meet with the team. A report of the visitation will be presented to Rev. Ross and the Session by the end of May.

Leading with Care: 41 members of St. Andrew's volunteers met with a PCC Staff representative for a workshop on our denominations policy on how to safely minister to vulnerable and at risk people. It was a very helpful and informative event.

Current & Upcoming Events

Remember Your Baptism Sunday: Today!! Today is an extra special Mother's Day! Baptisms welcome new Children of God into our midst, and we have invited several families whose children have been baptised here at St. Andrew's in the past few years to join us today. Be sure to greet those you don't know as we are welcoming. Take a moment to chat over CAKE and tea/coffee in the Great Hall after service!

Faith in Action 2018: Activities run from April 29-May 27th with our service weekend May 25th-26th. Stop by the table in the Great Hall today to see what projects are scheduled for next month, and to sign up to participate as you are able!! More information will be in the bulletins over the coming weeks.

Save the Dates!

Congregational Picnic: Save June 10th 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 20-24: 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, including exterior painting, 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: This year's North Country Meats fundraiser is happening this month! TODAY is the last day to order, with frozen foods being delivered on Thursday May 17th from 7-8 pm in the Great Hall. Drop by the table in the Great Hall to order your summer BBQ meats!

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!

“Canada Youth 2018—Stirred—not shaken” July 2-7 at Brock University in St. Catherine's. Join hundreds of youth, young adults and leaders for five days of soul-satisfying worship, unique dynamic faith experiences, unconventional keynote speakers and workshops, 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.

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