

## **St. Andrew's Session** **Meeting notes from June 4, 2018**

**Faith in Action 2018:** Thanks to all who participated during our service weekend May 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – and on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Remember; we are called to Think, Act, Be, and Give like Jesus every day!

**Presbytery Visitation Report:** In late April three members of the Presbytery Pastoral Guidance Committee met with Rev. Ross, members of session, and members of the congregation in a series of informal interviews to share the joys and strengths of St. Andrew's ministry, as well as some of the challenges and opportunities we are facing now and in the future, especially with the changes planned for Brampton's downtown core in the next few years. This process was very positive overall, as it started the conversation about change management, responsible resource management, and identified some areas in which we ought to focus more attention and energy, such as pastoral care, outreach to the community, and ministerial support. Please pray for the leaders of our church as we navigate some interesting waters in the future.

### **Current & Upcoming Events**

**Congregational Picnic: IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!** Come join us this afternoon - June 10<sup>th</sup> - for our annual Multi-Church Picnic at Gage Park! There are 5 churches participating this year and it promises to be a fun day of fellowship! Burgers and hot dogs will be provided, bring your own lawn chairs, drinks, and something to share (salad, chips, fruit, sweets). Hope to see you there!!!!

**Council of Elders BBQ:** Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is our annual Council of Elders BBQ. All Elders of St. Andrew's, both serving and supporting, are invited to this event, being held at Rev. and Mrs. Ross's home. Please contact Pam Loree or Kim Shepherd for start time, address, and pot luck details.

**VBS—August 20-24:** We're gearing up for another fantastic week of Vacation Bible School! Put this on your calendar if you have school-aged children who may wish to attend. Got some time to share? Volunteers are always welcome! Check the bulletin for registration information and opportunities to help with building/painting the props/set.

## **Committee Happenings**

**Pastoral Care and Concerns:** This spring has seen many challenges and losses for the members of our church community. As Jesus said, "Love one another, as I have loved you;" the session and Pastoral Care team at St. Andrew's need your help to know when care is required. Please notify the office or members of the Congregational Care Team of those in need of a pastoral visit so that we can provide appropriate care.

**Food Bank:** The committee has developed a new Policy document outlining the existing rules surrounding access to the Food Bank that will assure a safe environment for our volunteers.

**Communication and Congregational Care:** To receive periodic emails regarding upcoming events, or have a change in address, please contact the Church Office at 905-451-1723 or email [office@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:office@standrewsbrampton.ca).

**"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 dynamic faith experiences, unconventional keynote speakers and workshops, and joyful celebration! For more information, speak to one of the members of the CE Committee.

### **Looking Ahead...**

This fall we have a number of great activities and events planned. Add them to your calendar now so you won't miss out!! **Rally Day** – Following the service on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> join us for a Welcome Back BBQ, and check out the displays prepared by our various committees to find out what they're all about!

**Anniversary Sunday** – Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> we are celebrating 171 years of ministry in Brampton!! There will be a special speaker coming to preach that day, and of course there will be cake!!

**Elder Elections** – is it that time already?! Time to elect 5 new elders to our Term-service Session. Voting will begin Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details this fall.

**Committee Restructuring** – With the election of new elders the Session will be revamping our committees to bring them more into line with the three main points of our Vision statement. Changes will come into effect next February.