

St. Andrew's Session
Meeting notes from October 1, 2018

WELCOME TO WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

171th Anniversary Celebrations – October 20 & 21, 2018

St. Andrew's congregation is 171 years old this fall; be sure to join us for this celebration weekend! Saturday night we are holding an Anniversary Celebration Dinner at 6 pm in the Great Hall. Sunday morning we will continue the celebrations as guest preacher Rev. Tori Smit helps to lead the service. Tickets for the dinner are on sale in the Great Hall today!

Sanctuary Fund: This year's Anniversary Offering will be going to establish a new "Sanctuary Fund" which will be used to complete repairs necessary in the Sanctuary. Please consider making a contribution to this new fund.

Rally Day Success: Thanks go out to all who participated in putting on our Rally Day event this year! The Welcome Back BBQ and "Opportunity Fair" was well attended; the food tasty and the displays very informative.

Current & Upcoming Events

Elder Elections coming up in November: Preparations are being made for the election of five new members to the St. Andrew's Term Service Session. The election will begin Sunday, November 25th and will run for three weeks. The elected Elders will begin serving on the Session in 2019. More information about this important election will be in the October and November Newsletters.

It's Your Birthday!! We're starting a new tradition of honouring those with birthdays each month. As part of the celebration we would like to feature a photo of all celebrants each month in the newsletter. The month before your birthday month listen for the announcement of when the group photo will be taken (2 or 3 weeks ahead), and be sure to come out on the last Sunday of your birthday month to enjoy some birthday cake!

Other Group Reports

Property Committee: The organ has been getting some much needed attention which should have it all tuned up for our Anniversary service and the great music we'll hear at Christmas!

Fire Drill: Also, to keep ourselves in practice we will be having a Fire Drill later this month. When the alarm is sounded please follow the usher's direction to the closest exit to leave the Church building safely. Our Gathering Place is on the southwest lawn of the church. Sunday School children will be led outside to the Gathering Place by their Sunday School teachers.

Mission Committee: The Santa Claus Parade will be coming to Brampton on November 17th this year, but unfortunately we will not be entering a float due to a mechanical failure of the trailer used previously. We will still be hosting our hot chocolate outreach stand, providing free hot chocolate and invitations to worship with us to all who pass by. We will be gathering names of volunteers in the coming weeks. Speak to Ray Scanlan to sign up!

Food Bank: For all of October we will be collecting donations for our Thanksgiving Food Drive – we have paper bags with a list of suggested items available at the doors to the Sanctuary. This year the need is heightened as our major fall food drive initiative may not be happening.

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 "*Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others*". As parts of the body of Christ we need to look out for each other. Please notify the Church 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 e-mails about upcoming events, or have a change in address. please contact the Church Office at 905-451-1723 or email office@standrewsbrampton.ca.