

St. Andrew's Session Meeting notes from June 1st, 2020

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

SESSION NEWS

Session has been working constantly since the onset of the pandemic and shutdown. We have met both monthly and bi-weekly as a Session, and several times a week as the Clerks & Clergy team to go over daily matters. As June is the last meeting until September, the Session formed a Session Summer Team to deal with arising issues during the summer.

Clergy Summer Vacation: Rev. Ross is on vacation from June 29 to July 21, and Aug. 24 to Sept 8. For pastoral emergencies contact Rev. Rosemary Doran or Rev. Wayne Baswick; for Church matters contact either Kim Shepherd(Clerk), or Jean Bradshaw(Deputy Clerk).

HOW YOU CAN KEEP IN TOUCH

The Session is concerned about you and wants you feel connected! We are trying to do this in a few new ways. **Social Media:** We want to keep you as up to date as quick as possible. Email blasts are being sent weekly, if you have email and would like to receive these updates, please send an email to socialmedia@standrewsbrampton.ca. **Facebook:** We have a Facebook page ([St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Brampton](#)); we also have a Facebook page for Sunday School ([St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Brampton Sunday School](#)). **YouTube:** We have also created a YouTube channel: [St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: Brampton](#). The services, hymns and Bible readings are posted here to watch anytime. Please look click the link above and subscribe. If you would like to speak with your Elder but you're not sure who your Elder is, contact our Clerk at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Given the pandemic and the closure of our building, our regular patterns of giving have been disrupted and our giving levels are down significantly. Yet, even with the various Federal financial aid programs, our operational expenses continue through the pandemic. To offset this there are several ways for you to support St. Andrew's financially.

- You can contribute by using your debit or credit card through the St. Andrew's webpage <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/>
- You can also sign up for PAR. The PAR registration for also be located <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/> .
- Also, you can **mail** in your regular **Offering Envelopes** to the church; Please use a cover envelope addressed to the church: 44

Church Street East, Brampton, Ontario, L6V 1G3. All mail has been securely redirected. Please only mail cheques (no cash please).

Now there's a New Way... The Church is now set up to accept **online e-transfers** for offerings and/or donations to be received. Here are the steps to follow:

1. Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, and enter the amount you wish to donate.
2. The email to use is: treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca
3. In the message area please indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed: how much to: General Funds, Presbyterians' Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank. If you do not indicate a split your entire donation will go to the general operating fund, and this cannot be changed later.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property Committee: Church Security: The Property Committee has been diligently working on the safety of the Church building. The motion sensors have been updated by the security company

Building Access: The committee that was put together (Richard McMechan (Property Chair), Peter Shepherd (Property Member), Kim Shepherd (Clerk of Session), Jean Bradshaw (Deputy Clerk of Session) and Geoff Ross (Lead Minister) to approve admission, was done so due to by-laws in place on all levels of government during this pandemic and also by our insurance company. It is extremely important that permission is granted prior to anyone entering the building and/or before any dates are published. Requests must be submitted in writing with all details set out, so the team can discuss.

Stewardship Committee: Hanging Plant Sale: Thank you to Helen Collins e for proceeding with this fundraiser. The baskets are beautiful and we are sure, have brought joy to those who purchased.

Worship Committee: Online Services: Rev. Geoff Ross will continue to do Facebook Live services. Our Music Director is also uploading hymns for weekly services through YouTube. Links for both the hymns, the Scripture Readings and the Facebook Live service will be posted on the St. Andrew's website, www.standrewsbrampton.ca.

RightNowMedia: Would you like to read daily devotionals; have access to Bible studies, videos on dealing with stress and anxiety, all for FREE! please send an email to socialmedia@standrewsbrampton.ca.

Pastoral Care: If you know of someone who needs pastoral care due to illness or personal strife, please notify Rev. Geoff Ross 647-524-1870 (geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca) or the Congregational Care Team so we can provide appropriate care: (wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca)