

*INSIDE**ST. ANDREW'S*

A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we: learn together to know God's love through worship and study; put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other; use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.

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## Pam's palms

(See page 5)

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12



# BIRTHDAYS



## May 2020

- 1 Robert Stevenson
- 2 John Bhim
- 3 May Banks, Braydon McKnight,  
Wayne Tedder
- 4 Petra McKittrick
- 5 Graham Shepherd, Samantha Silva,  
Steven White
- 7 Dale Sukhall
- 8 Larry Malek
- 9 Natasha Lopez
- 10 Jennifer Ellis, Stuart Johns
- 11 Kyle Boodhan, Rachna Moon,  
Steven Sexton
- 14 Nikhil Raj, Gary Van Bolderen
- 15 Nasreen Manuel
- 16 Ariella Huether, Sylvia Tedder,  
Deke Thayer
- 17 Ruth Kelly-Boxe, Jeffrey McKittrick
- 18 Lori-Anne Smith, Elizabeth Waymann
- 19 Sue Haw, Barb McMechan-Woods,  
Kaye Meadows
- 21 Barry Hutchinson
- 23 Patricia Sankar, Scott Silva
- 24 Marvin Evans, John Nicholson,  
Devon Peyer, Henry Peyer
- 25 Robert Hakim
- 26 Kwasi Adjepong-Duodu, Dorothy Wood
- 27 Michael Hylton, Madison Millar
- 28 John Urquhart
- 29 Grayson Flint, Dhanmatee Kalyan,  
Lionel Nichol, Kyle Nicol
- 30 Dale Curtis
- 31 Samantha Collins, Shane Matheson,  
Spencer Matheson, Colin Young



## Birthday Blessings



# Condolences

To Blanche McCreary on the death of her sister  
Eudora on April 18 in Newfoundland

To Claudio Cabral on the death of his daughter  
Nancy Cabral Travassos on April 18

## How to stay in touch

*by Pam Loree*

### St. Andrew's online links

*Though we cannot worship together in person we  
can be together in spirit.*

Each Sunday the 10:30 Worship Service is streamed  
live on our Facebook page. We will also be posting  
these videos on the **new St. Andrew's YouTube  
channel** for those who are not on Facebook.

**St. Andrew's Facebook page is found at:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/276334562384366/?ref=bookmarks>

You can tune in at service time to watch the worship  
service live or tune in at a later time on the YouTube  
channel to watch or re-watch any service.

**The church's YouTube channel address is:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmiSUX0k-mRevJsDFtMk\\_nA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmiSUX0k-mRevJsDFtMk_nA)

All worship service videos will be loaded on this  
channel, and links to the hymns and anthems  
performed by our Music Director Shelagh Tyreman  
will be posted on our church website.

<http://standrewsbrampton.ca/>

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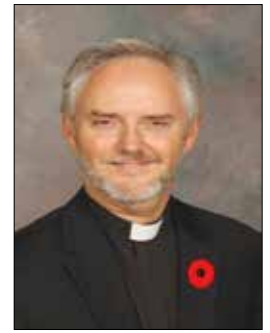
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## Geoff's Journal

“ ....As yourself.”



I've heard it said many times over the past 6 weeks of this sudden shutdown of 'normalcy', imposed self-isolation, and quarantine, that *"we are all in the same boat."* And it is true: we are, and we always have been – sadly, it took COVID-19 to remind us, again, of this. In our Green Faith series, I talked about a picture – “Earth Rise” – of the earth alone, fragile, suspended in space – and how that image changed our consciousness about who we are and how we see others because, for the first time, all of humanity knew that *"we are all in the same boat."*

I can't recall if I said it during that series, but that picture is how I think God sees us; all in the same fragile blue boat, alone, together. And God knew, that for us to survive, on this 'boat', we would have to learn how to love one another.

Eight times in the Bible, we read the words: *"you shall love your neighbour as yourself."* The first comes near the end of a long list of laws that paraphrase the Ten Commandments and are meant to govern how the People of God are to treat, relate with, and care for one another, in the Book of Leviticus (19:18). The next four come during conversations in which Jesus reiterates that Law/Commandment adding, that after loving God with our whole selves, we are to love our neighbour *"as yourself"* (Matt 22:34-40; Mk 12:28-34; Lk 10:25-28); the other three times are in letters by Paul and James to the 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christians on how they are to govern – and live out – their lives, loving one another, faithfully.

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## Geoff's Journal continued

Like people "*in the same boat*" we must get along for the common good – but, as people of faith, we are called to do more. Jesus tells us that God wants us to love one another (Jn 13:34), but God wants us to do this in two ways: first, we are to love one another as God first loved us; (1 John 4:19) and secondly, we are to love others as we would want God to love us. (Matt 7:12) And God loved us wholly, unreservedly, unconditionally, without motive – and God's love moved Him to reach out to us by sending His Only Son to be-with us to show us how to love like God loved us.

So, how would you like to be loved? Would you like to know people think or care about you? Would you like to hear someone's voice? Would you like to stop feeling lonely, worried, or frightened? Ask yourself, "*How would I like someone to love me?*", then show that love to your family, friends, neighbours. Love them as you would want them to love you: you'll feel better, they'll feel better. If we all do this, then, likely, someone will do it for you. "*Love your neighbour as yourself*;" because, we're all in the same boat.

" ....As yourself."

Stay safe, remain hopeful.



### INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S

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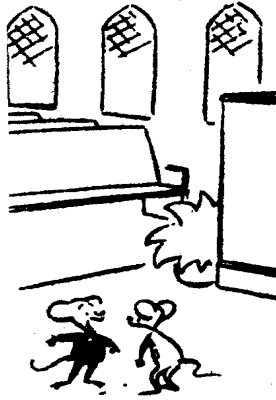
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# News from the Pews



On the front page of this e-newsletter there is a picture with the caption "Pam's palms." This Easter door decoration at the home of Pam and Stan Loree was made from palms ordered some time ago for the Palm Sunday service which, sadly, was cancelled. The palms were offered to the congregation, for pick up in the church parking lot where Rev. Geoff handed them out, while keeping in mind the required social distancing regulations.



*Thanks for  
your prayers...*

Doreen Scott-Dunne and Ray Scanlan would like to thank the many folks who prayed for the safe arrival of this beautiful baby boy, their grandson Kailer

James Lawrence Scott, seen above with parents James Lawrence and Morna Scott-Dunne. Kailer was born on April 8 at Mount Sinai Hospital by C-section. Mother and baby were home in under 30 hours and are healthy and doing well. Ray and Doreen feel blessed to have another grandchild.



As the church remains closed under government orders, several events have been cancelled. These include the WMS meetings in May and June, the monthly Corporate Hour of Prayer in the church Parlour (see Ray Scanlan's report on page 7) and the Ladies' May Tea.

Please check the St. Andrew's website for updates and information.

**Please share your news with our church family. Contact any member of the newsletter team whose names are listed on page 4.**



Dear God,

Being alone is hard. We were created for community, not confinement.

But we're grateful that no matter how alone we may feel, You never leave or forsake us. And, we're grateful for technology that helps us stay in touch with each other.

Today, please remind us that this time of social distancing and isolation will not last forever.

Give us the strength to endure this difficult season, and deepen our connection with You and Your people.

Empower us with an extra dose of Your love, peace, hope and joy, because we need it. Remind us of Your promises, and please heal our world.

In Jesus' name, Amen

# Food... for Thought

*by Gord Warren*



The COVID-19 pandemic has changed everyone's lives.

Who would have thought six months ago that we would be isolating in our homes, afraid to go grocery shopping, keeping six feet away from others, wearing a mask, and spending so much time reading and on the internet! Massive changes to our society — and we are doing it willingly in order to save lives.

Your Food Bank has also undergone major changes since the virus changed our lives. We no longer operate in the church building, as it was closed when we had a suspected case of the virus, and then stayed closed by provincial government regulations. The Food Bank committee had anticipated that this might happen and the clients were forewarned about the possibility of our closing. Arrangements were made with Regeneration Outreach Community that we would open in the warehouse area behind their store at 253 Queen St. East, so we transferred supplies, and a dedicated group started serving at the warehouse.



The need for groceries has exploded since the first quiet week. There have been many layoffs and closings that have forced a number of people to explore the food bank option in order to feed their family. I had often explained to many groups that most people were only two pay cheques away from a food bank, but I never expected to see it on this scale.

Every Monday a group of volunteers goes to the warehouse and sorts donations and makes up individual bags of coffee, milk powder, tea, sugar, flour and anything else that needs to be bagged. We are using the donations from the Gift of Giving Back plus other corporate donations that have come in, and we prepare tables for the Wednesday and Friday Food Bank openings. All volunteers work with the six-foot rule, wear masks and gloves, and we sanitize areas and even some non-perishable foods before we use them. We are doing our utmost to keep safe. We realize that not everyone can volunteer in this situation and that is completely understood.



Thanks to Grace Brewster-Yates for her gift of time and talent to make masks (shown above) for the Food Bank volunteers.

The Food Bank serves people who come on Wednesday and Friday but also makes up food hampers which the city delivers every day of the week. These hampers are for people who are isolating, are unable to go out or don't feel comfortable shopping. We have seen the need rise dramatically, and now there are 30 to 40 hampers ordered every day, and some days over 150 hampers are needed, in addition to the 200+ clients who are served every week.

It is a nervous time, but we believe that we are doing God's work by helping our fellow citizens. The statistics are telling us that it will get better, and we pray that it is so.



by Doreen Scott-Dunne

One of the important messages I learned from being in the Faith Formation group was that it is important for us, as we grow in our faith, not just “*to know about God,*” but “*to know God,*” and what better way to know God but through His Word.

As students in Grades 6 through 8 read well, think critically and ask great questions, we chose a new curriculum called “**Connect.**” Each student receives a bible which they use as a true study bible, underlining key verses, noting key words, making visual images, but best of all, *connecting scriptures* from the Old and New Testaments. We help them to see relationships between people and events and to see the bible as a complex tapestry, where connecting threads help them to know God better.

We also want these students to be a part of the congregation, so you will see them attend church when we have communion. They have had lessons on the meaning of communion and the Apostles’ Creed, and most of them have memorized the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. Please feel free to talk to them about what they are learning when you see them.

The team members who teach these wonderful young people are: Doreen Scott-Dunne, Tamara Dawson and June Young.



## Hour of Corporate Prayer



by Ray Scanlan

## Pandemic and Prayer

A month ago, as I was writing this column there were 180,000 cases of the COVID-19 virus in 160 countries around the world. Now there are 2.2 million cases globally, and the death rate and recovery rate goes up every day. Sadly, the greatest single area has been in long term care and retirement homes.

Session at St. Andrew’s has cancelled all services and events until further notice, although regular services are taking place virtually through the St. Andrew’s Facebook page to respect social distancing. Prayer continues every week for an end to this pandemic.

As the building is currently closed to the public the Elders and the regular group meet in their own homes at 3 pm every Friday to pray as a virtual group with Christians around the world:

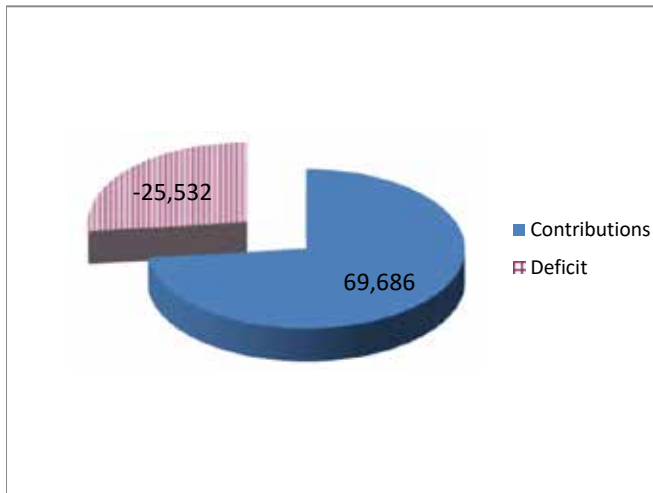
- For an end to this pandemic
- For the families of the deceased
- For those infected with the virus
- For the frontline workers
- For medical supplies etc.
- For those with cancelled surgery
- For those who have lost their job
- For those whose benefits ran out
- For those facing eviction
- For those living on the street
- For our faith community
- For refugees, the hungry, the marginalized, and the prayer list goes on

Now is the time for us all to pray, every Friday, at 3 pm, as only God can lead us through this. Please join us!

# Church Finances

## Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of April 20, 2020



We normally do not receive enough contributions to meet the expenses of the operations of the church. However in times of closure we don't receive any donations other than PAR once a month which contributes \$6,900 to operations and any online donations made through our website [www.standrewsbrampton.ca](http://www.standrewsbrampton.ca)

You can contribute by credit card through our website, mail a cheque or go on Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR).

There are a number of expenses that have continued through this pandemic closure: stipends, salaries and utilities are the main expenses. The line of credit is currently at \$44,000.

We pray you and your families safe and well.

When we think of stewardship we start with the point that everything - even the air that we breathe - is not ours, it's given to us

We also pray for our fellow Canadians and those around the world facing this awful disease.

May the peace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour be with us.

## Contributions & Expenses Comparative

April 20, 2020

	Jan 1 - Apr 20/20	Jan 1 - Apr 20/19
<b>Contributions</b>		
Offerings	59,286.89	88,324.02
Other Revenue	10,399.41	11,023.65
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>69,686.30</b>	<b>99,347.67</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Education	1,222.13	731.34
Mission	200.00	190.00
Property	25,482.91	24,810.65
Stewardship	66,342.92	72,120.18
Worship	1,970.00	4,990.56
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>95,217.96</b>	<b>102,842.73</b>
<b>Net General Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(25,531.66)</b>	<b>(3,495.06)</b>
<b>Presbyterian Sharing donations*</b>	<b>6,186.39</b>	<b>8,045.64</b>
<b>PWS&amp;D donations*</b>	<b>1,526.64</b>	<b>2,979.99</b>
<b>Food Bank donations*</b>	<b>10,840.20</b>	<b>14,972.45</b>

\* NOTE: Presbyterian Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank are not included in the comparative statement.



# Mission Possible/faitb in ACT!ON 2020

*By Robyn Kirkpatrick*

Our annual faitb in ACT!ON campaign begins May 17. This year's theme will be "Mission Possible" as we seek to live out our commission to be the Body of Christ – literally and physically – by doing acts of love and compassion for our neighbours and community. This year, as in years past, we are planning several projects that allow us to support God's creation, our church and our community. We recognize that during the COVID-19 crisis it is especially necessary that we **be the church** to our community. Some of our projects this year have a special focus to provide resources and encouragement to our front-line workers. We have planned activities that can allow us to act collectively from our homes, as we practice social distancing.

Through the month of May we will launch the Mission Possible/faitb in ACT!ON 2020 preaching series. Join us for this four-week series that will explore how the commission to "go and do" is in fact a mission to live out our faitb in both word AND deed! We hope that this message on what it means to be "missional" will inspire you to sign up for our Mission Possible/faitb in ACT!ON 2020 service projects!

To get you excited about this year's campaign, below is information on our Mission Possible/faitb in ACT!ON 2020 projects. We hope that you will prayerfully consider participating in one or more of these projects, then put your faitb into action so that you can contribute to our **faitb in ACT!ON activity day at the church on Saturday, June 6.**

## 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Throughout the month of May we will be collecting donations, utilizing our financial resources and completing acts of service to support creation, our church and our community. As we complete this work we will be praying for support, guidance and encouragement for our faitb in ACT!ON leaders and participants, for our church, our community and our world.



Volunteers will be participating in a 24-hour prayer vigil where they will spend one hour of the day praying from the seclusion of their own homes.

## Appreciation Cards for Hospital Workers and EMS

Our faitb in ACT!ON team has felt called to show our appreciation to the workers at Brampton Civic Hospital and Peel Memorial Hospital as they care for the sick and those stricken with the coronavirus, and to the Emergency Services workers as they keep us safe and respond to people in crisis. To do this, volunteers will be asked to write cards, letters and emails to show their appreciation for the hard work and dedication by these front-line workers to keep our community healthy and safe. Cards will be collected at the church on **June 6** and will be distributed to the local hospitals and EMS stations.



## Protective Face Masks Sewing Project

Calling all sewers!! For those in the congregation who are handy with a sewing machine and a needle and thread, we will be making protective face masks to be donated to groups in the community. A pattern and instructions will soon be available on the church website for those who are interested. Collection of the protective face masks will take place on **June 6** at the church.



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### **Food Bank Drive**

As we have had many business closures and loss of jobs in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis there is greater pressure placed on our local community support groups. We will be conducting a food drive on **June 6**, and you may drop off your donations to the church on that day. All food collected will be delivered to the Regeneration warehouse on Queen Street, from which our St. Andrew's Food Bank now operates. A list of suggested donations will be posted on the St. Andrew's website.

### **Clothing Drive**

As you clean out your closets during your spring cleaning, please set aside any unwanted clothing. We will be accepting clean and gently-used clothing on **June 6** at the church, and these will be delivered to a local donation centre.

### **St. Andrew's Gardening**

A small team of volunteers will be planting flowers around our church property on **June 6**, while following social distancing procedures.

Once again, we are excited by what we have been planning to do with this year's campaign! Please consider how you can take part, and when you have made a decision you can **contact Robyn Kirkpatrick at 905-846-0678** to tell her the project of your choice. Together we can make a difference in our community.

Don't just go to church – BE the church during our Faith in ACT!ON month!



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual hanging basket sale now through May 3**

### **Bring a little sunshine home this May**



The St. Andrew's Stewardship Committee is holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hanging Basket Fundraiser only until **May 3, 2020**.

As the church is closed we ask that anyone wishing to purchase plants drop off the cheque or cash with the order form through the mail slot at the home of Helen Collins: 10 Parkview Place, near Hwy 10/Steeles, in Peel Village. Cheques (no cash) can also be mailed to Helen Collins at 10 Parkview Place, Brampton, L6W 2G1. Please call Helen at 905-450-6314 to let her know that your cheque is in the mail. An order form and further information is on page 13 of this newsletter.

Whether the St. Andrew's building is open or not the hanging baskets will be available for pick up sometime between May 19 - 22. Arrangements for time and location of plant pick up will be given to you by phone closer to the pick up date.

Limited home delivery may be available if you are unable to leave your home at this time.

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**Pick up of the plants will be done in a safe way, taking into account social distancing precautions.**

Please share this information with friends and family, and especially those who may not have email but might like to order some flowers.

If you have any questions you may contact Helen Collins at 905-450-6314.

A special thank you to everyone who is supporting this fundraiser during these difficult times.

We pray that everyone stays safe and healthy in the weeks and months to come.







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## PLANT SALE ORDER FORM

### CONTACT INFORMATION

FIRST AND LAST NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL(OPTIONAL):

MIXED COLOURED BASKETS	SIZE	COLOUR/ DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	10"	MIXED COLOURED BASKETS	\$20.00		
CALIENTE GERANIUMS	SIZE	COLOUR/ DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	10"	RED	\$20.00		
		LAVENDER	\$20.00		
		CORAL/ FUCHSIA	\$20.00		
				TOTAL # OF PLANTS	TOTAL AMOUNT ON CHEQUE

**Note:** Please make your cheque payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

All taxes are included. Orders **cannot** be processed **without** cheque(s)/cash included. No postdated cheques please. All plants come with a pot cover. If you have any questions please call Helen Collins at 905-450-6314. Thank you for your support!

## Geoff & Regan do the wave with members of the congregation



Peter & Kim Shepherd



Geoff & Regan Ross



George Burrows



Ellen & Bob Stevenson & daughter Doreen



Jim & Marilyn Hunt



Tom & Belle Campbell



Rookmin Bisnauth & Ouma Sooklall



Anna & Herb Eitner



Samina Babar and family (unfortunately Babar was not available)



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