



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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The Lord says, "Do not cling to the events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already – you can see it now!" (Isaiah 43: 18-19)

This month...

In October we went from this



.... to back in the sanctuary again – but without the congregation





BIRTHDAYS



November

- 3 Bill Temple, Kara Urquhart
- 4 Andy Bunkis, Harlow Flint, Emma Kennedy,
Jennifer Phillips, Stephanie Sexton
- 5 Luanne Crilly, Abigail Kosher
- 6 Basharat David Nal
- 7 May Jackson, Janice McKnight,
Debbie Wattier
- 8 Breanne Goodman, Jason Smith
- 9 Frances Cornwall-Samuel, Jordan Jules,
Richard McMechan
- 11 Savanna Laird
- 13 Derek Boodhan, Monique Mock
- 15 Kelsey McKittrick, Janette Sukhu
- 16 Gary Clarke, Willow Emon,
Karen Hutchinson, Michael Odzenma
- 17 Travis McDonald
- 18 Margaret Nicol
- 19 Ann Campbell, Shalem Shahid,
Eda Steringa
- 20 Manual Barkat
- 21 Bonnie Bunkis, Sophie Whiteman
- 25 Asif Arthur, Meg Artymko, Sarah Prechner
- 26 Zara Adil, Pam Loree, Blanche McCreary
- 27 Janet Ferguson, Farquhar MacDonald,
Andrew Urquhart
- 28 Clara Hamid, Alex Loree, Dorothy Matheson,
Cynthia Prechner
- 30 Tamara Dawson, Tamara Warwick



December

- 1 Risfa Massey-Mubushar, Danny Ramlochan



Jean Bradshaw and Jarek Szolomicki –
30th wedding anniversary on November 17

Condolences

To Sandra Jackson on the death of her twin
brother Paul Harrington

To Gerda Halliday and family on the death of
her husband Bob



Valerie and Gord Warren would like to thank all
their friends at St. Andrew's who have supported
them on the sudden passing of their daughter
Cindy Tate. It has been and is greatly
appreciated.

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From Sandra Jackson

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to my
entire church family, in particular the Prayer
Circle, Session, and the Food Bank volunteers
for their messages of sympathy on the death of
my brother, Paul Harrington. Your kindness and
concern, your phone calls, cards and prayers are
all much appreciated.



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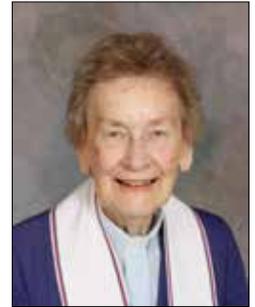
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Rosemary's Reflections



A couple of months ago I sliced my thumb. On a piece of chocolate of all things. I was trying to cut a small square in two, when the knife slipped and bingo! My thumb was – to use the word in its purely literal sense – a bloody mess! I hollered for my husband to phone the nursing station and in short order two nurses arrived and fixed me up temporarily. They advised me to sleep with the injured hand above my head to slow the flow of blood. Ever tried to do that? It's a great way to stay awake! Next day I went to a walk-in clinic, had stitches in the thumb and so began my journey into unknown territory.

It's amazing how much we take for granted our bodies and their functions. As my thumb slowly mended over the following weeks, I couldn't feel parts of it. When I rubbed or scratched it in places, I felt nothing. And I couldn't depend on it to do what it normally did. When I would go to lift or press something, I felt no response and whatever I was holding or moving was in danger of falling. Now many weeks later some sensation has returned but it will likely never be the same again.

A bit like life today isn't it? Things may look the same but everything has changed. Life is dictated by COVID-19. We can't go where we want, when we want. We can't "do" Wendy's or Tim Horton's on the spur of the moment, unless all the precautions are in place. We can't invite everyone to a family celebration. Sorry – you can't get on the elevator – there are two of us here already! And where's that mask? Don't leave home without it!

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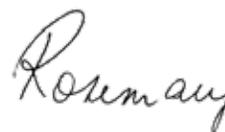
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Rosemary's Reflections continued

And of course we can't "do church" as we used to. Things aren't the way they were, we say sadly like the Israelites in exile far from home and Temple. "How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" they mourned. (Ps 137:4). "How can we worship God in COVID land?" we echo. But it's not the end of the story. When I cut my thumb, I had to learn ways of compensating for what I had lost, new ways of doing things. Back from exile, the Israelites had to rebuild the Temple. For a while they grieved the old one, then gradually got their act together. Maybe the new Temple wasn't exactly the same as before, but the key thing was that God was still there, moving them forward, giving them hope. And so it is for us. God is with us. We need not be afraid. Maybe we should just give God a "thumbs-up" and get on with the refashioning not only of our worship but also of our lives. "Do not cling to events of the past," says God. "Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already...." (Isaiah 43:18)



INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S

PUBLISHED MONTHLY (except August) to inform our church community about activities within this congregation and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and to provide inspiration to our readers.

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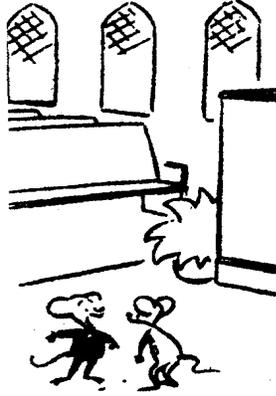
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News
from
the
Pews



Former St. Andrew's choir member Bev LeDrew and her husband Nelson are proud grandparents for the eighth time. Their daughter Alison and husband Sergio Lopez had a baby girl, Kleopatra Marianne, on September 23. Kleopatra's big brother Mexis is happy to have a new little sister. The photo below shows Bev and Nelson with granddaughter Kleopatra.



Ian and Susan Jess met each other at St. Andrew's Brampton and were married at St. Andrew's Brampton on October 4, 1980. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their family, then they went to a resort near Gravenhurst for three days. Susan reports that the Fall colours were spectacular.



Congratulations to Brigita and Frank who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 15. The photo above shows Brigita holding a card from the members of St. Andrew's.



Helen and John Collins celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary early this year by spending four nights in mid-September at the beautiful Killarney Mountain Lodge resort on Georgian Bay. They took 3-hour hikes through the park, following the path of the Group of Seven painters and marvelling at the spectacular views. Despite the coolness of the weather, the heated pool was maintained at 82°F and they swam laps for 45 minutes each day.

Biking through town and canoeing Collins Inlet (no relation sadly) completed their activities, although the town is so small they had to do a few laps on the bike. In 1840 the population was 820 and today it is 800, so there hasn't been a lot of growth in this pretty, but isolated village.

It was a wonderful time to reconnect without the kids, the dog or the mother-in-law. As they said on the first night - is this what freedom feels like?

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(Our Music Director/Organist Shelagh Tyreman has an interesting story to share. See below.)

In 1986, I auditioned and was invited to sing with the second-ever National Youth Choir of Canada at Vancouver's Expo '86, as the alto representative from Alberta. It was an amazing experience, singing for Charles and Di with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, and being surrounded with talented and passionate musicians from across Canada, many of whom have gone on to have long professional careers performing and conducting. One member became the Toronto "Christine" for "Phantom of the Opera" for many years - another became a conductor for Sydney Opera in Australia. It was a life-changing experience for me too!

This summer, I was privileged to be invited as an alumnus to record a special music video project with the National Youth Choir of Canada, to celebrate the 20th iteration of the choir. We were meant to sing this live at the Podium National Choral Conference this spring in Montreal, but, 2020!



The piece chosen was "All of Us", excerpted from the larger work, the oratorio "Considering Matthew Shepard" about the hate crime murder of a young American gay man. It examines our collective and individual responsibility to become instruments of love, not hate. The composer is Craig Hella Johnson, and the poet Michael Dennis Browne. They based the work on Matthew's own writing, "Ordinary Boy." We were so privileged to have a Zoom meeting with them both, to discuss the origins of the work, the technical musical requirements, and really, the meaning of life!

It was so challenging – both musically and emotionally! Musically, the piece is in double chorus, and the last few pages go into 20 parts. I was really lucky though - when I was in NYCC back in the dark ages, I sang the lowest female part (alto II). I told them to put me wherever they wanted, and luckily I got assigned the top soprano line throughout. That was challenging for other reasons, but I really felt for people assigned some of the incredibly difficult inner lines.

If you would like to watch the video here is the link. <https://youtu.be/CcfxO469sag> You can also go to YouTube and search "National Youth Choir of Canada - All of Us", and you will easily find it. Feel free to share it on social media, as it is now being shared nationally and internationally, but please tag me if you do.

To celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary, Barry and Karen Hutchinson flew to Michigan (a 40-minute flight) to enjoy a few days of much appreciated family time. Days in Waterford with their daughter Vanessa and her fiancé Brandon Gregory were spent tackling some fun joint outdoor projects like refreshing their outdoor Finnish sauna in order to have it ready to enjoy over the coming winter, enjoying Sunday football, and an amazing dinner out at a lakeside restaurant - what a fabulous treat!



Brandon, Vanessa, Karen and Barry Hutchinson

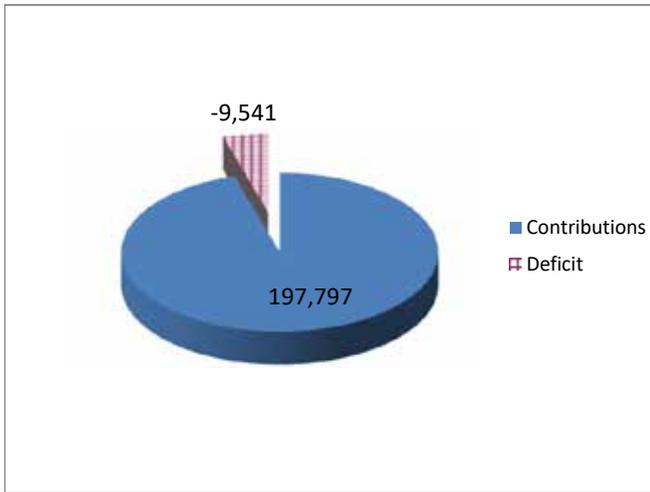
Brandon's parents were also celebrating their 40th Anniversary (married just the day before Barry and Karen), and were camping on the west coast of Michigan, so Karen reports that another highlight was meeting them in Grand Rapids for a wonderful visit. Karen and Barry are thankful for a safe and healthy trip!

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Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

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



Currently offerings from January 1 to October 20 are down 17.9% from last year while Food Bank donations have increased by 14.4% for the same period. Thank you all for your generosity at this difficult time.

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

To process an Interac e-Transfer: Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, enter the amount you wish to donate and in the message area indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed i.e. amount for 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, **this cannot be changed later. It is vital that you use the email treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca**

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

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

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

October 20, 2020

	Jan 1 - Oct 20/20	Jan 1 - Oct 20/19
Contributions		
Offerings	181,990.24	221,573.50
Other Revenue	15,807.25	28,967.62
Total Contributions	197,797.49	250,541.12
Expense		
Education	1,961.58	3,359.67
Mission	6,988.86	6,332.31
Property	49,166.38	99,515.25
Session	7,025.35	-
Stewardship	137,400.80	198,522.86
Worship	4,795.34	10,641.26
Total Expense	207,338.31	318,371.35
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(9,540.82)	(67,830.23)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	16,951.10	20,918.60
PWS&D donations*	4,141.60	6,024.95
Food Bank donations*	39,497.58	34,523.05

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

Food... for Thought



by Grace Brewster-Yates

A proposal for re-opening the Food Bank was made by Sandra Jackson – the Food Bank representative – at the October meeting of St. Andrew’s Session. A tentative decision was made to open in November 2020 “if it was safe to do so.” Since then the COVID-19 positive cases have greatly increased in Peel Region, and the Government decided to again restrict activities in the region. Session has also decided to postpone church services in the sanctuary to November and to again delay the re-opening of the Food Bank to January 2020 “if it is safe to do so.”

Our Food Bank continues to partner with Regeneration Outreach Community to serve our Food Bank clients and vulnerable members of the community. The previous method of making up bags of food items for the clients has changed, and the operation is now called REGENERATION MARKET PLACE. The clients will now have to make an appointment, and they will be given a date and time slot to attend the Market Place once a week, they will then be able to choose the items needed – with a restriction on quantities.

The Food Bank committee would like to thank Rock Garden Farms, Caledon; Foodland Supermarket, Caledon; and Foodland Supermarket, Howden St., Brampton for their continued support in supplying fresh produce weekly. Thanks also to Sharyn Holloway and her husband for weekly pickup and delivery of these items to Regeneration.

Thanks also go to Christine Chatoor for making and providing approximately 100 masks per week for distribution to the Food Bank clients. Her generosity is greatly appreciated.

Meanwhile, stay safe and God Bless.



News from the Pews *(continued from page 6)*

Update from Wayne Tedder on his Guinness World Record Pinball Challenge

With the second wave of COVID having descended upon us, we’ve decided to move the date of my attempt. We were originally scheduled for November 5 to November 7. The dates have been moved to November 25 to November 27.

The charity/organization I’ll be associated with for the event is ‘Path of Play.’ Path of Play’s mission is... **“To empower families living with special needs through the world of gaming.”**

The gentleman who (along with his wife) co-founded the organization, will be streaming the entire event though twitch.



Another day beginning, Lord,
Who knows what it will bring?
Please keep me strong and cheerful, Lord,
And let my spirit sing.
So many are in need of love,
In need of comfort, too.
Please let me show them hope and joy,
A little kindness, too.
Another day ahead of me,
With battles I must win.
Lord, stay beside me all the way,
And give me strength within.

Iris Hesselden
The Friendship Book

Call to Prayer

by Ray Scanlan

Why pray? and why is this important at St. Andrew's?

For eight months now if you have been self isolating or simply stuck at home watching TV, listening to the news or reading the newspaper, you cannot escape the fact that we are now experiencing the greatest pandemic in the past hundred years. For seniors, many are reluctant to venture out, even to go shopping, and are relying on friends and family to shop for their groceries or they may now be using a "personal shopper app" or a grocery pick-up option. Many families are either out of work or working from home while trying to look after their children. The family dynamic keeps changing as the various governments try to safely open up our schools, with parents left to wonder at the risks involved, and teachers worried about how to return to the classroom and still care for pre-schoolers at home with "day-care" closed, and stay safe.

The new normal seems to be "online" shopping with more retail employees laid off and the threat that this may become permanent. Add to that a plethora of situations around the world that we simply cannot tackle or try to solve on our own:

- Thousands of people in the Caribbean and southern United States now homeless after the recent devastating hurricanes,
- Forest fires are destroying millions of acres and burning down thousands of homes, once again in the western United States, leaving many dead and thousands homeless,
- The ongoing conflicts in Syria and other countries and the thousands of refugees living in dreadful conditions in refugee camps.

The list gets longer each month as we now pray virtually together at 3 pm every Friday for an end to this pandemic, for those infected or suffering loss, for an effective vaccine and other issues that only God can solve. YOU are invited.



by Doreen Scott-Dunne

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion, and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles." 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

In this time of COVID-19 it is so important not to be isolated, but to reach out by telephone, by social media and by Zoom or Skype to our friends and acquaintances, as being with others is definitely comforting and uplifting. Fellowship is still as important as ever and one way to enjoy fellowship is through GRACE Group meetings on Zoom.

The L6T/L6P GRACE group co-chaired by Molly Harvey and Felicity Alexander "Zoomed to GRACE" during the week of October 12. They enjoyed the fellowship so much that they used up their hour and had to log in for a second time slot to continue. They had seven participants. Unfortunately, many of their members lack the confidence in their technology skills to join in, so this group has decided to encourage the social connection with each other without a formal study program. They will convene again next month.

The L6X/L6Y GRACE Group plans to meet on October 27. The technology does not always co-operate perfectly, so Doreen and Ray are hoping this works well remotely, as they will be Zooming from Collingwood. If there are any technical problems, the meeting will reconvene the following Tuesday, November 3. We are all learning how to "Zoom to GRACE," and soon I am sure, this will be easy for all of us. It is definitely worth persevering to chat and fellowship with friends. This group will meet again on the last Tuesday in November at 1:30 pm and will attempt to do a Bible study together in the New Year, but we will definitely not forget the focus on fellowship, since the R in GRACE stands for Relationships.

If you are interested in Zoom fellowship by "Zooming to GRACE" at this time, please contact Doreen or Ray at 905-454-1937.



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POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Contact Information	
First and Last Name:	
Phone Number:	
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Poinsettia	Size	Colour/ Description	Price	Quantity	Total
	6" Pot	Red	\$10.00		
		White	\$10.00		
		Pink	\$10.00		
		Burgundy	\$10.00		
	8" Pot	Red	\$20.00		
		White	\$20.00		
		Pink	\$20.00		
		Burgundy	\$20.00		
	10" Pot	Red	\$25.00		
		White	\$25.00		
		Pink	\$25.00		
		Burgundy	\$25.00		
Mumsettia	Size	Colour/ Description	Price	Quantity	Total
	7" Combo Pot	White Potmum with A Red Poinsettia in the centre	\$15.00		
				Total # of Plants	Total Amount On Cheque

Note: Please make cheques payable to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Orders **cannot** be processed **without** cheque (s) or exact cash. **As well you can e-transfer your payment to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca.** Please specify in the message area your name and that the funds are for the poinsettia fundraiser. All taxes are included in the prices. No postdated cheques please. All plants come with a pot cover. **Thank you for your support!**

Poinsettia Sale

When? From Sunday October 25 until Friday, November 20. Pick up will be on Wednesday, December 2.

Where? In the Great Hall – details to follow closer to the pick up date.

What? 6, 8 and 10" Poinsettias



Red, white, pink or burgundy



Mumsetia



Check out the Church's website, information in this newsletter or call Helen Collins at 905-450-6314 if more information is needed. Thank you in advance for your support.



Stewardship Corner

by Helen Collins

On a positive note I have been given the OK to run the poinsettia fundraiser again this year. Please look for details in this newsletter.

On another note as Rosalind Cammidge worded it in our October Stewardship meeting, it is with deep regret that our Stewardship Committee has accepted the resignation letter from May Jackson, effective January 20, 2021, as a Stewardship member and as Treasurer of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

May has been Treasurer for over 18 years and has served with great loyalty and professionalism. May will be greatly missed by our Committee. Her humour will be greatly missed as well.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is now looking for someone to replace May.



We have researched alternatives to credit cards, so we have now also set up the ability to accept **Interac e-Transfers**. Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, and enter the amount you wish to donate. **It is very important that in the message area you indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed: i.e. 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. **Another very important part is to use the email: treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca**

Also, for those who donate online through our website, you will receive your tax receipt from Canada Helps. It will not be included on your receipt issued by the church.



Annual Stewardship Poinsettia Fundraiser

by Helen Collins



Buy a beautiful poinsettia and help support St. Andrew's through this fundraiser!

We are again offering the plants that were so popular last year:

- 6", 8" and 10" poinsettias in red, white, pink, or burgundy, and
- 7" mumsettia – a white potmum with a red poinsettia in the centre.

The deadline for orders is **Friday, November 20, 2020.** Delivery will be Wednesday, December 2, 2020 in the Great Hall. Details to follow closer to the date for pick up.

To place your order either email me – Helen Collins – at johnco@sympatico.ca or phone me at 905-450-6314 with the details of your order. You will find the poinsettia fundraiser information/order form on both our church website and on page 10 of this newsletter.

Cheques are to be payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. No postdated cheques please. Cheques and **envelopes with exact cash** may be dropped off at my home address – 10 Parkview Place, Brampton, Ontario L6W 2G1. Cheques may also be mailed to my address. Payment can also be made by e-transfer to: treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca It is very important that in the message area you add your name, and the information that these funds are for the poinsettia fundraiser. This cannot be changed later. Lastly, all taxes are included in the prices. If you have any questions or need further information please contact me at: (905) 450-6314.

**The Stewardship Committee thanks you in advance
for your continued support of this fundraiser**