



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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Make thanksgiving your sacrifice to God, and pay your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

There is
always
SOMETHING
for which
to be
Thankful



BIRTHDAYS



October

- 1 Celine Batasar, Kajah Boodhan, Uzbek John
- 2 Jason Portuondo
- 3 Kathryn Linton, Carlene Rollocks
- 4 Angeline Al Hakim, Sherry-Ann Boodhan,
Lyn Malek, Jessica Rhind
- 6 Margaret Bakkeren
- 7 Anderson Czerepak
- 8 Margaret Hardat, Shirley Nash
- 9 Kaala O’Gilvie, Cataleya Portuondo
- 10 Catherine Nicholson, Jim Taylor
- 11 Ariel Jokhoo, Phil Leow
- 12 Jennifer Aleong, Penny Owens
- 13 Greyson Artymko, Matthew Dey
- 15 Saqib Bhatti, Emanuel Emanuel
- 17 Joseph Amoah, Karen Dunlop,
Diane White
- 18 Barbara Osborne
- 19 Pierre-Paul Massy
- 20 Krista Collins, Parker Wilson
- 21 Andro Al Hakim, Elijah Emanuel, Sarah Jess,
Elizabeth Kreitner, Jonathan McKittrick,
Chandos Ross
- 22 Jeremy Flint, Henry Ettinger,
Carrie Khokhar, Darrie Khokhar
- 23 James Stratton
- 24 Promila Kamal, Christine Wilkinson
- 27 Murray Meadows
- 28 Anna Vanderberg
- 29 Rhena Hyma, Deric Karkada, Cayden Massy,
Winston Polack
- 30 Zachary Jules, Jelani Koloko



November

- 3 Bill Temple, Kara Urquhart

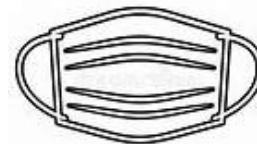


Karen & Barry Hutchinson (40 years) October 4
 Susan & Ian Jess (40 years) October 4
 Gerry & Frank Holmes (57 years) October 12
 Brigita & Franc Kar (50 years) October 16
 Marilyn & Jim Hunt (61 years) October 24

Condolences

To the family of Pauline Campbell who passed away on September 11.
 Pauline is survived by her daughters, Rhonda (Jeffery) and Christina (Samuel), and her grandchildren, Kyle, Jillian, Leah, Alicia and Noah
 To Gord Warren and family on the death of Gord’s daughter Cindy Tate on September 27

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK



Creator, as I prepare to go into the world help me see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth. Let it be an outward sign of inward grace—a tangible, visible way of living love for my neighbours, as I love myself. Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile around the crinkles in my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled help me speak clearly not only with my words but with my actions. Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears help me listen carefully – and full of care—to all those I meet. May this simple cloth be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds be filled with your love. In your name and in your love I pray. May it be so. Amen



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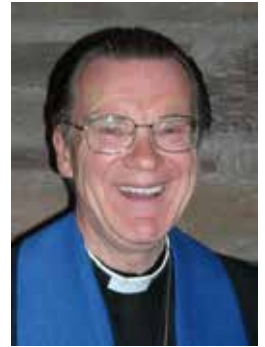
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Wayne's World



Ephesians 5:20: Giving thanks *always* and for *all things* unto God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of us look forward to a Thanksgiving meal with the family. And for the most part the meal turns out to be very enjoyable to the palate, although there is the odd exception. Actress Helen Hayes was preparing Thanksgiving dinner when she warned, "This is the first turkey I've ever cooked. If it isn't right, I don't want anybody to say a word, We'll just get up from the table, without comment, and go down to the hotel for dinner." When she returned from the kitchen, *all* family members were seated at the dinner table --- wearing hats and coats.

With the words of the above Ephesian verse, it can be seen that the writer was reminding the Christians at Ephesus that thanksgiving was a way of life, or if you wish a *'lifestyle'* for the Christian. Although our celebration of Thanksgiving is largely equated with the first Pilgrims and their harvest celebration, we can be quite certain that they did not limit their thanksgiving to just the harvest festival for the one day or 'weekend' and then back to business as usual. Indeed for the Pilgrims, thanksgiving was a way of life.

From the above verse we see two components to thanksgiving as a way of life. The first is to give thanks *always* or as the New English Bible has it – "give thanks every day" and secondly to give thanks in *all things*. One might respond that this is easier said than done. How can one give thanks every day since March of 2020 with COVID-19 making its appearance and some of the harmful results in the lives of many? We have two choices - give thanks that God has guided us through these days or throw our arms up and *complain*. Complaining will get us nowhere, whereas the giving of thanks will put COVID-19 in perspective and be reminded that GOD, not COVID is in control.

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Wayne's World continued

There is a legend about two angels who were sent to earth to gather up the prayers of humankind. One was to fill his basket with their prayers for help. The other was to gather their prayers of thanksgiving. They then returned to the Father's house. One had a basket heaped high and running over with innumerable prayers for help. The other returned with a sad countenance and a heavy heart, for his basket was almost empty.

In which basket are your prayers?

Let's make *every* day,

Thanksgiving Day,

And a Thanksliving Way :))

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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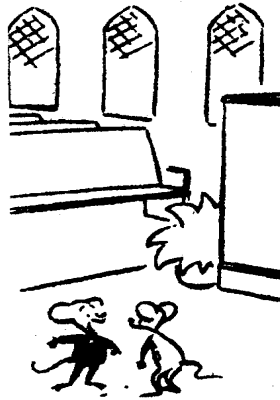
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News from the Pews



On July 29, 2020, the Warren family welcomed its newest member, Anaya Melanie, weighing 6lbs 3oz. She is the daughter of Anthony and Shenice Warren, a great-granddaughter for Gord and Valerie Warren.

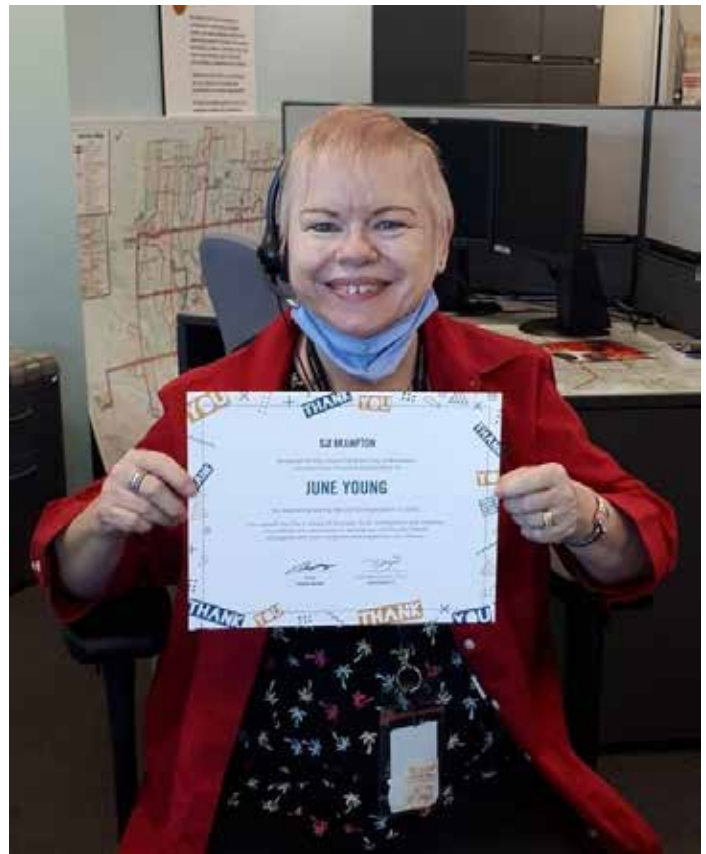


Due to the pandemic, the extended family had been unable to see her in person. This is important because Valerie decided to hold a 25th wedding anniversary party for Maggie and Mark Nicol, and wanting it to be a surprise it was held one month before the actual date of September 30. The reason given for the family coming to the

Warrens' home was that Anthony and Shenice would be bringing their new daughter to show the family, and other than grandparents and great-grandparents no one had seen her.



With the help of Maggie and Mark's sons Liam and Kyle, the party went off without a problem and the surprise was successful. The bad weather held off and it turned into a very nice afternoon. A great time was had by the entire family, as it had been a while since the group had been able to get together.



June Young shows off the certificate she received from the City of Brampton in recognition of her work during the COVID-19 pandemic!

The church mouse found the following information on Wayne Tedder's Facebook page.

"A bit of an announcement to make...A while back, I made the decision to combine my love of pinball and caffeine with my aversion to sleep, by filing an application with Guinness World Records to pursue a new world record for marathon pinball playing. The folks at Guinness have accepted my application. So....game on 😊

The current Guinness World Record for marathon pinball playing is 30 hours, 10 minutes. My goal is to play for 48 hours.

My record breaking attempt will be taking place from Nov 4th to Nov 6th at the PlayerOne showroom located at 6420 Viscount Rd. in Mississauga.

The event will be open to the public, so please feel free to stop by to either cheer me on, or remind me that I'm a little crazy 😊

The event will also be video recorded and streamed over Twitch. Details about that, and a charity I hope to be affiliated with, will be posted as details are ironed out."

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After an illustrious technical career spanning 42 years, David Aleong retired at the end of August to enjoy “freedom” sixty-seven. His diversified career has taken him from Computer Design (Control Data), Call Center applications and Public Switching networks (Nortel), Smart phone technology (RIM) to Fresh Item management (Invatron).

For several years, David has quietly worked in the background maintaining St. Andrew’s website. He spearheaded the development of several versions of the website, starting with its original hosting by Agility (2007) and its respective content management system (CMS). In January 2013, the website was migrated onto the Presbyterian Church in Canada’s server, using the customized “Colorway” WordPress template. This template offered many new capabilities such as Events Calendar and resizing for smart phone perusal. Weekly text and audio versions of current and past sermons were introduced and the ability for members of the congregation to sign up for ushering or adult education were added, in keeping with the paradigm of the new web technology.

In April 2016, the website was again migrated to a new “Scrollider” WordPress template for improved security. A new, fresher look was introduced, providing sliding pics of events and the capability to display Ads and/or notices on the front page more readily. In his capacity as Webmaster, David provided prompt service in updating the online Church Service links including Sermons and liturgies every Sunday. Ongoing maintenance of Church notices, Bible Study, Food Bank and Faith in Action events were also posted.

David will be taking some time off from his involvement with the St. Andrew’s website to look after his Mom and indulge in some cross-country travelling when feasible. However, he hopes to resume providing his expertise and help on maintaining the St. Andrew’s website once he settles into his retirement.

Thank you, David, for your contribution to the work of the St. Andrew’s Web Team over the years.

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



From:

Kathy Diamond, on behalf of the children and all members of the Gemmill family

“My perfect day has nothing to do with the weather or what I am doing. My perfect day is whenever I am with you.”

After 70 years of marriage I can truly say that my parents have had many perfect days!

On September 2, Muriel and Wally Gemmill celebrated at an outdoor gathering with immediate family at the home of their son and daughter-in-law. Along with this being an exceptional year, celebrating such a long and happy marriage, it has also been exceptional as we all have had to cope with COVID-19. Bringing a lot of friends together could be risky this year but their friends were there in spirit as Mom and Dad received over a hundred cards of well wishes for this special day.

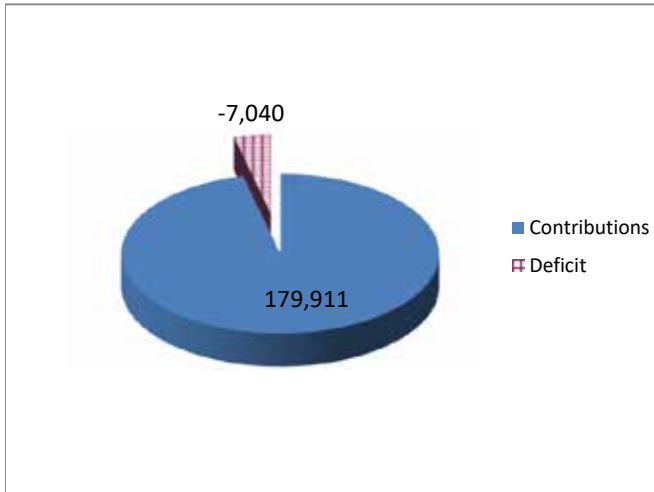
Especially precious to them was the beautiful hand-made card by Ken Jackson representing the St. Andrew’s congregation. This is a card they will cherish forever and as a family we thank you all for your thoughtfulness!



Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of September 23, 2020



Currently offerings from January 1 to September 22 are down 15.4% from last year while Food Bank donations have increased by 18.3% for the same period. Thank you all for your generosity at this difficult time.

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

When we think of stewardship we start with the point that everything - even the air that we breathe - is not ours,

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

September 22, 2020

	<u>Jan 1 - Sep 22/20</u>	<u>Jan 1 - Sep 22/19</u>
Contributions		
Offerings	165,395.11	195,389.76
Other Revenue	14,515.59	26,363.62
Total Contributions	179,910.70	221,753.38
Expense		
Education	1,755.78	2,302.51
Mission	978.62	5,815.32
Property	43,302.13	44,612.80
Session	7,025.35	-
Stewardship	129,546.76	180,917.34
Worship	4,341.76	9,433.50
Total Expense	186,950.40	243,081.47
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(7,039.70)	(21,328.09)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	15,341.44	18,819.94
PWS&D donations*	3,664.94	5,508.29
Food Bank donations*	37,349.98	31,580.70

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

Food... for Thought



by Gord Warren

The Food Bank committee has proposed the following to St. Andrew's Session in order for the Food Bank to re-open in November:

- The Food Bank will purchase a disinfecting sprayer and disinfectant to clean all areas before and after use, using both spray and wipes.
- A non-contact thermometer will be used before clients can enter the church building.
- Plexiglas barriers will be purchased for use between the clients and the volunteers.
- The clients will line up under the overhang in the courtyard with distance measures marked and only 3 or 4 will be allowed into the building at any one time.
- Only the hallway between the courtyard and the parking lot doors will be used. The doors to the Great Hall and the Sunday School will be closed.
- Essential bags of food will be given out, along with toiletries and a few extra items at tables in front of the washrooms and the pass through in the kitchen.
- All clients will have to answer COVID-19 questions, have their temperature taken, wear a mask and use hand sanitizer before they are allowed into the building.
- Washrooms will not be used.
- The essential bags will be made up in the food room on the Tuesday before the Food Bank.
- All areas used to make the bags by the volunteers will be sanitized after use.
- A table will be placed outside the parking lot door so that clients can sort and repack their bags. Any food item not required would be left there and at the end of the day would be sanitized and put back into stock.

While this is a major change from the previous model that has been used for many years, we feel that it protects the clients and the volunteers. Regeneration Outreach has been using this model since March and has had no infections from the Food Bank clients.

We also realize that if a second wave occurs then the church will not open and the Food Bank will be delayed also.

If anyone has any questions regarding these proposed guidelines please contact any member of the Food Bank committee, we will review your concerns and reply with either an explanation or a revision.



by Doreen Scott-Dunne

Members of the GRACE Group in the L6X/L6Y area took a break for the summer months, but plan to meet via Zoom on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Doreen will send out an invitation nearer the time. If you have a Smart phone or tablet, including an iPad, please download the Zoom app ahead of time. We look forward to reconnecting with you all once again.

The L6T/L6P GRACE group will also be Zooming this fall. They are looking at various studies that involve group participation with minimal tech support.

Come and meet the members of St. Andrew's Church who live in your neighbourhood. Let's discuss our common interests and ways in which we can show our love of God and caring and concern for each other. Be a part of a **GRACE** Group.

G.R.A.C.E. stands for:

- G** — Glorify God
- R** — Relationships
- A** — Acts of Service
- C** — Caring Community
- E** — Education

St. Andrew's Session
Meeting notes from September 14th, 2020

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

SESSION NEWS

As most of you know, Session approved 8 selected Serving Elders to make up a Summer Session Team to work throughout the summer to deal with any and all COVID related matters.

We, would like extend 'Thank You' to **Rev. Ricardo Gouvea** (our Guest Minister in July) and **Rev. Wayne Baswick** (our Guest Minister in late August) while Rev. Geoff Ross was on vacation.

We would also like to extend huge 'Thank You' to: **Thomas Dewar** for coming forward and offering your gifts and talents in putting together video recordings by our Senior Choir and Leap of Faith bands for Sunday services; and **Simpson Ross** for operating the audio and visual equipment for St. Andrew's Facebook Lives services.

THE PLAN TO RESUME IN-CHURCH SERVICES

Reopening the Church: The Session Summer Team has been diligently meeting and working together throughout the summer months to put together protocols, in compliance with all levels of government (Municipal, Provincial & Federal) and the PCC. The below Phases are tentative and can change.

PHASES	TENTATIVE DATE	DETAILS
Phase 1	Sun., Oct. 18 th , 2020	One Worship Service only 10:30 am
Phase 2(a)	Sun., Nov. 15 th , 2020	Move to Two Worship Services 10:30 am 2:30 pm S-EAO Congregation
Phase 3(a)	Sat., Nov.29 th , 2020	SDA Congregation Following all Protocols
Phase 3(b)	Sun., Nov. 30 th , 2020	If safe to do so: St. Andrew's Senior Choir St. Andrew's LOF Band
Phase 4	January 2021	If safe to do so: St. Andrew's Food Bank Tuesday Morning Bible Study Session Meeting All Committee Night Meeting
Phase 5	March 2021	If safe to do so: all Renters SDA Bible Study/Prayer Groups

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR IN-CHURCH SERVICES

The following protocols will be in place when we resume in-Church services, and will be modified as the phases change. We know that these protocols may seem awkward or extreme but they are in compliance with the current COVID19 guidelines. We ask that you respect that these protocols are for you – and everyone's – safety and wellbeing.

- Pre-registration will be required. The church will be using EventBrite for our online registration; I link for this site will be posted on our Church website.
- Registration will also be possible by calling and emailing the Church Office at 905-4521-1723 or office@standrewsbrampton.ca

- Masks will be mandatory. If you forgot yours a mask will be provided.
- The parking lot will be for our senior members and persons who have handicap parking. Entry will be through the parking lot door.
- All other congregants are asked to park at Rosalea Park. Entry will be through the Southeast door (courtyard),
- When entering a volunteer will greet you for temperature taking and COVID19 related questions.
- A registration table will be in the Great Hall for Contact Tracing.
- Please arrive early enough to allow some extra time for the ushers to show you to your seats.
- As we are not able, at this time, to use Bulletins, Hymnals, or Bibles. The service will be projected on the newly installed screens.
- We are also not able, at this time, to have congregational singing.
- We are not able to share in Coffee Fellowship after the service.

- The Kitchen, Education Wing and upstairs rooms will remain closed.
- As the Sunday School classrooms are closed, Children must remain with their parents. It is encouraged that parents bring activity sheets with them. These sheets will be uploaded on our Facebook page that can be printed.
- Please maintain physical distancing at all times both inside and outside

the Church, before or after the services.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!!

In order to resume in-Church services, we will need your help! Each Sunday volunteers (10-15) will be needed to assist with making our in-person worship safe for all. These positions include and not limited to:

- Checking temperatures and COVID questions at point to entrance
- Providing hand sanitizer to all in attendance
- Manage the sign-in table for contact tracing
- Ushering attendees to their seats
- Monitoring the hallways during service
- Monitoring the washrooms and cleaning after each use
- Cleaning of all high-touch areas in the Sanctuary, Great hall, and Entry Zones.

HOW YOU CAN KEEP IN TOUCH

The Session is concerned about you and wants you to feel connected! We are trying to do this in a few ways.

- **Email:** The best, fastest, and cost-effective method of communicating to the entire congregation would be by email – sadly, we only have emails for about 50-60% of the congregation. We would like to keep you as up to date as quick as possible by using email eblasts to send out updates and other information. We need your email: send an email to socialmedia@standrewsbrampton.ca and put “**Email Address**” in the Subject line.
- **Social Media: 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 do not use the internet, and would like to speak with your Elder about how to stay in touch – or, if you're not sure who your Elder is – please contact our Clerk of Session at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property Committee: Church Security: The Property Committee has been diligently working on the safety of the Church building. There was also a zoom meeting with local Counselors and the Superintendent of Police to discuss security issues outside the building. As a result of the meeting, the motion sensors and video cameras have all been updated.

Locks: All of the outside door locks have been changed. Keys will only be given out on a need basis at this time. Please contact Richard McMechan, Property Chair, to enquire and/or reserve a key.

Building Access is still limited and is extremely important that permission is granted prior to any one entering the building and/or before any dates are published. Due to by-laws and protocols put in place by all levels of government and also by our insurance company, **this protocol must be adhered to.** Requests **must** be submitted in writing with all details out, so the team can discuss. Please send your request by email to Access Team: the team members are: Richard McMechan (Property Co-Chair), Peter Shepherd (Property Co-Chair), Kim Shepherd (Clerk of Session), Jean Bradshaw (Deputy Clerk of Session) and Rev. Geoff Ross (Lead Minister).

Other Items: In preparation for the resumption of in-Church worship services, the Session has approved the installation of two TV monitors in the sanctuary. This decision was made to facilitate our worship services as we are not permitted to use bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, or have live choirs during service.

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.

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) 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.

Stewardship Committee: The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your continued – and faithful – support the ministry of St. Andrew's. While our expenses are significantly lower than this time last year, we are anticipating an increase in costs as we move into the fall and our hoped-for resumption of weekly services and other aspects of Church life. If you have questions about how you can support St. Andrew's, we have provided (below) a list of options available for you to choose from.

THE WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT ST. ANDREW'S

Thank you for your continued support for the ministry of the Church during this difficult and unprecedented time that we are navigating. As you are able, please continue your financial support of the church, there are several ways for you to continue your support of St. Andrew's:

- Using your **debit or credit card** by visiting our Donate page on St. Andrew's website <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/>
- **You can give online through an e-transfer.** 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. Please use this email for the interact e-transfers: 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.**
- You can sign up for **PAR**. The PAR registration for also be located <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate-today/>
- **Regular Post:** You can also 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).



Stewardship Corner

The meaning of Stewardship is “the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.” Of course in this case the organization is St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Brampton.

We are all presently living in unprecedented times with the global pandemic. All of us are doing our best to watch over our Church and take care of matters concerning it.

I know we are all missing our Church family as we wait for our lives to return to normal, whatever that “new normal” may be. In the mean time as we wait for this “new normal” I want to thank everyone who has continued to support St. Andrew’s with their generous donations over the summer.

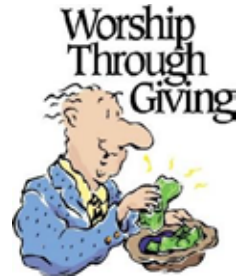


Fall is now here, so it’s time to think of our Thanksgiving offering. Please use one of the different methods available for you to do this, as they are outlined by our Treasurer, May Jackson, in the adjoining column.

We hope and pray that you and your families stay safe and healthy. Stay tuned for an update on our annual Poinsettia sale.

God bless you.

Helen Collins
Chair, Stewardship Committee



by May Jackson

The church building has been closed for most of the year because of the coronavirus pandemic, but church expenses continue.

You can contribute your offering by mailing a cheque, or go on Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). If at any time you wish to make a change to the amount or allocation of the funds you originally committed to on PAR you may do so by notifying the person who administers the congregation’s program.

You can also contribute by credit card through our website. However, credit card donations are very expensive to the church. Depending on your card the provider can take up to 4%, so a donation of \$100 would only give the church \$96. Each card is different for the fees charged.



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.



An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty,
season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,
and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.
So design my own fallings and failings
into whatever design will please you most.

In Jesus' name, I pray,

Amen.