

# Stronger Together

Annual Report  
2020



*For we are  
God's servants,  
working  
together*

— 1 Corinthians 3:9



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## Minister's Report for 2020

### *“Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Many Troubles”*

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*“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble....”*

So begins Psalm 107 that recounts the many, varied ways that God delivered His people from their trouble and distress. Reading through it sounds like a recap of the past – and challenging – year that upended so much of our lives, how we act as a community; even how we “do” Church.

Since the COVID19 pandemic disrupted the world, in many ways, we seem to be living out the calamities described in Psalm 107: Exiled in the wilderness; we are in “trouble”, “distress”, in “darkness and gloom”; weary; “sick, afflicted”; caught in a storm beyond our control. Like the People of God in exile or distress in the Psalm, we, too, have cried out to God to return us to the way things ‘used-to-be’ – to restore and save us. The Good News of Psalm 107 is that God does hear our cries and prayers, and responds. Three times the People cry out – in “their trouble” – and, three times, were told God, “*saved them from their distress.*” (Ps 107:19) I know, given all that has happened over the past year, that it is easy to despair and to give up hope, but friends, this is the promise that we need to hold fast too; this is what we need to remember: it is the source of our hope; of our faithfulness. And, in ways obvious and unseen, this is what we as a congregation – as the Body of Christ, and as individual members of that Body.

As I look back over 2020, I am drawn to two ways St. Andrew’s did this. First, I focus on the fact that St. Andrew’s never stopped witnessing to the grace, love, power of God’s love known in and through Jesus Christ! On March 15<sup>th</sup> – two days after the COVID19 pandemic forced us to close our Church building – we took a leap of faith and went live on Facebook with our 1<sup>st</sup> online worship service! Since then (at the time of writing this report) our 10:30am service has held 48 consecutive online services: our afternoon South-East Asian Outreach Ministry has held over 40 via Zoom! Similarly, I highlight the fact that the St. Andrew’s Food bank continued (after a 2-week stoppage) to faithfully serve our community’s needy – even with our building closed – by partnering with Regeneration, and the City of Brampton, to form an emergency relief Food Bank.

The other way St. Andrew’s remained faithful was in how its members also responded to the largest health crisis in a century. I am grateful for how the Session led with faithfulness and hope. The Clerks and I met almost daily, and the Session met weekly, for the first month of the lockdown. I am indebted to Kim Shepherd – the Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw – the Deputy Clerk, and to Pam Loree – the Past Clerk, who, later joined by Eunice Boyd, Colin Young, Anna-Marie Dewar, and Richard McMechan, made up the ‘Summer Session Team’ that helped guide St Andrew’s through the summer as the pandemic continued. I am also grateful for the rest of the Elders; Gord Warren, Michelle Tedder, Paul Willoughby, Ray Scanlan, Doreen Scott-Dunne, June Young, Sandra Jackson, And Emmanuel Emmanuel – for their dedication and commitment to serving and leading the congregation through these exceptionally difficult and uncertain times.

I also want to recognize the faithfulness of our Session Committees who continued to do their work – virtually, but vitally – behind the scenes. I thank the Christian Education Committee for its guidance in trying to reach out to all of our congregation; the Mission & Outreach Committee for its focus on ensuring that we continue to love our neighbours through another faith in ACT!ON campaign and other outreach activities designed to thank Brampton’s front-line health care workers; the Property Committee for its oversight of our Church building and property; the Stewardship Committee for its continued management of our resources; and the Worship Committee that worked to ensure that our worship services continued both in front of and behind the camera. Individually, I want to thank Shelagh Tyreman for her ongoing work and support to our worship experience through her music ministry both online and in person.

And, on your behalf, I would like to thank and give credit to a small team of behind-the-scenes people: Pam Loree, who handles our Eblasts; Kim Shepherd, who oversees our Facebook page and website; Peter Shepherd, who has become our 'IT' guy and does the sound and support tech for our worship services and handles the tech side of our website; David Aleong who, before the upgrade, was administrator for the old website; and Felicity Alexander who has ensured that our Inside St Andrew's newsletter continued to come out each month, providing a much needed sense of normalcy and community!

Lastly, but importantly, I would like to acknowledge the faithful compassion of the members of our Congregational Care Team, our Prayer Circle, and Pastoral Care Visitation group, and the Friday Prayer group – and, in particular, Felicity Alexander and Sandra Jackson – for all of the work that was done quietly behind the scenes through countless phone calls, cards, sidewalk visits, and prayers. We believe that St. Andrew's is a community that loves and cares for each other – and, in this time of crisis, these teams and groups, as well as many others, have done just this by being Christ to one another.

Personally, I am so grateful to my family for their constant support and ready assistance over the past year. From our 1<sup>st</sup> online worship service – from our dining room at home – Regan and Simpson became my de-facto worship and tech Team: without them I would not have been able to do much of what I needed to do as your Minister. I am also deeply humbled by your prayers and the patience that you have shown toward me as we journey through this together.

I close with the words of Psalm 107 in order to remind us on how, together, we will emerge from all of this stronger and more faithful through God's healing and deliverance: may we rejoice and give thanks to God for God's protection with songs of joy!

*"They cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;  
he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.  
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.  
And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy. (Ps 107:19-22)*

Yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Geoff Ross.

**2021 Annual General Meeting  
March 7, 2021**

**Proposed Agenda**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Recording Secretary
  - Nomination of Kim Shepherd
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Adoption of, and Business Arising from, Minutes of November 22, 2020
5. Reports of Session, Committees, and Groups
6. Motion to Accept Committee Reports
7. Report of the Board of Trustees
  - Moment of Recognition for John Boyd
8. Report of the Stewardship Committee
  - Review Performance of 2020 Budget
  - Auditor's Report
  - Motion to accept the audited financial statements as printed
  - Appointment of the Auditor
  - Appointment of Envelope Secretaries
9. New Business
  - Report for the Session Special Prep Team: Change in Standing Orders regarding the number required for the Board of Trustees from 5 Trustees to 4, and the process of nominating new Trustees.
  - Nomination of Trustees: Session recommendation that the following persons be nominated to the Board of Trustees.
    - Stan Loree
    - Gord Warren
    - Deborah Warwick
    - Henry Peyer
10. Votes of Thanks
11. Closing Prayer
12. Upcoming Congregational Meetings:
  - Annual Budget Meeting – November 21, 2021
  - Annual General Meeting – March 27, 2022

# **Minutes of Congregational Budget Meeting**

**November 22, 2020 – via Zoom**

Meeting commenced at 11:47 am. 34 in attendance.

The Rev. Geoff Ross opens the meeting with a prayer.

Appointment of Secretary:

Kim Shepherd was nominated, Moved M. Jackson, Seconded J. Young, **Carried**

Approval of Minutes of Previous Congregational Meeting:

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Moved J. Bradshaw, Seconded P. Loree **Carried**

Rev. Geoff Ross thanked Stewardship and M. Jackson for putting the proposed 2021 Budget together. The Chairs of the Committees will have 2 minutes to speak. M. Jackson will speak on behalf of Stewardship after other committees have presented. Questions will be answered at the end of all presentations.

## **Christian Education: Jean Bradshaw, Chair**

Prior to the church building being closed our Sunday school classes were doing well. Our 6-8 grades are engaged with the new Connect Curriculum.

GRACE groups: there are two G.R.A.C.E. groups currently active. We would love to see more formed, however leaders are also needed to co-ordinate the group. If interested please contact R. Scanlan or D. Scott-Dunne.

Family Events saw an increase in the budget as the materials are shipped from the US and are in US dollars.

The Church has a subscription to RightNow Media. Many materials are used for bible studies from this platform. There are children's stories and movies; bible studies for youth and adults. Please contact J. Bradshaw if you would like to use this platform. The more members/adherents we have the lower the subscription fee is.

M. Jackson thanked J. Bradshaw and the committee as CE is important to every one of all ages.

## **Mission: R. Kirkpatrick, Committee Member**

Faith in Act!on: R. Kirkpatrick thanked everyone who participated this year in Faith in Act!on. All 'Thank You' notes for First Responders were delivered and very much appreciated.

There is an increase to Mission's budget which is due to the addition of the SEAO-M (South-east Asian Outreach Ministry). The SEAO-M team with permission from Session applied for the year two grant. The year two grant proceeds are up to \$20,000.00. We have received that good news that we have received the grant and the amount received is \$20,000.00. With the grant we will be using some for capital investments: Bibles (in Urdu, Punjabi, & Hindi); Bulletins, Women's Ministry; Sunday school.

The SEAO-M is planning on hosting two conventions in 2021.

M. Jackson thanked the Mission Committee as this committee is important to not only church, our community but the world in general.

## **Property: Richard McMechan, Chair**

We have an increase in the Sound system and Tech., due to the pandemic. We have installed two TV's on either side of the pulpit and a third will be installed on the balcony for the choir when we are able to return to in-person. The increase to the online service is \$10,000.00.



Upgrades to the sound system, microphones together with the addition cameras in the sanctuary so that we are able to continue with online worship in the sanctuary. Masks are mandatory and are being worn.

**Worship: Colin Young, Chair**

Thank you all for coming. There is a slight increase to our budget. As we are now conducting our services online, we had to increase our copyright license (Christian Copyright Licensing Int'l) from \$250 to \$375 so that we can post the music online.

There was also an increase in the Communion Supplies, as we will now use individual cups, once we return to in-person service for Communion.

The last increase is the addition of Online Worship in the amount of \$10,000.00. Session approved the addition of \$20,000.0 which has been split between Property and Worship.

M. Jackson thanked Worship for the great job.

**Stewardship: M. Jackson, Treasurer**

Every Church contributes to the Pension Fund Assessment, the Pension line in the budget is not just for Rev. Geoff Ross, it is the Pension Fund as a whole.

According the Blue Book at the PCC, it has been recommended 0% increase in minister's stipends, Stewardship accepted this recommendation.

There is an increase in the Audit Fee. Sadly, George Ormsby lost his battle with cancer in March of this year. Over these past years, George Ormsby gave us a huge discount because of his deep Presbyterian faith. Christopher Ormsby is not a professional accountant and therefore cannot continue. Session has put together a team to look for new auditors.

Not much on our Line of Credit, because our expenses are low.

Budgeted for staff to come back in January 2021, however all dependent on COVID.

Offerings: with everything up in the air and dependent on a COVID vaccine, offerings are down. In putting budget together, numbers for 2019 were used to forecast.

The rental line is from the manse for budget purposes. Our other rentals are on hold depending COVID

**QUESTIONS:**

**Education:** no questions

**Mission:** no questions

**Property:** no questions. Rev. Geoff Ross thanked Property for all they have done and continue to do through the Pandemic. Rev. Geoff Ross also thanked P. Willoughby for maintaining the grounds through the summer months (gardening).

**Worship:** M. Harvey enquired about the Crèche. Rev. Geoff Ross: With a limited work party, the crèche will be pulled out to see what state it is in.

Rev. Geoff Ross, Communion to-go cups are here, if you would like to pick up some, please contact Rev. Geoff Ross for pick-up or delivery.

Rev. Geoff Ross also thanked P. Shepherd and S. Ross for the work they are doing to bring the service online.

**Stewardship:** H. Collins advised that the Poinsettia sale a success and has an \$800.00 profit.

Human Resource is being looked at, with the possibility of outsourcing to obtain advice and deal with matters as we move forward. Thank you to R. Cammidge who was the HR chair through the summer.

Finally, M. Jackson thanked everyone for all their hard work. M. Jackson advised that this is her last budget meeting as she will be stepping down as the Treasurer after 18 years, it is time to move on. M. Jackson will assist with auditor and preparing for the AGM. On a personal note, M. Jackson thanked everyone that she has worked with.

Rev. Geoff Ross, thanked M, Jackson for all that she has done for St. Andrew's. Her dedication, passion and expertise was greatly appreciated.

K. Shepherd, personally thanked M. Jackson on behalf of Session, it has been an honour and privilege to work with her over the years. K. Shepherd advised M. Jackson to watch her email at 4:00 pm., as there is a "Thank You" gift on behalf of Session coming – dinner for two.

#### **New Business:**

The Transitional team searching for a new auditor and appointment of a new treasurer is comprised of A. Dewar, S. Loree and M. Jackson.

**Moved M. Jackson, Seconded J. Bradshaw** to appoint the firm of RLB Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors for the December 31, 2020 year end and to report the 2020 year-end statement at the March Annual meeting in 2021  
**Carried**

**Moved K. Shepherd, Seconded R. Scanlan** that the congregation appoint S. Loree as Transitional Treasurer for the year 2021.  
**Carried**

#### **Closing:**

Rev. Geoff Ross "thanked" Session for all their hard work, especially at the beginning of the pandemic. Rev. Geoff Ross "thanked" the Committees for all their time and dedication as Session relies on the committees for the recommendations.

Lastly, we are looking for help to do Pastoral Care during this time of COVID. Let's reach out to remind people they are not alone.

R. McMechan moved to adjourn seconded by M. Harvey

Closing Prayer & Grace (12:38pm): The Rev. Geoff Ross



# **Elders Serving on Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church as of January 1, 2021**

The Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross, Moderator of Session

P. Loree 2014-2021*	R. Scanlan 2014-2021*	D. Scott-Dunne 2014-2021*
C. Young 2014-2021*	E. Emanuel 2016-2022	R. McMechan 2016-2022
K. Shepherd 2016-2022	E. Boyd 2017-2022	Jean Bradshaw 2018-2024
Paul Willoughby 2018-2024	June Young 2018-2024	Anna-Marie Dewar 2019-2024
Sandra Jackson 2019-2024		

\*the Elders whose terms were to be finished at the end of 2020 have all agreed to stay on until April 2021 given that the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable to hold an election in November of 2020. Elder Elections are scheduled to take place in Spring of 2021.

## **Supporting Elders**

W. R. Geddes 1967	A. J. Hunt 1967	W. Gemmill 1972	J. F. MacDonald 1972
W. Ramsay 1972	I. C. Jess 1981	S. Kellam 1981	C. Kester 1981
G. Burrows 1983	B. Embling 1983	E. MacDonald 1983	J. Boyd 1986
H. Eitner 1986	M. MacDonald 1986	F. Holmes 1987	B. Cornish 1989
J. Nicholson 1989	J. Urquhart 1989	M. Hunt 1989	D. Volpe 1992
D. Young 1992	F. Alexander 1996	K. Jackson 1996	M. Harvey 1996
S. Jess 1998	L. Malek 1998	A. Mear 1998	V. Warren 1998
R. Wightman 1998	T. Campbell 2004	R. Duncan 2004	S. Loree 2004
R. Orrom 2004	H. Peyer 2004	K. Hutchinson 2006	D. Warwick 2006
M. Jackson 2014	N. Frank 2016	G. Warren 2016	M. Tedder 2017
R. Hakim 2018	M. Nicol 2018		

## St. Andrew's Leadership in 2020

**Lead Minister**

Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross

**Minister Emeritus**

Rev. Rosemary Doran

**Minister in Association**

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

**Minister in Association****SEAO-M Pastor**

Rev. Babar A. Ditta

**Music Director**

Shelagh Tyreman

**Office Administrator**

Valerie Barrett

**Church Officer**

Henry Ettinger

**Clerk of Session**

Kim Shepherd

**Deputy Clerk of Session**

Jean Bradshaw

**Session Treasurer**

\*\*John Boyd

**Representative Elder**

Eunice Boyd

**Treasurer**

May Jackson

**Envelope Secretaries**

Bea Embling

Valerie Warren

**Trustees**

\*\*John Boyd

Stan Loree

Gord Warren

**2020 Committee Chairs****Christian Education**

Jean Bradshaw

**Congregational Care**

Felicity Alexander

**Food Bank**

Gord Warren

**Mission & Outreach**

Eunice Boyd

**Property**

Richard McMechan

**Stewardship**

Helen Collins

**Worship**

Colin Young

\*\* deceased December 2020



## **Committee Members**

**as of February 9, 2021**

All pastoral staff are *ex officio* members of all committees with no vote.

### **Christian Education**

Jean Bradshaw (Chair)  
Tamara Dawson  
Kim Shepherd  
Jessica Rhind  
Regan Ross

### **Congregational Care**

Felicity Alexander  
Susan Jess  
Anna Eitner  
Rev. Geoff Ross  
Rev. Rosemary Doran

### **Faith Formation Team**

Dr. Tori Smit  
Kim Shepherd  
Jean Bradshaw  
Regan Ross  
Maggie Nicol  
Doreen Scott-Dunne  
Tamara Dawson  
Colin Young  
Jessica Rhind  
Rev. Geoff Ross

### **Fellowship Team**

Susan Jess  
Sue Haw  
Kwasi Adjepong-Duodu  
John Luke Kinnear

### **Food Bank**

Gord Warren (Chair)  
Sandra Jackson  
Grace Brewster-Yates  
Herb Eitner  
Tom Campbell  
Belle Campbell  
Bruce Cornish  
Ian Jess

### **Mission & Outreach**

Eunice Boyd (Chair)  
Brigita Kar  
Blanche McCreary  
Suzzy Kirkpatrick  
Robyn Kirkpatrick

### **Property**

Richard McMechan (Chair)  
Barry Hutchinson  
Peter Shepherd  
Wayne Tedder  
Bill Dewar

### **Stewardship**

Helen Collins (Chair)  
Rosalind Cammidge  
Valerie Martin  
Grace Gowland  
Mark Nicol  
Anna-Marie Dewar  
Stan Loree (Church Treasurer)  
Bea Embling (Envelope Secretary)  
Valerie Warren (Envelope Secretary)

### **Worship**

Colin Young (Chair)  
June Young  
Debbie Warwick  
Karen Hutchinson  
Ian Jess  
Paul Willoughby  
Shelagh Tyreman (Music Dir.)

*Many of our committees need additional members – can you help?*

## 2020 Session Report

The St. Andrew's Session is made up of 15 Serving Elders and the Ministerial staff. In 2020 we said good-bye to two Serving Elders, Gord Warren and Michelle Tedder. We thank you for your years of service on Session and we look forward to working with you in future as Supporting Elders.

Thank you to our Supporting Elders for your continued guidance, for joining us in the 'Duty Elder' role on Sundays, and also for continuing to assist in the serving of Communion by Distribution.

March of 2020 we found ourselves in a COVID-19 lockdown resulting in the closure of the St. Andrew's building and eventually, the laying off of staff. Session worked tirelessly with virtual meetings increasing from our monthly meetings to weekly meetings and daily emails, as protocols from all levels of government continued to change.

In May, Session made the decision to create a Summer Session Team to continue working throughout June, July & August. The Summer Session Team was given voting privileges should anything be brought to the teams, in need of an urgent response. Two teams were created within the Summer Session group, with 8 Elders dividing into two teams to work on Worship & Property (Team #1) and Human Resources and Rentals (Team #2). These two teams met and worked through the summer months to make difficult decisions on (a) how and when the building will open; (b) the safety protocols that will be mandatory; (c) a timeline of how the opening of the building will proceed; and (d) all human resources matters. The Summer Session Teams met as a whole throughout the summer.

Upon Sessions return in September, the Summer Session Teams advised the other Elders on decisions made over the summer, and we found ourselves making the difficult decision to keep the church closed for in-person worship and the building closed until further notice.

As we move into 2021, we find ourselves still in a lockdown with a stay-at-home order. Session will continue to develop new thoughts and strategies for the future at St. Andrew's. We are excited to see new Grace Groups and 2021 Faith in Action projects, both in June, and those which occur over the course of the year.

St. Andrew's Session is moving forward with positivity and excitement for the changes that can happen as our community grows, especially in the downtown area where we are located. We thank you for your prayers and continued support for all of St. Andrew's ministries during this unprecedented time we are in.

As difficult as 2020 has been, we find comfort in knowing that God is with us, guiding us, comforting us and healing us. It is through Him we will come through this pandemic together.

Faithfully submitted,

Kim Shepherd  
Clerk of Session

## 2020 Statistical Report of the Session

**Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2019** **509**

Added during 2020 by:

Profession of Faith 0

Removed during 2020 by:

Death 8

Transfer Out 0

**Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2019** **501**

### **New Members**

No New Members due to COVID-19

### **Baptisms**

No Baptisms due to COVID-19

### **In Memoriam** **(Members\* and Adherents deceased during 2020)**

Evelyn Green\*

Helen Graham\*

John Boyd\*

Maureen McMechan

Pauline Campbell\*

William Russell\*

Norman Young

Robert Halliday\*

## Memorial Gifts 2000-2020

2000	Estate of Ted and Annie Campbell	2,000
2000	Estate of Gladys Emmons	2,000
2003	Estate of Tom Kadey	5,000
2003	Estate of Beatrice Fenwick	132,500
2004	Estate of Verna R. Marshall	64,944
2004	Estate of Dorothy M. McInerney	505
2005	Estate of Dorothy M. McInerney	5,000
2006	Estate of Claude McLaughlin	50,000
2007	Estate of Hector Douglas McGee	3,000
2007	Estate of Beatrice Fenwick	112,235
2007	In memory of Blake Stansfield	1,500
2007	Estate of Elizabeth McHardy	2,000
2009	Estate of Joan Sargeant and Gladys Martin in memory of Thomas William and Annis Martin	161,742
2010	Family of Elspeth Stansfield	1,000
2010	Estate of Jack Malcolm	5,000
2010	Estate of Norma Small	5,000
2012	Estate of Meribeth Lamont	25,000
2013	Estate of Clara Vanderperk	34,275
2013	Estate of Reginald Allman	162,500
2014	Estate of Bruce Carruthers	148,873
2015	Estate of Reginald Allman	100,000
2016	Estate of Reginald Allman	106,000
2017	Estate of Reginald Allman	165,000
2018	Estate of Reginald Allman	12,500
2020	Estate of Mary McLean	30,000
2020	Estate of Reginald Allman	5,678.54

In addition to these cash donations, the Armstrong family donated the stained glass window in the Minister's Vestry.

## 2020 Memorials

Monies were received in memory of the following members:

John Boyd  
Helen Gardiner  
Mary McLean  
Clark Moore  
Bill Russell

## Board of Trustees

Bank Savings Account	\$ 773.63
Guaranteed Investment Certificate @1.65% maturity 10 April 2021	8,443.27
	<u>\$ 9,216.90</u>

### Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts		Disbursements	
Interest from GICs and Bank Deposit	\$ 1.89	Bank Fees	\$ 2.00
Received from McLean Estate	30,000.00	Transfers to the General fund	10,000.00
Received from Allman Estate	5,678.54	Transfers to the Consolidated PCC Investment Fund	51,512.12
Transfers from FLAME endowments	3,367.58		
Opening bank balance December 31, 2019	23,239.74	Closing bank balance December 31, 2020	773.63
	<u>\$ 62,287.75</u>		<u>\$ 62,287.75</u>



## Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee was challenged during the year of the Covid-19.

Grace Groups two active groups continued to meet via Zoom. The challenge was some of our members do not have computers or internet. The leaders of these groups keep in touch with those members by phone.

The Bible studies for these groups come from Right Now Media, which is provided free of charge to every member/adherent of the church. If you are interested in being a Group Leader, contact the Committee. It is not difficult and it is a wonderful experience.

Bible Study on Tuesday mornings also suffered. We did have one study which was done via Zoom, internet and taking photocopies to those members who do not have computer. We are planning another study for the Spring. Our Day Away in 2020 was cancelled.

We held our Pre-Lent event just before the shut-down. Thanks to the hard work of Kim and Geoff, it was a successful. Thirty-two adults and children attended despite the inclement weather. The Pre-Advent event could not be held but that did not dampen the spirits of the Team. Thirty bags with study material for both adults and children were put together, and Geoff took them to the families.

The Sunday School Group leaders have kept in touch with children by phone and sending them cards. The children's version of Our Daily Bread is posted on St. Andrew's Facebook daily. The Committee is looking into other ways to reach out to our children.

As we continue to struggle with Covid-19 and the shut-down the work of St. Andrew's must go on. The C.E. Committee needs members. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Contact me, if you are willing to help in any area of the work of St. Andrew's.

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in  
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"  
Matthew 28:19*

Jean Bradshaw  
Chairperson  
Christian Education Committee

## Congregational Care Committee



**“Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.”**

*Nicky Gumbel, Alpha Ministries*

According to the Standing Orders of the Session of St. Andrew’s, Brampton, two of the responsibilities of the Congregational Care Ministry are to:

- Assist the Ministers with pastoral care visiting, especially for those who are in chronic care or in crisis
- Assist Elders with Congregational Care

In 2020 when the pandemic required that the church close, the parameters of Congregational Care changed. As we lost the ability to be a family on Sunday mornings, at Bible Study, choir practice, All Ages events etc. we saw the need to keep in touch in new ways, especially with those without internet access. 2020 was not an easy year for any of us. However, it provided a wonderful opportunity for the Congregational Care Team and the Rev. Rosemary Doran to reach out to members of the congregation while the church was closed. We have no information on Elders’ outreach activities.

Sadly, due to COVID-19 prohibitions, visiting has not been permitted for most of the year, so our form of outreach has been limited to the telephone (we made **many** calls) and the newsletter. During the summer the drive-by “wave” visits to members of the congregation (with accompanying photographs) by Rev. Geoff and Regan Ross were very popular and were much appreciated.

Every month we deliver 30 – 35 printed copies of the newsletter to members without internet access. For some of them this is the only contact they have with the church. We have celebrated significant birthdays and anniversaries through articles and photographs in the newsletter. Unfortunately, the “Condolences” item in the newsletter is how some of our members learn about the passing of other members of the congregation.

In 2020 we arranged for the delivery of 27 Christmas plants and cards and mailed an additional 14 Christmas cards to senior members of the congregation or those going through a rough time. All these cards included a hand-written message from the Rev. Geoff Ross. During the year cards were sent to members who were sick or had lost a loved one. We provided cards of celebration to those with significant birthdays or wedding anniversaries. We sent a total of 51 cards, in addition to the 41 Christmas cards mentioned above.

Emails sent to [wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca) will go to Felicity Alexander, Anna Eitner, Susan Jess, and to the Rev. Rosemary Doran and the Rev. Geoff Ross, and they can also be reached by telephone.



## Food Bank Committee



This has been a very unusual year for your food bank. In the middle of March it was decided that if the new virus got into Brampton and started to spread, then the food bank would be closed. This happened two weeks later, far faster than expected. We did this out of caution for the clients and the volunteers. The setup was not good for protecting the clients and volunteers.

Notices were posted on the church door, the website updated and an arrangement was made with Regeneration to open a temporary food bank behind their Thrift Store at 253 Queen St. E. Our volunteers loaded up all the perishable foods and current non perishable food and moved to the new location. Our volunteers helped start at the new location and continue helping at this time.

The City of Brampton also assisted with use of tables and locating corporate donors. This was necessary as they also had the food bank doing food hampers that they delivered to clients who because of their circumstances, were unable to pick up food. This resulted in the food bank assisting between 1,000 and 2,000 families every month. Your food bank assisted by removing all 2020 and 2021 dated non perishable food and moving it to Regeneration. This resulted in a transfer of over 4,000 lbs of non perishable food. On a weekly basis we also purchase perishable vegetables, fruit and other items required to fill the gaps in the donations.

We don't know what the future holds for your food bank as we will only open when it's safe for the clients and the volunteers. We know the clients want us to open as they have mentioned this many times but this will be a joint decision between Session and the food bank volunteers. Until that time we will continue to serve the clients that are now coming to Regeneration and ensure that their needs are met.

Respectfully your Food Bank Committee:

Gord Warren  
Sandra Jackson

Tom Campbell  
Grace Brewster-Yates

Belle Campbell  
Bruce Cornish

Herb Eitner  
Ian Jess

## **Mission & Outreach Committee**

The Mission Committee sends a heartfelt thank you to the congregation for your generosity and support. Although COVID 19 restricted our activities this year, you continued to donate your time, money and other resources to projects we could accomplish.

Faith In Act!on was different this year as most of the work was done remotely from home and brought to the church on ACT!ON day, June 6, 2020. The Prayer Vigil held between 7am and midnight was organized by Ray Scanlan. Over 60 protective masks were sewn by members of the congregation and distributed to those in need. A trunk load of donated food was delivered to the Regeneration Food Bank. Appreciation cards were delivered to Peel Regional Police, Brampton Fire Department, Peel Paramedics and Brampton Civic Hospital. Flowers and vegetables were planted in the gardens at St Andrew's and a picket fence was built around the vegetable garden. In December we distributed 24 care packages to the Peel Paramedics at Sandalwood Parkway which was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who participated and to our Faith in Act!on coordinator Robyn Kirkpatrick for pulling it all together.

After the COVID 19 shutdown, the Daily Bread booklets were distributed upon request. We had some large print copies delivered. A link was provided for online viewing of the Daily Bread for those who had access.

In June we led a collection for a baby shower gift of a stroller to baby Ethan Bhatti, the newest member of our sponsored family. Thanks to all for your generosity.

The Mission Committee continues to support the St Andrew's South-East Asian Outreach Ministry. We again this fall applied for and received a grant from the Presbyterian Church in Canada with positive feedback on the work being done and the impact of the SEAO Ministry here at St .Andrew's. This grant allows the work of the SEAO Ministry to continue here in Brampton. Some of the money will be used to purchase worship materials such as Bibles, curriculum, envelopes and music in Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu languages.

In November/December we purchased and distributed 15 lawn signs "Keep Christ in Christmas". Unfortunately due to COVID 19, "Inspirational Music in the Park" during the summer did not occur. The Santa Claus parade with our hot chocolate stand and our Living Crèche were also cancelled.

We are looking forward to increasing our activities in 2021 and thank you for your continued support.

For the Mission Committee,  
Eunice Boyd

## Southeast Asian Outreach Ministry

Dearest fellow Church members, respected session and mission committee, greetings in the name of JESUS our SAVIOR from the South East Asian Outreach Ministry, the Congregation and Ministry team. It is a great privilege to say thanks to all of you and share the ministry activities during this pandemic over 2020 and share our plans and hopes for 2021.

As my fellows in Christ, we all completely believe on the authority of the “WORD OF GOD” that Jeremiah tells us in 29:13.

*“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”*

Six years ago, I was looking for a place to worship and serve our LORD and the HOLY SPIRIT brought me to St. Andrew’s, where I met my Brother in CHRIST, (Rev. Geoff Ross), and we began to work together for the LORD. Since then, we give thanks to GOD that the respected Session, great Mission Committee and wonderful congregation of the St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Brampton have welcomed us with open hearts and open arms. We appreciate their guidance and co-operation that made this possible to worship here. I cannot thank the session and the Mission Committee enough because their encouragement and love helped us to grow here. My special thanks to brother, John Boyd, who’s encouragement meant a lot for me in the beginning of the ministry. Now we are not that small of a group, many people joined / are joining us as member of the South East Asian Outreach Ministry. We really appreciate everything and may the good LORD reward you abundantly and bless the work of your hand and whatever you touch may flourish. Amen.

I especially want to say my deepest thanks to the S-EAOM Team, who worked hard to apply for the second year of the new and renewed ministry funds to support our efforts. Sister Robyn Kirkpatrick, she is always ready with her full strength to help us. Sister Eunice Boyd, I know it was hard for her to give time and look after brother, John Boyd, not an easy task for her, but she did it. Sister Kim Shepherd, great lady she is good in record keeping, she provided everything we need to apply for the funds. My dear brother in CHRIST, Rev. Geoff Ross, whose love, and guidance is always here for me and the church. I again thank everyone from the bottom of my heart.

In Brampton, there is significant number of Christians, who are Presbyterians and want to worship in a Presbyterian church. Our primary work is to provide a Presbyterian worship service in Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi languages and help newly converted to walk with God and help them to become strong in their faith. We have done and are still doing this through the word of mouth, outreach, pastoral care and community fellowship. No doubt, 2020 was a hard year for everyone and still is, COVID-19 has forced everyone to stay at home, so we started our virtual Sunday Service at 2:00pm on Zoom and Facebook. Many people from different countries have been joining us during our service, for instance from Europe, Malaysia, and Pakistan etc.

We also have some plans for 2021, as you know by the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit, who transforms our lives, South-EAOM is growing through evangelism, refugee sponsorship and new immigrant settlements (help in settlement). We are committed to continue to reach those, who seek, through Sunday service invitations by phone, Facebook and zoom meetings, and street evangelism. To reach more souls and to win them for CHRIST. We planned two conventions in 2021, youth and women groups (we already started women fellowship on zoom first and mid Wednesday of every month). We planned and now we are working on to keep children in touch with their educational teacher, and now every Saturday 3 to 4 pm children are spending time on zoom to.

We believe that we can make all these plans possible by the Grace of GOD known in JESUS CHRIST. We need your encouragement and prayers. We hope in CHRIST, when we meet again in person after this pandemic, that our faith will be stronger.

Once again, I extremely appreciate your help, encouragement and love in CHRIST.

GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY.

Rev. Babar Allahditta

## Property Committee

Last year was a challenging year for the property committee, as priorities shifted, due to Covid 19. We moved from weekly property maintenance to learning how to maintain and secure an empty building. The first step was to install new locks on all exterior doors and create a master listing tracking of who has an entrance key. A procedure was put in place on how to request access to the church as the building was officially closed.

The following is a partial listing of what has been accomplished in 2020:

- Church Security: A weekly security walkthrough is taking place to satisfy insurance requirements. The motion sensors have been updated at all doors and an additional security camera has been installed by the doors off Church Street.
- Sanctuary: TV screens have been mounted to the walls in the sanctuary, on either side of the organ pipes. The screens will be replacing the bulletin when we come together in person.
- Online Upgrade: The Wi-Fi for the church has been upgraded. This has and will continue to assist in the live streaming of the services. An additional splitter-box has been purchased to assist with the streaming so that not only those who are speaking but also playing the music for the service can be heard through the sound system.
- The yearly maintenance has been performed on the boiler system, and the three water recirculation pumps have been overhauled
- Significant repairs have been made to the organ, including a rebuild of the blower motor and a full tuning, finished just in time for Christmas.
- Covid screens have been installed in the sanctuary.
- A contract with a Lawn Care company was signed to provide weekly grass cutting services.
- A contract with a Cleaning Company was signed for weekly cleaning of the church.
- Installation of new dryer in the Manse.
- The south west stairwell was repainted, now that the water leak in the Bell Tower has been completed.
- Replacement of curtain rod for the stage in the great hall.

Items that are planned for 2021:

- Further improvements and upgrades to the audio/video system to enhance our live broadcasts of services.
- There will be more motion sensors installed in the Education Wing
- The camera recording equipment will be upgraded to add additional cameras.
- The outside flood lighting will be updated to LED lights.
- One of the boilers will need a major repair, as a panel is broken inside causing the boiler to be intermittent.

Many thanks to the members of the property committee, who are always available and eager to help with the upkeep of our church and facilities.

Richard McMechan  
Chair Property Committee

## Stewardship Committee

Stewardship is a theological belief that humans are responsible for taking care of the world. In Christian traditions, stewardship refers to the way time, talents, material possessions or wealth are used or given for the service of God.

The Stewardship Committee is truly blessed with a great team that works together in promoting various ideas new and old. Our members include Helen Collins – Chairperson, Rosalind Cammidge – Minutes Recorder, Bea Embling, and Valerie Warren – Envelope Secretaries, Stan Loree – Transitional Treasurer, Anna-Marie Dewar – Session Representative, Valerie Martin, Mark Nicol, and Grace Gowland. May Jackson stepped down as Treasurer effective January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 after serving at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, in that capacity, for 18 years. We will all miss May's expertise, professionalism and witty humour.

Our Stewardship Committee has been hard at work with fundraising despite the ongoing global pandemic.

- In May the Stewardship Committee ran the annual hanging basket fundraiser which was very successful. It was a challenging endeavour this time due to COVID protocols that needed to be met and were.
- In December the Committee ran the annual poinsettia fundraiser which was also very successful. Again, COVID protocols were in place for everyone's safety.
- The "Blessing Jars" were launched 4 years ago, which are still ongoing along with the sale of blank cards with photographs of the Church on the Cover. The cost of the cards are \$1.00 each. Please see Bea Embling for either item.
- North Country Meats formally MacGregor Meats did not occur in April/May 2020 due to the pandemic. Hopefully this fundraiser will be up and running for April/May 2021. I know many of the Church members missed these products for the annual barbeque season.
- The Anniversary and Christmas Offering went to General Funds in order to assist with the running and maintenance of the Church while being closed due to the pandemic.

We have 6 committees. These include Christian Education, Food Bank, Mission and Outreach, Property, Worship and Fellowship and the Stewardship. In addition, there is the Congregational Care Team, Helping Hands, Prayer Circle, Prayer Shawl Ministry, SALSA Women's Group, Visiting Committee and WMS – Women's Missionary Society.

Through these various Committees and Teams Church members give their time and talents for the service of God and we thank them.

We continue to offer various ways of contributing/donating to St. Andrew's:

- The "Pre-Authorized Remittances" or PAR System, mailing in the Giving Envelopes, credit card and e-Transfer. Please speak to our Envelope Secretaries Bea Embling or Valerie Warren, if you are interested in PAR or the Giving Envelopes.
- New in 2020 was the ability to donate through e-Transfer. With e-Transfer it is very simple. You go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer and then 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 how to designate your offering, the entire donation will go to the general operation fund. This cannot be changed later. Another very important part is to use the email [treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca)
- Please note that when you 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.



- There continues to be our Flame Endowment Fund that was launched in 2016. This gives you the option to leave a memorial gift in a creative way. Please speak to a member of the Stewardship Committee if this program interests you. There are also flyers available at your request.

Stewardship would like to thank our Office Administrator, Valerie Barrett, for her understanding of the COVID 19 demands that caught us all off guard. St. Andrew's has had to do our best to carry on with a closed building which has affected our day to day operations. Session has graciously put together a HR subcommittee that will coordinate with an outsourced HR Specialist. This Specialist will assist St. Andrew's subcommittee in manoeuvring through any complicated HR matters that should arise.

We thank all our members who have given over the past year to our General Fund, Presbyterian Sharing, PWS&D and the Food Bank. Also thank you for supporting the fundraisers at St. Andrew's. Without your support they would not be possible. Additionally we would like to thank the Urdu Congregation for their continued ministry.

Lastly, thank you to all the members of the Stewardship Committee for their continued dedication to the Committee.

Yours in Christ,

Helen Collins, Chairperson,  
Stewardship Committee

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

In my report of last year, I said that I was of the belief that 2020 would be a year of transition for our committee. How one year has made that true.

Our church, as well as our committees have had to pivot as we continue with the COVID-19 pandemic. In person worship, was halted in early March and with that, all events that were planned were delayed or cancelled. Geoff began conducting services weekly from his home with help from Regan and Simpson. We have then, slowly progressed back to the sanctuary, but with provincial restrictions, only 5 people are in service. Our services are now conducted live on Facebook, while coffee fellowship is now via Zoom. I would like to thank Geoff and Regan for their weekly services. Thank you to Shelagh who has embraced the technology, which has allowed us to still enjoy our choir and Leap of Faith band. It has been great to also be able to hear the organ and bells again. Thank you to Simpson Ross for taping each Sunday service and to Peter Shepherd for being our in-house sound man. Thank you to Reverend Wayne Baswick for filling in and recording sermons on weeks when Geoff was away.

Thank you to June Young, who has organized our readers through the year. Thank you to all of our readers, who have participated in video readings for our services. Thank you to Thomas Dewar for his work in helping mix videos for our services.

Thank you to our congregation for your support through this year. Please be patient, we are still new at what we are doing but we are getting better at we are doing.

Finally, thank you to my fellow committee members, Debbie Warwick, Karen Hutchison, Paul Willoughby, Michelle Tedder, Ian Jess, Shelagh Tyreman, June Young and Reverend Geoff Ross. For Debbie, June, Michelle and myself this our time to say goodbye to our committee.

I pray each day that we will soon be back to regular services sooner than later. I miss handshakes and hugs, but mostly I think we can all agree we miss our church family. Stay well and stay safe.

Colin Young  
Worship Committee Chair

## **The SALSA Group**

### **(St. Andrew's Ladies Social & Action)**

2020 was a quiet year for the SALSA Group at St. Andrew's, for obvious reasons.

In mid February we received an invitation from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association to attend an Interfaith Symposium at the Mubarak Mosque on Hurontario St. just south of Sandalwood Parkway. A small group of SALSA ladies attended the Symposium on behalf of St. Andrew's and were welcomed warmly. Following the five speakers from various faith groups the ladies went down to the basement gym of the Mosque for a delightful buffet luncheon and a chance to visit the tables and gather information on the different religions. Some of the group had planned to attend the Community Day planned for later in March, but that was cancelled due to the pandemic lockdown.



From left: Susan Jess, Pam Loree, Felicity Alexander, Kim Shepherd, Sandra Jackson

April 18<sup>th</sup> was to be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Change her World banquet in Stratford, but it was also cancelled. All of the ladies who were planning to attend the banquet donated the cost of their dinner to the Change her World relief efforts for 2020.

We missed out on our usual fun filling Easter treat bags for the children of our Food bank clients, and there was no Jam Session or Christmas social in 2020 either, however we continue to keep in touch by other means.

We are all hopeful that 2021 will provide us with opportunities to gather together once more in service and fun.

Sincerely  
Pam Loree  
SALSA Group Treasurer

**SALSA GROUP**  
Financial summary  
For the year ended December 31, 2020  
(with comparative numbers for the prior year)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Receipts		
2018 Jam Sales	0.00	78.00
Bank interest	1.82	3.64
March 23 Breakfast	0.00	684.05
2019 Jam Sales	0.00	790.00
Funds in from WMS to cover blind cost	.00	53.00
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Total receipts	\$1.82	\$1,608.69
Disbursements		
Change Her World	0.00	(500.00)
Blinds for Room 109	0.00	(784.05)
Curtain rod for stage	0.00	(473.42)
Change Her World	0.00	(500.00)
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Total expenses	\$ -	\$ (2,257.47)
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$1.82	-\$648.78
Opening bank balance	<u>\$ 940.92</u>	<u>\$ 1,589.70</u>
Ending bank balance	<u><u>\$ 942.74</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 940.92</u></u>

## St. Andrew's Pringle Women's Missionary Society

The Women's Missionary Society (WMS) Purpose Statement: The Women's Missionary Society is a community of Christians whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship.



The WMS also once again participated in the World Day of Prayer which was held the first Friday in March at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church. This is an ecumenical service by the various groups of women from the downtown churches. We are truly thankful that we were able to gather together as women of faith to share the day together as this marked the last time we were able to meet together. Thank you to everyone who came to St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church for the World Day of Prayer service.

Although 2020 posed a lot of challenges for many with the COVID-19 pandemic. The WMS found ourselves in uncharted waters in unprecedented times, as we were unable to gather in person due to the building closure in March of 2020.

The WMS joined the world of Zoom and have started meeting on our regular night, the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm. Although we were unable to have our annual potluck dinners; our book/movie suggestions for the summer months; or hold our Annual Christmas Sale & Luncheon, the Executive is truly thankful for members who are contributing by mail to the working of the WMS.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm, via ZOOM. If you would like an invitation to the meeting, please contact Kim Shepherd, we would love to see you.

Please be safe, stay well and we pray that we will be able to gather together again in 2021. I would like to close this year's report with the Mitzpah Benediction: May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another.

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:11-12*

In Faith,

Kim Shepherd  
President

# St. Andrew's-Pringle Women's Missionary Society

## Financial Statement 2020

Bank Balance January 1, 2020		<u>\$4,978.23</u>
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### Receipts 2019

General Funds for WMS National Office	1,460.00	
All Creatures Great and Small	<u>30.00</u>	
	<u>1,490.00</u>	
		\$6,468.23

### Disbursements 2019

W.M.S. – National Office	1,460.00	
Donation – Armagh	125.00	
Donation – Evangel Hall Mission	215.00	
Donation – W.M.S. Together We Can	500.00	
Donation – St Andrew's Food Bank	200.00	
Donation – Presbyterian International Ministries	200.00	
Donation – Camp Cairn	200.00	
Donation – Canadian Bible Society	125.00	
Donation – Stephen Lewis Foundation	200.00	
Donation – Leprosy Mission Canada	200.00	
Cheque from 2019 cancelled	-57.88	
Poinsettias, Spring Plants for Shut-Ins	<u>241.00</u>	
		<u>\$3,608.12</u>
Bank Balance as at December 31, 2020		<u>\$2,860.11</u>

Jean Bradshaw  
Treasurer, WMS

## Prayer Circle



St. Andrew's Prayer Circle Group offers prayers for those who are experiencing illness, loss, or going through difficult times. Prayer requests are received via the ministers, church office, notes, one-on-one conversations, phone calls, St. Andrew's website page: <http://standrewsbrampton.ca/prayer-circle/> or emails to: [prayers@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:prayers@standrewsbrampton.ca)

The person, family member or friend we are praying for must be aware that the Prayer Circle Group is praying for them. Permission must be granted by the person we are praying for before their information is shared within the Prayer Circle Group ONLY, we respect everyone's privacy. All prayer requests are kept confidential unless the requester has asked the Minister to announce it from the church pulpit.

From January 1 to December 31, 2020 the Prayer Circle Group received **95 prayer requests** that resulted in **242 updates** from the initial prayer requests.

All prayer requests are tracked on a Word document shared electronically within the Prayer Circle Group members. This document is used to help us remember all who have requested prayers. We also pray for grieving families, clergy, church committees, GRACE Groups, students at all education levels, South East Asian Outreach Ministry church members' families in Pakistan, our Canadian Military, sponsored families, end of racial prejudice based on colour or sexual orientation, all effected by covid-19, church members with chronic health conditions, and those confined at home or in care facilities.

The administrator of this group is Sandra Jackson, her vacation backup is Debbie Warwick, and the Reverend Rosemary Doran is the ministerial representative on the Prayer Circle Group. Pre covid-19 we would meet three times per year for a face-to-face meeting in the church Parlour to review and update all current prayer requests.

Anyone who would like to become a member of the Prayer Circle Group should send their name and email address to: [prayer@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:prayer@standrewsbrampton.ca). All are welcome to join, attendance at the face-to-face meetings is not mandatory for members of the Prayer Circle Group.

God bless,

Sandra Jackson  
Prayer Circle Group Administrator



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

As with other groups within St. Andrew's our activities and meetings were cancelled in 2020. However, we were able to give three shawls to members of our church who were in need of some comfort.

We hope and pray that we will be able to get together in the near future so that we can share some fellowship and hear our knitting needles clicking again.

Anna Eitner



## Hour of Corporate Prayer

For the past year we have been praying, virtually, every Friday at 3:00 pm for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thousands have died and millions have been infected causing untold heartache and grief to millions of families around the world and here in Brampton, which has been identified as a "hot spot".

This is the worst pandemic in 100 years and yet it was nowhere on our minds just twelve months ago. Never could we have imagined that our hospital system would reach the point that front line health care workers would be brought to their knees as new cases start to overwhelm the system, causing cancellation of elective surgeries with other tragic outcomes. Even among patients who have recovered, many are left with long term ailments and the projections for the next two months pose a foreboding outlook as we prepare for a third wave in 2021.

Fortunately we pray to a big God and trust in our faith in Jesus as we have the hope of the Gospel to comfort us in a very trying time. Recently our most urgent prayers have been answered with the news that two vaccines have proven to be effective with over 95% effectiveness and that we can look for immediate distribution. A most welcome Christmas gift from our wonderful savior. Thank you Jesus!

We will continue with our Call to Prayer every Friday at 3pm, virtually, until we can meet in person sometime in 2021. Thank you to all who take a few minutes to pray with us each week, and thank you to God than an end to this pandemic is within our reach.

Ray Scanlan

## Helping Hands

There was no activity for the Helping Hands group during 2020 because of Covid and the closure of the church. Our current financials follow:

### FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Opening Balance Jan. 2020</b>			1788.92
<b>Cash on Hand</b>		7.31	1796.23
<b>Monthly Bank Charges (\$3.75/month)</b>	45.00		1751.23
<b>Closing Balance Dec. 2020</b>			1751.23

Treasurer: Jo-Ann Urquhart

Convenors: Jo-Ann Urquhart

Valerie Martin



## Cradle Roll

The church was closed for most of 2020, so there were no baptisms during the year, therefore no Cradle Roll certificates were presented.

I mailed 16 birthday cards to babies baptized at St. Andrew's in the past three years.

Here are the statistics from 2015-2019:

2019	4 certificates/24 cards
2018	11 certificates/25 cards
2017	10 certificates/26 cards
2016	11 certificates/33 cards
2015	7 certificates/38 cards



I am pleased to be able to provide this outreach service as part of my stewardship commitment at St. Andrew's.

Felicity Alexander  
Cradle Roll Secretary

## Envelope Secretaries

The Responsibilities of the Envelope Secretaries include assigning and distributing offering envelopes, processing weekly offerings, administrating PAR, which is once a month pre-authorized remittance from your bank account, and issuing tax receipts.

The Church was closed due to Covid-19 shortly after the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Sunday service we thank the counters Anna Eitner, Shirley Hancock, Valerie Martin and Jo-Ann Urquhart volunteers who counted up to March 2019.

Thank you for your continued financial support to St. Andrew's during this challenging time whether you used your envelopes, PAR, Canada Helps or Interac e-Transfers.

Bea Embling     Valerie Warren