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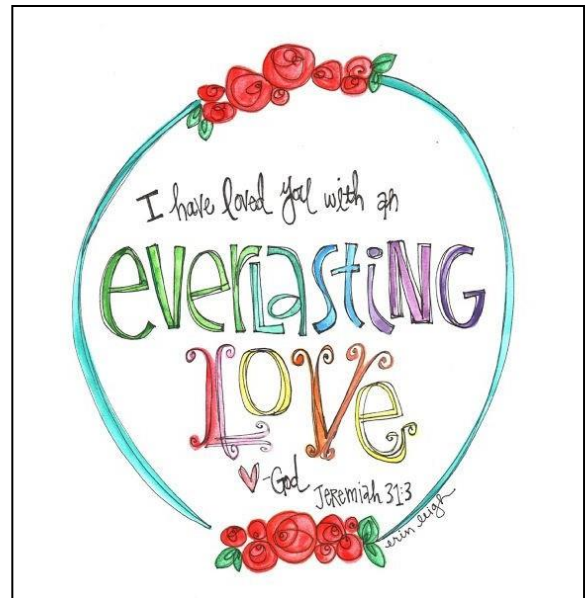
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we: learn together to know God's love through worship, study, and prayer; 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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## This month...



One of the scribes came up and asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12: 28-31*



## BIRTHDAYS



### February 2022

- 1 Evan Rae, Kaitlin Shepherd,  
Katherine Tomlinson
- 2 Sarah Massy
- 3 Susan McGoogan
- 4 Sullivan Sampath
- 5 David Dean, Sr.
- 6 Blake Armstrong, Hayley Armstrong,  
Leslie Calhoun, Robert Miller
- 7 Robina Marcus
- 12 Natasha Kastner, Dolores Young
- 13 Saffron Anjum Bhatti, Rajeev Wijesinghe
- 14 Alexander Dawson, Nova Hakim,  
Margaret Silva
- 15 Pieter Bakkeren, Gilbert Burry, Mike Harvey
- 16 Gerry Holmes, Paul Roopchan, James Silva
- 18 Gwen Arbuckle, Louis Julius,  
Kelvin Massey-Mubushar
- 19 Grace Brewster-Yates
- 20 Ella Whiteman
- 21 Adriel Babar
- 22 Adam Cornish
- 23 Maurice Armstrong, Marilyn White
- 24 Austin Prechner
- 25 Marg Hunter
- 26 Rhianna Lachhman, Ashleigh Wightman
- 27 Holly Rhind
- 28 Sydney McFarland



### March 2022

- 1 Sara Adil, Nicholas Bragg
- 2 Frank Holmes, Christopher White
- 3 Renate Schultz
- 4 Anna Eitner, Everson Massy, Preston Osborne
- 5 Josephine Hendricks, Margaret Penrice,  
Tim Roberts



## UPCOMING EVENTS



The Annual Congregational Meeting takes place on Zoom on Sunday, March 27. See page 6 for further information.

Committee/group reports must be submitted by **February 15** through email to Valerie Barrett at [office@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:office@standrewsbrampton.ca).

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### Leading with Care

Leading with Care is a zero-tolerance, denominational policy for ensuring a climate of safety for children, youth and vulnerable adults across the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

A “Leading with Care” workshop at St. Andrew’s is overdue, and arrangements have now been made to correct this. In anticipation of the lifting of COVID restrictions we will be holding two, two-hour, in-person workshops, to be led by David Phillips from the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We will be offering participants a choice of workshop dates – either Saturday, February 19 or Saturday, February 26, both starting at 10 am, and they will be held in the Great Hall, with socially distanced seating. Attendance is mandatory for all Elders, committee convenors and members, Food Bank volunteers, Sunday School teachers, ushers, the S-EAOM pastoral team, and volunteers. You are included if you do any other volunteer work at St. Andrew’s.

You will be contacted and required to register for your preferred date, and further information will be provided in early February.

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We are starting Bible Study again. It will begin on Tuesday, March 1 on Zoom, and run until April 5. The study is “Places of the Passion,” and it is based on the Season of Lent.



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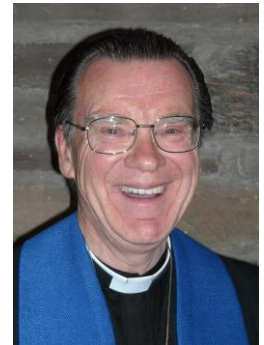
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## Wayne's World



Beloved, let us love one another, because *love* is from God. 1 John 4:7a We love God because He first *loved* us. 1 John 4:19

### Love is in the Air

If ever I was to make an investment for one month of the year, it would be in February with a local floral establishment. For with Valentine's this month, it is reported that this is one of the busiest months of the year for florists. Love is in the air.

This got me to thinking of the Great Commandment (see front cover) which consists of the first and second commandments as given by Jesus; indeed, the standard by which Christians are to live out their life and faith.

It also got me to thinking with the emphasis on mental health that has been brought to the fore in this extended COVID time, that the two great commandments have not, and do not have equal emphasis as we seek to live them out day by day.

Let me best illustrate this with the following account. In my study I have hundreds of three and a half by five and a half inch cards on various topics, one of which is on 'love.' Of all the files on 'love,' they are either centered on God's love for us, on our love for God, and our love for others. And of course, that's the way it should be! But sadly, there is not one reference to the third part of the Great Commandment; namely "as you love yourself." This is the unequal emphasis that I find.

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## Wayne's World continued

Love yourself. Let me be crystal clear as to what we are *not* talking about. We are not talking about a narcissist love that is an excessive admiration or fascination with oneself. This love has been described as a person who is all wrapped up in him or herself.

In this wrapping, there is no smaller package!

We love ourselves in the *love* that God has for each of us (1 John 4:19). This *love* recognizes that we are God's Temple (i.e. 'sanctuary') and that God's Spirit dwells in us (1 Corinthians 3:16). As we take care of the sanctuary in the Church; likewise we are to take care of ourselves. Quite simply we are to love ourselves in the *love* that God has for us as we allow the Holy Spirit to be our faithful companion day by day.

As we do this, then can we love God and others.

Love is in the air.

Happy Valentine's.



### 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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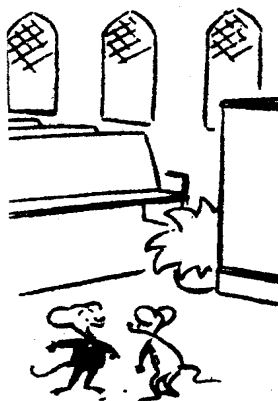
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# News from the Pews



Thanks to Tony Persaud of Postplus for printing the January newsletter in colour, as a gift to St. Andrew's.

Bob and Nellie Stevenson moved to a retirement residence in Fergus in October, and sadly, Nellie passed away on December 15.

The photo below shows the Rev. Geoff Ross with the Stevensons' good friends from St. Andrew's – Muriel and Wally Gemmill, and Sydney McFarland and Marilyn Henderson, who attended Nellie's funeral service in Fergus on December 29.



Thank you to everyone who helped put up, take down and store the Christmas decorations used in the sanctuary. The decorations were very much appreciated by those who attended the in-person services in December.



On Friday, January 21, Ian Jess's mother Grace (bottom left in photo below) celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. On the following Saturday afternoon, a Zoom call was held in her honour.



Her three sons and their spouses, seven out of eight grandchildren (many with their partners) and her four great-grandchildren, were present to wish her a Happy Birthday. Among the highlights were 30 questions, some multiple choice, to see who knew Grandma best. The top score was 23. A further highlight was having her only surviving sibling Marion Johnston, present via Zoom from Edmonton. Lastly, everyone learned that as of June the number of great-grandchildren will increase to five. Rebecca, who was baptized at St. Andrew's and is now a Presbyterian minister at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church in Toronto, is expecting her first child.

Mom Jess was overjoyed with the call.

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Nothing's gained without an effort,  
No battles won without a fight,  
Never let your heart be heavy  
Dawn will always follow night.

Never a road without a turn,  
Seek and find a better way,  
Look ahead, the path is smoother,  
There will come a brighter day.

Never let the worries harm you,  
Or the doubt and fear begin,  
There will be a new tomorrow,  
Keep the light of hope within!

Iris Hesselden  
The Friendship Book



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](mailto: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.

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*It's not how  
much we  
GIVE  
but how much  
LOVE  
we put into  
giving*  
— MOTHER TERESA



**Please join us on Zoom for the Annual Meeting at 11:30 am on Sunday, March 27, using the information below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3752656843?pwd=ZnJtb3VGZkgxZjNxWGQvaUVseDJpUT09>

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The Agenda and Committee Reports to be discussed and approved will be posted in advance on the St. Andrew's website [www.standrewsbrampton.ca](http://www.standrewsbrampton.ca).

A limited number of printed copies will be available upon request. Please contact Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw at 905-455-6573.



On January 20 the L6T/L6P GRACE Group caught up on activities since Christmas. We shared highlights of Christmas dinner menus and laughed about the antics of pets on and off camera. Our meeting was held on the same day as the tragic fire that took the lives of three young boys in our neighbourhood. We had a sombre moment of reflection.



On January 11, the L6X/L6Y Grace Group met to share how we are coping with our current situation during COVID. We shared stories and updated one another on our daily lives. Jean McCreath was having computer issues (now fixed) but she called to share that she was delighted that her son came to visit just before Christmas, and she has been knitting and gifting beautiful Afghans to family members since then.

Although we all had quieter Christmas celebrations, we were grateful for good health and family and friends. We closed the meeting by praying for all members who were unable to attend.

## CALL TO PRAYER



*by Ray Scanlan*

A year ago our number one prayer request was for a vaccine to end COVID-19, and we gave thanks when this prayer was answered with not just one but several vaccines, and our joyful prayer was for world-wide distribution and immunity for all. As the weeks turned to months it appeared that the pandemic was receding in Canada and the daily numbers of infections, hospitalizations and deaths kept going down until two new variants emerged and we ended the year with our hospital in Brampton closed to new patients and elective surgeries and yet another closure of schools, businesses and restaurants.

We gave thanks for the development of a booster vaccine and the promise of a possible yearly shot. Once again, in an abundance of caution, we reverted to “online” Sunday Services and a renewed set of prayers for an end to this pandemic that has claimed over 5 million lives lost worldwide to date.

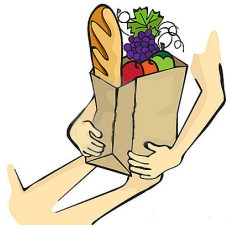
Our corporate prayer life was brought into a Canadian focus as historic fires and floods stretched from coast to coast, with British Columbia taking much of our thoughts and prayers to our Lord for relief, and as our Canadian hospital system is in crisis.

As we dig out from our first major snowstorm in a few years, our thoughts and prayers also turn from our inward view to the political unrest in Ukraine and the scary prospect of a Russian invasion and the horror that would bring. No less forgotten are the people of Afghanistan and the terrible plight facing families and children starving to death. With so many issues here at home and in so many parts of our world we continue to spend some time in prayer to ask God to help us find solutions in our weary world.

You are welcome to join us for an hour of corporate prayer, (virtually) for now, at 3:00 pm on the third Friday of each month, for solutions only God can provide.



# Food... For Thought



*by Gord Warren*

This past Christmas season has been one of generosity for your Food Bank. There have been corporate donors and service clubs who, knowing this was their last chance to donate, were extremely generous. There have also been churches and numerous individuals who were unable to support us with food during the year, and donated their yearly contribution this Christmas.

A couple of examples:

- The Lions Clubs of Brampton and Bramalea recently merged. They ended up with two club houses for one organization so they sold one of them. The money that was realised by the sale was generously shared with four local food banks, and they are also working with the City of Brampton to refurbish one of the parks.
- Four years ago in the spring, Kenaidan Contracting Ltd. – the company which is in charge of the new Bramalea GO Station, called the Food Bank asking if we wanted some bananas. We accepted, and their opinion of the work done for the clients had them ask me to speak at their Christmas luncheon. I told them of the work done by the Food Bank and showed some of the letters of gratitude received from clients, and they responded by collecting over \$4,000. They invited me back for the next two years and each year the donations increased until this final one of over \$20,000 (see photo). This was the generosity of all the companies working on the GO Station project.



*Gord Warren, Herb Eitner, Ian Jess and Tom Campbell show off a replica of the cheque presented by Kenaidan Contracting Ltd.*

With your generosity and support, the Food Bank has transitioned from working with the Regeneration Food Bank to reopening at St. Andrew's. This has been a challenge for both the clients and the volunteers, as COVID has forced the Food Bank to be very restricted in how it handles the clients, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, but we never turn anyone away without some food.

The client numbers are nowhere close to those pre-pandemic but are slowly climbing, and the clients who come are very grateful for the support.

