



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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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25,26



BIRTHDAYS



April 2022

- 1 Teresa Allen, Khalid Gill
- 2 Kevin Massey-Mubushar
- 3 John Collins, Barbara Duckitt, Donald Miller
- 4 Paro Cheddie, Sandra Fitzgerald
- 5 Tom Campbell, Mae MacDonald
- 7 Anna Isabella Arthur
- 8 Teresa Cornish
- 9 Willard Burton, Lori Gibbs, Jessica Meighoo, Ivie Wightman
- 10 Yvonne Moreau, Griffith Wightman, Babar Allahditta
- 11 Muhammad Ali, Kennedy Jackson, Jemma Jhingoorie, Shelagh Tyreman
- 12 Pat Hewes
- 14 Jennifer Wilson
- 15 Daniel Banks, Andrea Gow
- 16 Sheryl Rachael Munir, Alfred Waymann
- 18 Derek Silva, Sabah Youash
- 19 Jim Hunt, Yvonne Njike
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- 22 Sherry Sampath
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- 24 Shirley Hylton, Sana Simon, Gord Warren
- 25 Fida Jarjour, Ashraf Masih
- 27 Shirley MacDonald, Chloe Rae, Lillian Rhind
- 28 Kylie Good, June Young
- 29 Lee Crawford, Bryce Peart-Rollocks, Luke Peyer
- 30 Bill McKittrick



BirthDay Blessings

May 2022

- 1 Robert Stevenson
- 2 John Bhim
- 3 May Banks, Braydon McKnight, Wayne Tedder
- 4 Petra McKittrick
- 5 Graham Shepherd, Samantha Silva, Steven White



The family of the Rev. John McGurrin who died on February 27 at the age of 75. He served as part-time minister at St. Andrew's from 1993 – 1998.

Marion Crawford on the death of her husband Robert on March 5.

Jo-ann Urquhart whose 101-year-old mother Mabel Johnston died on March 21 in London, Ontario.

MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION from Clerk of Session - Jean Bradshaw and Past Clerk - Kim Shepherd

As many of you may have already heard, our Senior Minister, the Rev. Geoff Ross, will be going on medical leave starting Monday, March 14, 2022. Geoff Ross is able to take up to three months according to the Clerk of Presbytery. It is Geoff's plan to return to work on May 16, 2022, however, this date is subject to change and will depend on how Geoff is feeling and the advice of medical doctors.

The COVID pandemic has been especially hard on many ministers within the denomination, with many finding themselves taking medical leaves. This decision was not made lightly by Geoff, and it was through a lot of prayer and conversation with both the Clerk of Session and the Past Clerk of Session that this decision was made. Arrangements have been made for pulpit supply and pastoral care, Rev. Wayne J. Baswick will be leading us in worship during the month of April (including Holy Week) and the first two weeks in May. Session thanks Wayne for his guidance, leadership and pastoral care during these next couple of months. Please feel free to reach out to Rev. Wayne J. Baswick and also our Clerk and Past Clerk of Session with any questions and/or comments, and we will do our best to answer.

Session knows there will be a lot of concern and people wishing to reach out to Geoff, however, we request that for these two months, as Geoff focuses on his own health – prayers are most welcome and most appreciated, but no phone calls or emails, please.



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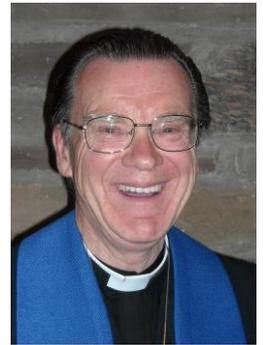
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Wayne's World

Fullness from Emptiness

Luke: 24:1a, 2 & 3

Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb...They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb...so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. (*Good News Bible*)



When I left one of the congregations I served, one of the ladies did a needlepoint for me that reads as follows – “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the *heart*.” - Helen Keller.

Things of the heart are those which make life come alive, for if our hearts are not in it, life can be very washed out, as the following suggests – “We marvel at the silence that divides the living and the dead. Yet more apart, Are they all life long, live side by side, yet never heart to heart.” Author Unknown.

The above needlepoint both reminded me and made me sharply aware in future ministry of those who had and would have broken hearts, hardened hearts and empty hearts. It is from these that there are those who do not have their hearts in it, that is in *life* itself.

How then can our hearts be filled in order that we may live the life that God intends for us and indeed have our hearts in it? Please refer to the Gospel verses above as we seek the answer for this. Yes! These verses have the answer to hearts that can be full and truly alive; a life more and better than we ever dreamed of. (John 10:10 'The Message' translation of the Bible.)

And the answer lies in the tomb - the *empty* tomb!

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Wayne's World continued

May our hearts be full of life as this life comes from the quiet heart within.

A Quiet Heart

O Lord, give me a quiet heart -
So oft my heart is filled with fear;
I need the peace Thou canst impart;
I need to feel that Thou art near.

Help me to walk by faith each day.
Though shadows hide the path from view;
Give me a quiet heart, I pray
To trust Thee as Thou bid'st me do.

A quiet heart - a quiet heart,
From which are banished doubts and fears;
O Lord, give me a quiet heart
That trusts Thee for the coming years.

W.M. Nienhuis

For a Joyous Easter,



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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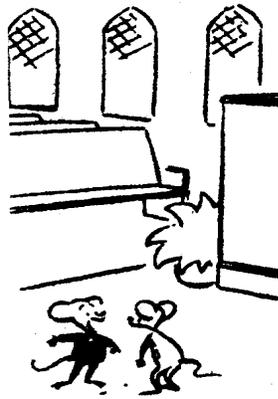
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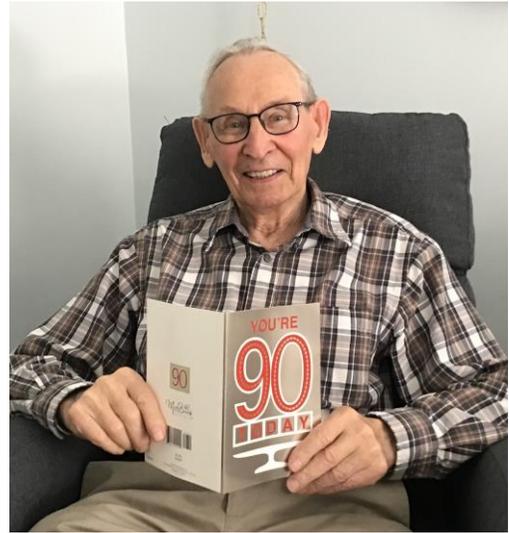
On Sunday, February 27 we welcomed four new members by transfer of membership. Below, Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw presents the candidates to Rev. Geoff Ross and the congregation.



On left above are new members Bashir Masih and Balquess Bibi and on right are Wilhelmina (Wilma) and Barend Zinkweg. We welcome them to St. Andrew's.

Bashir Masih and Balquess Bibi are the parents of Elder Samina Babar, whose husband - Pastor Babar Alladitta - ministers to the St. Andrew's South East Asian community.

Congratulations to Sydney McFarland who celebrated a big birthday on February 28. Here, he is seen holding a card from the congregation of St. Andrew's.



On March 13 we welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism - Saba Hanif and Dawood Hanif, the daughter and son of Hanif Masih and Rita Rani.

We also welcomed, by profession of faith, the following people whom God has sent to us: Shakeel Maqbool Malik, Mariam Shakeel Malik, Naveed Masih, Hanif Masih and Rita Rani, that we might grow to know God together.



From left to right in the picture above are Naveed Masih, Shakeel Maqbool Malik, Mariam Shakeel Malik, Hanif Masih and Rita Rani, Dawood Hanif and Saba Hanif.

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At the end of February Stan and Pam Loree travelled to California for a week’s vacation. Highlights included touring San Francisco, riding a cable car, crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, walking among giant redwoods, wine tasting in Napa Valley, and driving the Pacific Coast Highway (Rt. 1) from San Francisco down to Morro Bay (just north of Santa Barbara). The weather was sunny and mild, and views on the coast road were spectacular.



In the photo above are Kaitlin & Chris Shepherd in their Ash Wednesday roles as Mary and Jesus. (See *Ash Wednesday Worship* article on page 13.)



The date of the Annual General Meeting has changed!

**St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Brampton
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, April 3, 2022 11:45 a.m.**

The 2021 Annual Report and Financial Statements will be available both online and for pickup in person.

The Annual General Meeting will be held both in-person/in-Church and via Zoom.

Here is how you can join the meeting by Zoom on April 3:

To Join the Zoom Meeting, click:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5253087217?pwd=akdVTnBCQzNjNHY3ZkYzY1ZuK1lBdz09>

Meeting ID: 525 308 7217 Passcode: 1270784

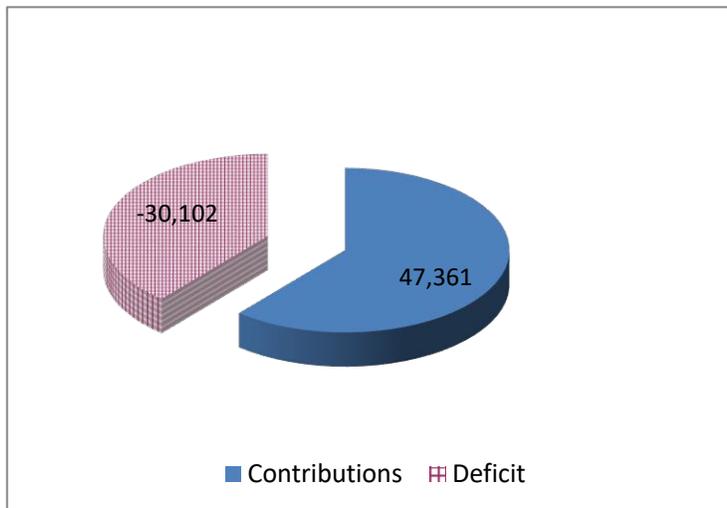
If we should look for faults and flaws
We’ll find them, that’s for sure.
If gloom and grumbles be our goal
We’ll own them by the score.
Yes strange to say, that in reverse,
The same is always found.
If we should seek out blessings, well –
Just look – they’re all around!
I know which I would rather find:
It’s things to make me smile.
It’s positives, not negatives,
That make our lives worthwhile.

Maggie Ingall
The Friendship Book

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of March 22, 2022



Currently general offerings from January 1 to March 22 are down 9% compared with last year with all other donations increased by 50% for the same period. Expenses are also decreased, leaving a comparable YTD deficit. Thank you all for your generosity at this difficult time.

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

To process an Interac e-Transfer: Go to your banking website, select Interac e-Transfer, enter the amount you wish to donate and in the message area indicate your name, envelope number and how you want the donation distributed i.e. amount for general funds, Presbyterians' Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank. If you do not indicate a split your entire donation will go to the general operating fund, **this cannot be changed later. It is vital that you use the email treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca**

"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."
Jeremiah 29:11

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

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	1 Jan - 22 Mar 22	1 Jan - 22 Mar 21
Contributions		
Offerings	45,011.88	49,220.45
Other Revenue	2,349.00	2,800.00
Total Contributions	47,360.88	52,020.45
Expense		
Education	195.96	1,001.05
Mission	-	1,624.98
Property	36,645.36	39,765.12
Stewardship	36,731.52	36,523.53
Worship	1,889.86	2,033.10
Donation - Ukraine Relief	2,000.00	-
Total Expense	77,462.70	80,947.78
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(30,101.82)	(28,927.33)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	4,083.98	4,795.98
PWS&D donations*	1,494.98	1,489.98
Food Bank donations*	15,418.48	7,596.37

* NOTES: 1) Presbyterian Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank donations are not included in the Offerings numbers above.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4TH ANNUAL HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER

Please help support St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church by purchasing our beautiful hanging baskets. We are working with the same nursery as last year. We are offering 10-inch mixed coloured hanging baskets and a 10-inch pot of caliente geraniums in red, lavender, or coral/ fuchsia. **The plant sale commences Sunday, April 3rd, 2022 until Friday, May 6th, 2022 – the deadline. Pick up for your order will be in the Church parking lot on Tuesday, May 24th. Details of pick-up times to be given out closer to the pick-up date.** The nursery has advised me that this year they are increasing their prices due to the pandemic and the overall cost of running the greenhouse.

Anyone wishing to purchase flowers can do so in three ways. The **first option** is to mail the order form plus cheque - no cash please – to the Church address. All mail at this time will be redirected to Jean Bradshaw – Clerk of Session. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY ORDERS IN THE CHURCH'S LOCKED MAILBOX.** As well, please label all **mailed plant orders to the attention of Helen Collins.** The **second option** is to drop off the cheque or cash, with the order form, through the mail slot at my home at **10 Parkview Place**. I live in the hwy 10/Steeles area – the Old Peel Village. The **third option** is to e-Transfer the money to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca. **In the message area state that the funds are for the hanging basket fundraiser.** You can then either phone, drop off to my home or email me your order. My email address is johnco@sympatico.ca. If you have any questions, please contact me at 905-450- 6314 or anyone on the Stewardship Committee. Note: Please, if paying by cheque make it payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and enclose it with your order. All taxes are included. Orders **cannot** be processed **without** cash or cheque (s) included. No post-dated cheques please.

Thank you to everyone who supports this fundraiser.

Helen Collins
Chair, Stewardship Committee



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INITIAL:

PLANT SALE ORDER FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION	
FIRST AND LAST NAME:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL(OPTIONAL):	

MIXED COLOURED BASKETS	SIZE	COLOUR/ DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	10"	MIXED COLOURED BASKETS	\$23.00		
CALIENTE GERANIUMS	SIZE	COLOUR/ DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	10"	RED	\$23.00		
		LAVENDER	\$23.00		
		CORAL/ FUCHSIA	\$23.00		
				TOTAL # OF PLANTS	TOTAL AMOUNT ON CHEQUE

Note: If paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Please label all mailed orders to the attention of Helen Collins. All taxes are included. Orders **cannot** be processed **without** a cheque(s), cash or eTransfer. No postdated cheques please. All plants come with a pot cover. E-Transfers are to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca only. Please specify in the message section that the funds are for the hanging basket fundraiser. **Thank you for your support!**



Macgregors Meat and Seafood is back!

Early in April an e-blast will be sent out with a linked order form and product details, pricing and payment options. It will also be posted on the church website. Please contact Sandra Jackson at email: sj_jack@sympatico.ca or call her at 905-459-4563 if you wish to receive order forms and details by email or if you need a printed copy.

Orders will be accepted from Sunday, April 3 to Sunday, May 8. Pick up at the church will be on Thursday May 19, so you will receive your order in time for the May long weekend.

Sandra will allocate staggered pickup times between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on May 19, so that everyone does not arrive in the church parking lot at the same time.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra at the email address or phone number provided above.

The Stewardship Committee thanks you in advance for your participation. The proceeds will go to the ministries and work of St. Andrew's.



Stewardship Corner

I would like to thank Bea Embling for her many years of running the Macgregors Meat and Seafood fundraiser (formerly North Country Meats). Sandra Jackson has graciously agreed to take charge of the Macgregors fundraiser this year. Thank you, Sandra.

The Stewardship Committee also thanks Stan Loree for serving as Interim Treasurer until a permanent Treasurer was found. Stan's perspective, knowledge and humour will be missed on our Committee.

The Committee presented Stan with an edible fruit arrangement, a gift card, and a card of thanks.



The Stewardship Committee, along with everyone else, looks forward to when we can all worship together again in the Sanctuary, and have our fellowship time in the Great Hall.

Helen Collins
Chair, Stewardship Committee

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	CODE	PORTION	lb/ Wt	PRICE	QTY	TOTALS
FEATURE ITEMS						
Breaded Stuffed Chicken Cutlet *Par Fried* <u>*While Quantities Last*</u>	77182	12 x 5.3oz	3.95lbs	\$ 37.00		\$ -
Debreizeni Sausage	96002	24 pcs	3.54lbs	\$ 44.00		\$ -
CAB Top Sirloin Steak 2pc/pkg <u>*New Pack Size*</u>	 14262	12 x 6oz	4.50lbs	\$ 69.00		\$ -
CAB Striploin Steak 2pc/pkg <u>*New Pack Size*</u>	 14442	6 x 10oz	3.77lbs	\$ 83.00		\$ -
BEEF						
CAB Chuck Burger	46102	20x7oz	8.8lbs	\$ 69.00		\$ -
CAB Top Sirloin Roast 2/case	 14222	2 x 907gr	1.81lbs	\$ 64.00		\$ -
B/ W Tenderloin Steak 2pc/pkg	14962	20x4oz	4.98lbs	\$ 81.00		\$ -
Top Sirloin Steak AAA 2pc/pkg <u>*While Quantities Last*</u>	14702	6 x 8oz	2.98lbs	\$ 39.00		\$ -
Niman Ranch Natural Ground Beef	 46132	6 x 500gr	6.61lb	\$ 58.00		\$ -
Slow Cooked Beef Pot Roast	92572	8 x 20.28 oz	10.15lbs	\$ 99.00		\$ -
Steakhouse Burger	40002	24x6oz	9.00lbs	\$ 52.00		\$ -
Steakhouse Burger	46342	40x4oz	9.96lbs	\$ 57.00		\$ -
All Beef Hot Dogs	64222	30x3.5oz	6.61lbs	\$ 43.00		\$ -
Italian Style Cooked Meatballs	90052	450 x .35oz	9.92lbs	\$ 45.00		\$ -
CHICKEN						
Fully Cooked Chicken Wings	92872	random	2bags x 3lbs	\$ 52.00		\$ -
IVP Just Chicken Breast (B/S)	77162	6-8oz	8.8lbs	\$ 80.00		\$ -
Breaded Chicken Fingers **Par-Cooked	71025	random	8.8lbs	\$ 60.00		\$ -
Chicken Souvlaki	65632	15 x 2.3oz	2.15 lbs	\$ 26.00		\$ -
SEAFOOD						
Rainbow Trout Fillets Bnls/Skin On	87212	8-9pcs x 6-7oz	3.33lbs	\$ 45.00		\$ -
Smokey Maple Bacon Wrapped Salmon	 88602	10x5oz	3.13lbs	\$ 55.00		\$ -
Atlantic Salmon Portion(Bnls/Sknl)	 88661	20x5oz	6.17lbs	\$ 99.00		\$ -
Butterfly Garlic Shrimp 16-20 per lb	81272	36 pcs	2.00 lbs	\$ 30.00		\$ -
PORK						
Smoked Pork Back Ribs BBQ sauce	92862	6 x 21oz	7.87lbs	\$ 60.00		\$ -
Niman Ranch Pork Rib Chop	 61962	10x8oz	4.96lbs	\$ 66.00		\$ -
Thick Cut Peameal Bacon	60062	6x500gr	6.61lbs	\$ 48.00		\$ -
Thick Cut Canadian Sliced Bacon	60022	6x500gr	6.61lbs	\$ 57.00		\$ -
SPRING/SUMMER 2022				TOTAL	0	\$ -

Food... for Thought

by Gord Warren



Even though we've had periods of snow the temperature is slowly rising, and we are starting to feel that spring is just around the corner. This is also evident at your Food Bank, as the warmer temperatures are bringing out more clients. We are seeing older clients who have been coming for years, and new clients that have just discovered the Food Bank. Even though regulations regarding masks and vaccinations have eased, the Food Bank is following the guidance of Session and we are only allowing fully vaccinated clients wearing masks into the building.

World politics, gasoline prices and supply chain problems due to COVID are causing problems with the supply of food, and prices are rising because of these factors. This means that many families that were just getting by are now looking to a food bank for support. St. Andrew's Food Bank supplements the foods that are donated with fresh bread, milk, eggs, wieners, fruit and vegetables, in order to provide a balanced diet for the clients.

We are also supporting other food banks in Brampton, Bolton and Orangeville with non-perishable items that we can spare. We expect that the client numbers will rise, and that eventually the Session will allow us to re-open completely. Until that happens, we will continue to serve those in need in the hallway between the Great Hall and the Education Wing.

*Thank You
for your support*

Minute for Mission



While watching and hearing of the horrors that are happening right now in Ukraine we feel so helpless, and we offer our prayers for those who are suffering.

We, here at St. Andrew's, have the opportunity to reach out to our brothers and sisters abroad. We encourage those who are able, to make a monetary donation, to help those who so desperately need our assistance right now.

You can make your donation through Presbyterian World Service and Development using the link below.

<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/2022/02/28/ukraine-crisis/>

Here is the link for those who wish to donate through the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Relief Effort.

<https://donate.redcross.ca/page/100227/donate/1?locale=en-CA>

Thank you so much, in advance, for your continuing kindness and support.

June Young
Mission Committee





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

March 2022

It is with prayer that this newsletter finds all our WMS members well and staying safe during this crazy time of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Did you know that there are no female leprechauns? Did you know that they are pranksters? Well, let me tell you, we had a very special guest at our March meeting .. can you guess who visited? No, okay, we had the honour of the presence of a Master Leprechaun who answered all our questions and also taught us all a few things. It must be said though, that the Master



Leprechaun vanished quickly, he must have been feeling really tired as leprechauns do not travel far from their home. How lucky were we – truly blessed!! The Master Leprechaun had us all in stitches with the stories being told.

After our Master Leprechaun had to leave, Felicity and Doreen told the group all about St. Patrick. St. Patrick who drove snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, although good stories – none is true. In fact the shamrock story came after his death, and the snakes ... well ... Ireland had no snakes to begin with. In fact, his actual story is very interesting – thankfully in two letters that St. Patrick

wrote prior to his death, he explains his tumultuous life – a life full of pain and suffering, self-doubt and struggle – sound familiar. However, given his faith and hope in a world that was falling apart around him....hmmm, so thought-provoking as we all are watching a world full of pain and destruction today. St. Patrick lived over 1500 years ago. The group enjoyed a YouTube video of The Priests singing, ‘May the Road Rise to meet You.’

Our next meeting, via ZOOM, will be held on Tuesday, April 5th when we will have our Easter Service. If you would like to attend, please let Kim Shepherd know and the meeting link will be sent to you. We hope we will see you there. If any of our members have any suggestions or enquiries, please send an email to: Kim Shepherd, President, (kimbers1269@gmail.com).

Let us close with this Irish Blessing: “May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

Kim Shepherd
President

ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship

On Wednesday, March 2, 2022 we held our first Pre-Lent, All Ages Event since 2019. A small group gathered at 6:30 pm in the parking lot of the church to begin our journey – ‘Drawn to the Cross.’ The event concentrated on the final journey of Jesus. Our tableaus included the Passion Sunday Walk and Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, then we moved inside to the Great Hall for the trial with Pontius Pilate, and lastly the crucifixion, with the final scene with Jesus laying on Mary’s lap. The group was then led into the sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday service.

We have a limited amount of Pre-Lent Event bags available, and if you would like one please contact Kim Shepherd and she will arrange delivery or pick up.



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

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

L6T/L6P GRACE group Zoomed on St. Patrick's Day. We were all sporting green. Mike and Molly Harvey were celebrating the day they met 49 years ago on St. Paddy's day. Grace was celebrating good medical test results for Ken with family visiting from Minnesota. Her family made brief cameo appearances. We congratulated June on starting a new job and Lee said she was happy to be back at her regular job now that COVID is waning. Felicity concluded our meeting with an Irish blessing.



CALL TO PRAYER



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

God of the Powers, and
Maker of all creation;
God of justice, and
Lover and Maker of peace,
we are distressed by the violence and the threats
of violence and destruction in the world,
and especially by acts of war and brutality that
people experience in Ukraine.

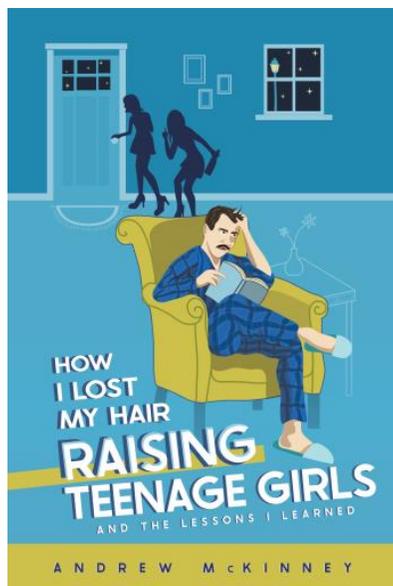
In solidarity with them, we pray for those
who are suffering and in danger,
who live in fear and anxiety,
who fear what tomorrow will bring,
who are anxious for their lives and the lives of
those they love and care for, and
who mourn the dead.

We pray that
those with power over war
will lay down weapons, and that
those who have power to accomplish peace
will have wisdom and compassion.

God of Grace, the
Giver of Life, send your
Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
who is everywhere present and fills all things,
to sustain the hope of all those who seek justice
and peace and
to inspire the leaders of nations to do what is
right.

Glory to you, O God,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
now and forever;
in the strong name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
we pray.
Amen.

Book Fundraiser



John Collins, a member of our congregation, has written a humorous memoir about life during his daughters' teenage years. He is selling it as a fundraiser, and twenty percent of all profits (not just from St. Andrew's, but from all sales) will be donated to our church. It will be launched online only at Amazon and Indigo on April 11 as a paperback and ebook (Kindle and Kobo), and he is having a number of copies printed locally to sell himself. He is hoping the congregation will support this endeavour by buying a copy (\$25 paperback incl. HST), and, if you like it, posting a review online at Goodreads, Chapters or Amazon. Reviews are very important to boost a book's visibility and sales, **and it just received a 5-star rating from NetGalley**, the book review site! This would make a great Mother's Day, Father's Day or any day gift for someone! And there is a subtle message of faith and the power of prayer in the stories.

Andrew McKinney is a pen name used by John to protect the innocent and the not-so-innocent.

To order a copy, contact Helen or John at 905-450-6314 or email johnco@sympatico.ca. Pick up will be at the church with details to follow later.

Book Description

Andrew McKinney seems to have it made: an important job, a great wife and three wonderful children. But when his two daughters become teenagers, life turns upside down. It's as if aliens have taken over the bodies of his loving daughters, leaving him confused and uncertain about what to do.

Follow Andrew's hilarious adventures as he deals with cell phones (from commando raids to decoy phones), wild parties, theft of his beer and a strange neighbour who prances around his pool naked and complains about their dog.

Family holidays provide some relief and family bonding, but comical mishaps ensue, such as racing down a mountain to reach the gate before it closes.

As they teeter on the brink of chaos, Andrew and his wife must determine what to do with their youngest and most rebellious child — send her to university or kick her out of the house? Part memoir and part self-help book, these warm-hearted stories sparkle with wit and wisdom while providing the laughs and support that a best friend would.

How I Lost My Hair Raising Teenage Girls is a parenting comedy for everyone. If you've raised teenagers or been one, then this is the book for you. If you haven't had children but wondered what it would be like, *this is the book for you*. And if you ever thought that pets would add to your domestic bliss, then ... **this ... is the book for you!**

Visit Andrew's website at www.howilostmyhairraisingteenagegirls.com and connect on Facebook or Instagram: @authorandrewmckinney.

Andrew is also a songwriter and you can listen to his songs and subscribe to his YouTube channel @andrewmckinneysongs.



4TH ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SALE



This year the Stewardship Committee offers 10-inch mixed coloured hanging baskets and 10-inch pots of caliente geraniums in red, lavender, or coral/fuchsia.

Order Deadline: **Friday, May 6.** See information on pages 8 and 9.

Pick up will be in the church parking lot **Tuesday, May 24.** Details to follow.
Call Helen at 905-450-6314 or anyone on the Stewardship Committee if you have any questions.



Easter Flowers



Every year we use flowers to decorate the Easter Cross during our Easter Sunday worship service. The Worship Committee invites you to give cut flowers in memory of a loved one this Easter.

Please give \$20 to cover the cost of the flowers. All names and payments must be received by Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022.

TO GIVE FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS:

1. MAKE YOUR PAYMENT in ONE of these ways:

- Leave \$20 in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers” on the offering plate during in-person worship; **OR**
- Pay online using your bank’s website or app: *Select Interac e-Transfer, use treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca as the payment designation, and enter \$20 for the amount. In the message area, indicate your name and “Easter Flowers.”* You can also pay via our website: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>. **Be sure to mark your payment “Easter Flowers.”**

2. GIVE US YOUR DETAILS in ONE of these ways:

- Include the information below in your in-person payment envelope; **OR**
- E-mail the information below to office@standrewsbrampton.ca; **OR**
- Call Karen Hutchinson at (416) 704-5398 with the information below.

Please submit the following information and your payment by April 10:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: *(Name of loved one[s], for the bulletin)* _____

FROM: *(Name of donor[s], for the bulletin)* _____

PHONE #: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

... Any money collected above the cost of the Easter Flowers will go toward other flower initiatives during the year ...