

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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He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. - Isaiah 2:4

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BIRTHDAYS



May

8

- **Robert Stevenson** 1
- John Bhim 2
- 3 May Banks, Wayne Tedder
- Petra McKittrick 4
- Graham Shepherd, Samantha Silva, 5 Steven White
- Dale Sukhall 7



- Larry Malek 9 Natasha Lopez
- 10 Jennifer Ellis, Stuart Johns
- 11 Kyle Boodhan, Rachna Moon, Steven Sexton
- 14 Nikhil Raj, Gary Van Bolderen
- 15 Nasreen Manuel
- 16 Ariella Huether, Sylvia Tedder, Deke Thayer
- 17 Ruth Kelly-Boxe, Jeffrey McKittrick
- 18 Lori-Anne Smith, Elizabeth Waymann
- 19 Sue Haw, Barb McMechan-Woods, **Kaye Meadows**
- 21 Barry Hutchinson
- 23 Patricia Sankar, Scott Silva
- 24 Marvin Evans, John Nicholson, Devon Peyer, Henry Peyer
- 25 Robert Hakim
- 26 Kwasi Adjepong-Duodu, Dorothy Wood
- 27 Michael Hylton, Madison Millar
- 28 John Urguhart
- 29 Grayson Flint, Dhanmatee Kalyan, Lionel Nichol, Kyle Nicol
- 30 Dale Curtis
- 31 Samantha Collins, Colin Young

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1 Belle Campbell



Condolences

To Valerie Barrett, St. Andrew's Office Administrator, on the death of her brother Glen on April 18.

Easter Sunday at St. Andrew's



Pam Loree decorates the cross



Rev. Wayne Baswick, Emmanuel Osubronie and John Bakkeren pose for a colourful photo



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Wayne's World WAR & PEACE

James 4:1-2 (RSV) What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members? You desire and do not have; so you kill.



And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask.

Psalm 4:6-7 (MSG) Why is everyone hungry for more? "More, more," they say. "More, more." I have God's more-than-enough, More joy in one ordinary day.

On the evening of Wednesday, February 23 around the 10 o'clock hour (Thursday, February 24 around 3:00 to 4:00 a.m. European time), the news came over the radio that Russia had invaded Ukraine with the intent of making it part of the Soviet Union.

War within Europe had once again begun, and the world was put on alert that this may not be confined to just Europe. As during the 1950s, it could be global in scope with the threat of nuclear armaments. The 'cold war' had heated up again. I was not surprised about the invasion since there had been a plethora of rhetoric on the possibility of this happening amidst the hope of peace, but at the same time, a sense of shock came over me. I was shocked that. this sophisticated humanitarian in technological world, a world hopefully turning the corner from COVID-19 and getting on with things, war would land on our doorstep.

James, in his New Testament letter, asks the question: What causes wars? He not only asks the question, but he also gives an answer: One nation wants something it does not have and cannot obtain in an easy manner – the land of another nation. By their invasion, they are prepared to see lives lost on both sides to get it!

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Wayne's World continued

And, as Psalm 4 puts forth in relation to this war, the Soviet Union has perhaps the largest area of land on Earth, but those in the Kremlin, not satisfied with what they have, want *more*. Make no mistake about it – where there is war, there is evil! War is not in God's will or purpose for His created order. Perhaps the insect world has the answer.

One day, two ants were discussing the disordered state of the world. One said, "Aren't these humans stupid? They are constantly making war, shooting, killing and destroying each other." The second ant replied, "They are sure making a mess of things." The first ant added, "But I have an idea. We'll let these crazy humans keep on shooting and killing each other. When they've finished and there are no humans left, we, the ants, will take over the world, and we'll build a society of peace and love." The second ant was delighted. "That's a terrific idea! When the humans have eliminated themselves in war, the ants will rule the world!"

There was a moment of silence in which they relished this wonderful perspective. Then the second ant added thoughtfully, "Just a moment. Do you mean the black ants or the red ants?"

On second thought, perhaps the insect world does not have the answer.

Praying for Peace,

INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S

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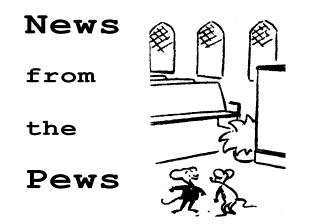
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The church mouse snapped this picture of the Rev. Rosemary Doran and Ann Campbell during a friendly pastoral visit on March 31.



At the Annual Meeting on April 3 Stan Loree used coloured Post-It notes to deliver a "low-tech" report on the church's Income and Expense statement – a report in a format that we could all understand!

The Cairn Family of Camps "RockTalk" Newsletter for March 2022 featured Thomas "Evro" Dewar in its Alumni Spotlight. Here are extracts from the article.



How did your past at camp help to get you where you are today?

Camp has had a massive impact on my life and has shaped me to who I am today. One of the main things I adopted from camp was a love for music. Singing at campfire with a lodge full of beautiful voices always had a way to make my day end just right. Because of all of that, I wanted to carry on my love for music so now I am currently in my third year at the University of Western for Music Composition. I've had some cool projects this year including compositions for trombone and piano, a brass quartet, and a couple electro acoustic pieces. I've also been playing trombone in our Jazz Ensemble which has been an amazing experience.

What would you say most motivates you to do what you do?

My family is a big motivator for my education. Throughout my years, they have been very supportive and have come to a few concerts. They show a lot of love for what I am able to do at Western. They're my #1 fans and I'm very thankful to have them.

What advice would you give to today's staff?

The best and brightest advice I can give is to try and create meaningful camp magic. The best part of being on staff is to be able to see that glimmer of magic in a camper's eyes. It can be something as little as having a conversation with them to as big as a must do session in the week. Magic is everywhere and it's your job to seek it out and share it with everyone.

News from the Pews

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Victoria Dewar is excited to share that she is headed back to the ballpark for her fourth season with the Toronto Blue Jays! She will be returning this year as one of the two Accessible Support Usher Leads, ensuring that the accessible needs of Blue Jays fans are met throughout the stadium!



How wonderful to be able to celebrate Easter with worship services in the Sanctuary once again. The availability of our services online over the last two years has been a blessing to the congregation – our thanks to the "tech team" – but there is nothing to compare with actually **being** in church. This is especially important for the members of the congregation who do not have access to a computer.

Thanks to the Worship Committee and helpers who set up the floral cross in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, using flowers donated by members of the congregation in memory of loved ones.

Easter Memorial Flowers

The cut flowers for the Easter cross were graciously donated in memory of their loved ones by the following people. Thank you.

In loving memory of:

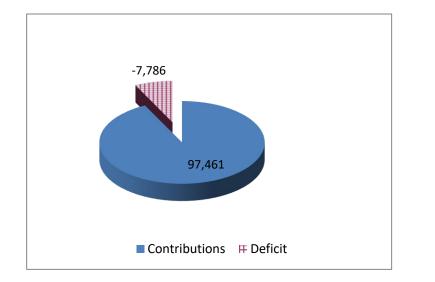
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Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of April 20, 2022



You say, 'If I had a little more, I would be very satisfied.' You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled. – *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

Currently general offerings from January 1 to April 20 are down 14% compared with last year with all other donations increased by 40% for the same period. Expenses are also decreased, leaving a comparable YTD operating deficit. Thank you all for your generosity as we move to re-opening.

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

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

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	1 Jan - 20 Apr 22	1 Jan - 20 Apr 21		
Contributions				
Offerings	63,472.35	73,930.54		
Other Revenue	33,988.69	37,273.29		
Total Contributions	97,461.04	111,203.83		
Expense				
Education	195.96	1,292.77		
Mission	4,155.96	4,007.86		
Property	42,193.01	65,956.48		
Stewardship	54,212.24	46,205.20		
Worship	2,489.86	1,980.97		
Donation - Ukraine Relief	2,000.00	-		
Total Expense	105,247.03	119,443.28		
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(7,785.99)	(8,239.45)		
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	5,593.64	6,335.64		
PWS&D donations*	2,346.64	1,921.64		
Food Bank donations*	16,694.83	9,440.85		

* NOTES: 1) Presbyterian Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank donations are not included in the Offerings numbers above. 2) PWSD donations includes amounts for Ukraine relief over and above the \$2,000 donation made by Session



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

April 2022

It is with prayer that this newsletter finds all our WMS members well and staying safe as we slowly start to return to the 'new' normal.

The WMS was asked by the Rev. Geoff Ross if we would lead service on Sunday March 13th, 2022. Thank you to Debbie Warwick, Robyn Kirkpatrick and Jean Bradshaw for assisting with the service. It was an honour to bring worship to our church family. The service can be found on both our website and YouTube.



Jean Bradshaw and Kim Shepherd behind the masks

Our meeting of Tuesday April 5 was our Easter Worship service, led by our WMS Executive. The 2022 Easter service was written by someone we all know – the Rev. Rebekah Mitchell. Although a small group gathered, we worshipped together and listened to Rebekah's words. If anyone is interested in reading the service, please let Kim Shepherd know.

Following our worship service, we discussed Faith in Action. The WMS will once again be collecting items to make Activity Bags for the Family Centre. The bags were most appreciated last year. The bags can be coloured on to help the children personalize their own bags. We will be collecting the following items: **journals (this helps the children express their feelings either by colouring or by writing)*

* nut-free snacks (granola bars, fruit chews, etc)

*ITunes or Google Play gift cards (all the children have their own devices and music plays a big role in their healing)

*pens/pencils/crayons/pencil crayons

*adult colouring books (this way the mother can colour with the child and it is gender neutral)

*cake/cookie/brownie mixes (these, and icing can be purchased at the Dollar Store. Each Unit has a kitchen and bake ware. The Units like anything to be baked.)

*they are also open to recipes like candy apples we provide all the makings for the candy part, including the sticks. The facility always has apples - just another suggestion that the kids like doing.

*they also like Scripture cards/storybooks etc. They are a Christian organization. My contact even mentioned that she had one family return for a visit to say thank you, and the mother said that she carries the scripture card with her everywhere (and the mother was not a Christian).

Last year, we had a great response, and the Family Centre was so appreciative that we, the church, thought of them to help families in a time of so much uncertainty. The date for drop off is still to be determined. If you wish to donate, contact Kim Shepherd to arrange a pickup or drop off of items. We thank everyone in advance for your donation(s) to help the families.

Our next meeting, via ZOOM, will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm. 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 the Mizpah Benediction: May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another.

Kim Shepherd, President



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PLANT SALE ORDER FORM

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

by Helen Collins Chair, Stewardship Committee

The Annual General Meeting took place on Sunday, April 3, 2022 via ZOOM and in person. It was the first time the meeting was held in a hybrid format. There were 36 ZOOM "windows" open and 22 people in attendance in the sanctuary. Rev. Wayne Baswick moderated and Jean Bradshaw, Clerk of Session, took the Minutes of the meeting.

Brooke Billings of RLB Chartered Professional Accountants was on ZOOM during the AGM. However, due to technical difficulties those in the sanctuary were not able to hear what she was saying, but she could hear us.

RLB gave a standard report for a non-profit organization. Stan Loree reported on the auditor's findings, with Brooke signalling when a clarification was needed. Stan stated that RLB found that for the year ending December 31, 2021 the financial statements provided an accurate representation of the Church's financial position.

Stan Loree has stepped down as the Stewardship Committee's Interim Treasurer, and Anna-Marie Dewar was appointed Treasurer for 2022-2023.

RLB Chartered Professional Accountants were appointed auditors for the year 2022. Bea Embling and Valerie Warren were approved by Session as Envelope Secretaries for another year.

Gord Warren, Debbie Warwick, Henry Peyer and Stan Loree were elected the Trustees for the term ending March 2023.

Before closing the meeting with prayer the Rev. Wayne Baswick offered votes of thanks to the Session and the individuals and groups whose commitment of time and talent have enabled St. Andrew's to survive the pandemic and make worship services available every Sunday.







Macgregors Meat and Seafood is back!

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER

You can find order forms, product details, pricing and payment options in the early April e-blast, in the April newsletter, in this newsletter, and on the church website. Please contact Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563 or email: <u>sj_jack@sympatico.ca</u> 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.



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	CODE	PORTION	lb/ Wt	PRICE	QTY	ΤΟΤΑ	LS
FEATURE ITEMS							
Breaded Stufffed Chicken Cutlet *Par Fried* *While Quantities Last*	77182	12 x 5.3oz	3.95lbs	\$ 37.00		\$	-
Debreizeni Sausage	96002	24 pcs	3.54lbs	\$ 44.00		\$	-
CAB Top Sirloin Steak 2pc/pkg *New Pack Size*	14262	12 x 6oz	4.50lbs	\$ 69.00		\$	-
CAB Striploin Steak 2pc/pkg *New Pack Size*	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 *While Quantities Last*	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/Sknls)	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	\$	-





by Gord Warren

"Punching above your weight"

This is a British sport expression, meaning to have more influence or power and to achieve more than is expected.

Your Food Bank has experienced a relationship with a supplier who is punching above their weight. The Foodland store at Vodden and 410 has been going beyond in helping. They have had a raffle of a BBQ with proceeds going to the Food Bank, they fill the bags that customers can buy for the Food Bank with items that we need, weekly we are given discounts on the food that we purchase, and extra items are added at no cost to the Food Bank. Recently, they supplied two skids of food for free and didn't charge for the items that we purchased that we purchased that we purchased that we purchase that we



We have been blessed in our relationship with the Foodland grocery store and wish to thank them for their generosity at a time when everyone is struggling with the rising costs of food.

Minute for Mission



It's spring, here at St. Andrew's. Once again, we are calling upon our church family to help assist us in our gatherings. We are collecting toiletries for Ellen House and would also appreciate donations of gently used purses to hold the toiletries. We are also collecting toiletries for men – items such as deodorant, manual shavers, soap and washcloths, for the Ontario Correctional Institute.

We would like to thank, in advance, our sisters in the WMS and SALSA for their contributions in support of the Salvation Army Family Resource Centre.

Please reach out to our Mission team if you have any questions.

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

June Young Mission Committee

Faith in Action 2022

by Robyn Kirkpatrick

Calling all gardeners!



We will be planting flowers and vegetables in the beds around St. Andrew's on Saturday, May 28. Bring your gardening tools and gloves with you for a funfilled morning of planting.

For more information and

to sign up to volunteer, please contact Paul Willoughby at <u>wwilloughby4508@rogers.com</u> or call 905-457-4508.

Isaiah 53:7-12 - The Message (MSG)



⁷⁻⁹ He was beaten, he was tortured, but he didn't say a word.
Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered and like a sheep being sheared, he took it all in silence.
Justice miscarried, and he was led off—
and did anyone really know what was happening?
He died without a thought for his own welfare, beaten bloody for the sins of my people.
They buried him with the wicked, threw him in a grave with a rich man, Even though he'd never hurt a soul or said one word that wasn't true.
¹⁰ Still, it's what GOD had in mind all along, to crush him with pain.

The plan was that he give himself as an offering for sin so that he'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life. And GOD's plan will deeply prosper through him.

¹¹⁻¹² Out of that terrible travail of soul, he'll see that it's worth it and be glad he did it.
Through what he experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make many "righteous ones," as he himself carries the burden of their sins.
Therefore I'll reward him extravagantly the best of everything, the highest honors—
Because he looked death in the face and didn't flinch because he embraced the company of the lowest.
He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many, he took up the cause of all the black sheep.



The L6X/L6Y GRACE Group met on Zoom on March 8 and April 12. On March 8 we discussed our S.Q. or Servant Quotient based on the four questions from Rev. Wayne's sermon. On April 12 we invited Marilyn and Jim Hunt to join us by telephone on speaker phone and they were able to hear and join in with us as we shared our thoughts on Hope. Doreen had been reading Jane Goodall's new book, "The Book of Hope" where she is interviewed by Douglas Abrams.



Abrams shared with Jane, "Archbishop Desmond Tutu once told me that optimism can quickly turn to pessimism when the circumstances change. Hope, he explained, is a much deeper source of strength, practically unshakable. When a journalist once asked Tutu why he was optimistic, he said he was not optimistic, he was a 'prisoner of hope,' quoting the prophet Zechariah (ch.9v.12.) He said hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

"Yes," Jane said. "Hope does not deny all the difficulty and all the danger that exists, but it is not stopped by them. There is a lot of darkness, but our actions create the light."

Doreen linked this call to action with the poet Maya Angelou, who urges us to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.

Therefore, may we remain hopeful, take action to create light in the darkness, and strive to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.

The L6T/L6P GRACE Group met on Thursday night April 21 via Zoom. Our discussion was focused on Suzzy Kirkpatrick (a member of our GRACE Group) as we awaited the news from Robyn about her mother's surgery.

There were nine of us on the call and we were able to gather updates on work situations - new and changing.

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

This really is a call to prayer as we watch the nightly news and witness firsthand the atrocities taking place in Ukraine. **We pray for peace.**

The perilous situation taking place in Ukraine while the world watches, and seeing the total destruction of cities and villages as the murder of civilians turns from war crimes to crimes against humanity to genocide, and we may ask "Why?" This question reminded me of a quote in Simon Wiesenthal's book "The Sunflower," in which Jewish people during the Second World War answered the question "Where is God?" with the simple statement that "God is on vacation." Fifty of Wiesenthal's family members were exterminated among the six million Jews during Hitler's war, so he sought answers. So do we, as we continue to spend some time in prayer on the third Friday of each month to ask for God's help.

You are invited to find a friend to join you (virtually or in person) every third Friday of the month to pray for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine, and for solutions that Jesus promised to answer if we prayed together in His name. **We pray for peace.**



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 <u>johnco@sympatico.ca</u>. 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.

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To place your order either email me – Helen Collins – at <u>johnco@sympatico.ca</u> or phone me at 905-450-6314 with the details of your order.

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

PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY ORDERS IN THE CHURCH'S LOCKED MAILBOX. Any plant order mailed to the church should be labeled "To the attention of Helen Collins." If you have any questions or need further information please contact me at: (905) 450-6314.

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

Helen Collins Chair, Stewardship Committee

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek (Ojibway), Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee and Métis peoples