

INSIDE



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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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Birthday boy George "Potsy" Burrows

Fill your minds with those things that are good and deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable. Put into practice what you learnt and received from me.

(Philippians 4: 8-9)



July 2022

- 2 Victoria Goodman
- 3 Perveen Kousar
- 5 Rukhsana Chand, Denise Sannella
- 6 Muriel Taylor
- 7 Bryen Hallim
- 10 Doreen Barrington, Herbert Eitner, Lauren Kennedy
- 11 Dan Hardat, Geraldine Watt
- 12 John Crilly
- 15 Claudio Cabral, Shawna Van Vliet
- 16 David Linton
- 17 Jholene Massy
- 19 Sardar Anjum Bhatti, Elio Jarjour, Cora McAteer
- 20 Suzetta Ali, Doreen Scott-Dunne
- 21 Colin Gow, Jonathan Wooder
- 22 Shahid Emanuel, Cecil Pervez, Adil Rahi
Juliana Tegzes, Jo-ann Urquhart
- 23 Miles Simpson, Amanda Wattier
- 25 Kevin Jarjour
- 27 Marion Crawford, Urmilla Nawaz, Robert Wightman
- 28 Kyle McDonald, Samuel Odzenma, Sr.
- 29 Natalie Hylands, Laura Roberts
- 30 James Jarjour, Emma Leggett, Mark Nicol, Reginald Odzenma, Steve Whidden
- 31 Liam Leggett, Ken Yates



Birthday Blessings



August 2022

- 1 Beatrice Amoah, Rosalind Cammidge, David Lachhman
- 2 Amelia Gow
- 3 Lisa Beck, Nicholas Lachhman, Sally McCoy, Lynn McKittrick, Nathan Woods
- 4 Mya Hamid, Kannan Massey-Mubushar, Mason Whidden
- 5 Adesina Barrington, Anthony Halm, Elizabeth Corbett-Nicholson
- 6 Adam Anjum Bhatti, Regan Ross, Debbie Warwick
- 7 Alexander Koloko
- 8 Andrew Artymko
- 9 Loghan Marshall
- 10 Rudolph Sooklall
- 12 Cameron McKnight
- 14 Cheryl Kerfoot, Wendy Wilson
- 16 Robyn Jarjour, Aftab Massey
- 17 Lisa Gilroy, Kenneth Johnston
- 18 Colleen Peyer, Jack Urquhart
- 19 Roger Jarjour, Annisha Massy
- 22 Carly Wilson
- 23 Andrew Emon
- 24 Koreen Ewald
- 26 Katelyn Brusso, Aibek John, Sarah Ann Orrom, Michael Rodine
- 27 Aksa Basharat
- 28 Vanessa Hutchinson, Jacqueline Wooder
- 29 Sarah Dean
- 30 Rohail Massy
- 31 Leticia Acheampong, Marc Juniper



September 2022

- 1 Isabel Kennedy, Heather Prechner
- 2 Alyssa Decicco
- 4 Darren Ramoutar
- 5 Yasmeen Abbas, Yarousha Iftikhar, Liam Nicol, Alverna Peacock
- 6 Anne Russell



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Rosemary's Reflections



I came across a piece of trivia recently. **Q.** Why do brides often wear white? **A.** Because Queen Victoria did! Apparently prior to the royal wedding brides wore whatever colour they chose but then of course all the brides wanted to be like the Queen and so white became THE colour and has largely remained so ever since.

Two things came to my mind when I heard this. **1)** How much of our life is governed by what other people think, say or do? Some things are necessarily so of course. As children we need to be taught right from wrong, how to abide by the rules of society etc. But what if some of those rules teach us to look down on or disrespect or even destroy others? I grew up in largely Protestant Northern Ireland where we were taught to avoid Roman Catholics. As a child I can remember deliberately walking on the opposite side of the road from a Catholic church, not sure what would happen to me if I didn't, except that it would be bad! When I went to university, however, and actually got to know some Catholics, I found that we had a lot in common, including our faith in God. One in particular became a dear friend and I was a bridesmaid at her wedding. (She wore white!)

In today's society many people base their ideas on the sometimes-craziness of other people, letting themselves be governed by conspiracy theories or rumours or disinformation. It can even happen in the Church. Sometimes when I see or hear about an issue, an action, an attitude that splits a Christian community, I wonder what people outside the walls make of it. How can we "sell" people on the Gospel, if we don't live by its teachings? Remember WWJD? What Would Jesus Do?

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Rosemary's Reflections continued

Jesus preached love of neighbour. As Christians we are challenged to live this in our religious, political, social and family lives. Which brings me to my second point.

2) The job of the Christian is to model Jesus to the world. If we are honest, we have to admit that this doesn't always happen. It's not easy to be a Christian. It can be an exhausting, 24/7 job. But the Bible gives us a road-map. Don't judge others, says Jesus, for God will judge you in the same way. Do for others what you would want them to do for you. Be slow to speak or to become angry, says James. Fill your mind, says Paul, with whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honorable – and then put it into practice. In Matthew's parable of the sheep (the good guys) and the goats (the not-so-good) the sheep wonder how they have merited God's favour. Jesus tells them that whenever they did a good, loving, compassionate thing to someone in need, they did it to him. Let's remember this, as we respond to the challenges of our society. We are, after all, "Jesus-people!"

Rosemary

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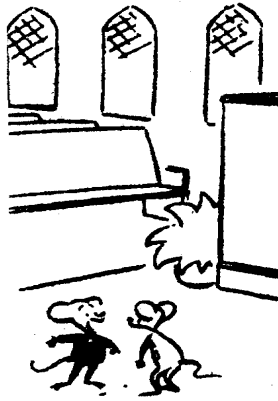
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News from the Pews



Saturday, June 11 was a beautiful, sunny day, and a group from St. Andrew's got together for a morning walk around Chinguacousy Park. What started as a L6T/L6P GRACE Group walk grew to include a number of other, most welcome participants. It was a great opportunity for sharing information and catching up on each other's lives and activities over the past two years while the church was closed.



L to R - Blanche McCreary, Grace Brewster-Yates, Carm McCreary Sandra Jackson, Lee Crawford, Eunice Boyd, Susan Jess, Robyn Kirkpatrick, Felicity Alexander, Valerie Warren, Maggie Nicol.



The group was joined (virtually) by Mike and Molly Harvey who did their longest post-COVID walk in the Cap-à-l'Aigle gardens near to their cottage in Quebec.

On May 29 the Dorans had unexpected visitors, Kiejoon and Chang Hwa Kim, whom they first met in the 1990s in Windsor, ON. At that time Gerry was minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, situated on the edge of the university campus. Students often dropped in to the services and as a result the Dorans frequently had visitors for lunch! So the Kims became part of the church and the family circle. Eventually they moved to Vancouver and contact was usually through Christmas cards, though during one of her trips out west as national President of the WMS, Rosemary was able to meet up with Chang Hwa, who was by then organist at a Presbyterian church in the Vancouver area.

The Kims spoke of the warm welcome they received at St. Andrew's on the Sunday morning before visiting the Dorans, and of their appreciation of the music and the message. That, coupled with the do-you-remember and catch-up time they spent with the Dorans, made it a very special day for all.

George Burrows celebrated his 104th birthday on June 13 and was presented with a unique birthday card – specially created by Ken Jackson. (See newsletter front cover.)



Above is the inside of the card – showing George in various events and stages of his life.

Congratulations to John and Cynthia Prechner who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 22. We wish them many more happy and healthy years together.

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Our South-East Asian Outreach Ministry members worship in the afternoon, and are led by the Rev. Babar Allahditta. The group held an afternoon BBQ in the courtyard after the service on Sunday, June 12.



Samina ([Azaniah Jalal](#)) shared these pictures of the good time they all had. It was a great day for fun, fellowship, laughter, and of course food.



Wilhelmine Strain has not grown an inch during the COVID lockdown, as Felicity Alexander discovered when she visited Wilhelmine and delivered a copy of the June issue of the St. Andrew's newsletter.



June 4, 2022 was a perfect day for a wedding! Although married in an intimate civil ceremony in August of 2020, Barry and Karen Hutchinson's daughter, Vanessa and husband Brandon, were thrilled to have their "real" wedding and be able to celebrate with friends and family.

The weather was perfect, borders were open, restrictions lessened, and it was a weekend filled with love and happiness. From the Welcome Party on Friday evening, to the beautiful outdoor marriage ceremony at Black Barn Winery & Vineyards (Jackson, Michigan) conducted by Rev. Wes Denyer, the wonderful reception and the Sunday brunch — the celebratory vibe was truly palpable. Friends and family from England, Belgium, Canada and the U.S. were reunited, and new friendships forged. Finishing up with BBQ dinners at Vanessa and Brandon's lakeside home, it simply couldn't have been better!

Happiness

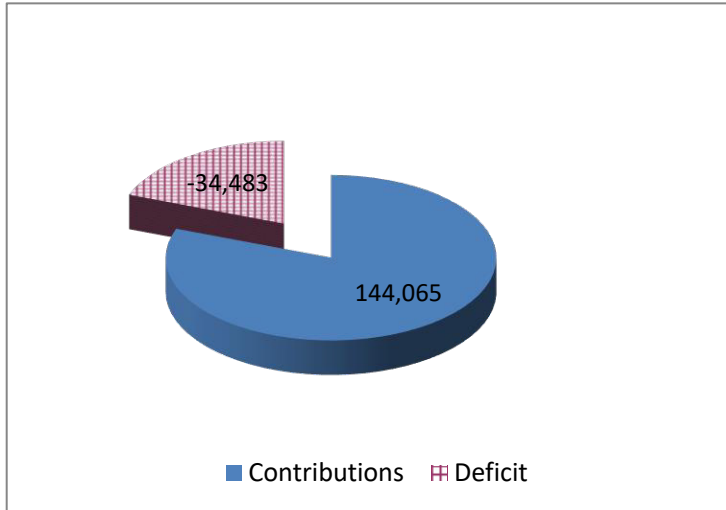
"Happiness. It's not about what you have. It's about how much you appreciate what you have."

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 June 21, 2022



"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give.
I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare."
- C.S. Lewis

Summer is now here, and as everyone starts to enjoy vacation time with their families, we ask that you continue to support the ministries of St. Andrew's.

Currently total contributions from January 1 to June 21 are **down 20%**. Expenses YTD compared to the prior year are comparable but continue to increase as we reopen more. Thank you all for your generosity.

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 - 21 Jun 22	1 Jan - 21 Jun 21
Contributions		
Offerings	101,652.82	105,529.34
Other Revenue	42,412.04	74,443.49
Total Contributions	144,064.86	179,972.83
Expense		
Education	900.25	1,292.77
Mission	7,694.12	6,800.85
Property	57,584.46	81,185.45
Stewardship	101,804.84	91,209.33
Worship	8,564.59	1,980.97
Donation - Ukraine Relief	2,000.00	1,210.36
Total Expense	178,548.26	183,679.73
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(34,483.40)	(3,706.90)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	9,837.96	9,069.96
PWS&D donations*	3,679.96	2,914.96
Food Bank donations*	23,703.79	12,739.80

* 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

June 2022

It has been a joy and a blessing being able to continue to meet. To see everyone's smile; to hear of their month and the happenings in their lives, has been something that I, personally, look forward to.

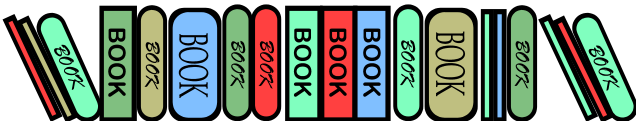


This month we had the honour and blessing to have Ann Campbell join us for our June meeting on Zoom. Lots of laughs, as you can see from the picture, and discussion on lots of TV shows.

It is my prayer that we will be able to meet in person before the end of 2022, but at this time, please stay well, stay safe, and enjoy a wonderful summer.

The evening was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Suggested for Summer Reading or Watching



BOOKS

How I Lost my Hair Raising Teenage Girls by Andrew McKinney

The Women of Pearl Island by Polly Crosby

The President is Missing by Bill Clinton & James Patterson

The President's Daughter by Bill Clinton & James Patterson

The Lying Club by Annie Ward

They Called Me Number One: Secrets and Survival at an Indian Residential School by Bev Sellars

MOVIES or TV SHOWS

Operation Mincemeat – on Netflix

Hudson & Rex

Republic of Doyle

The Rookie

Yellowstone

New Tricks

Miss Scarlett & the Duke

Father Brown

All Creatures Great & Small (Remake on PBS)

Born & Bred

Death in Paradise

Shetland

Bancroft



We will resume our monthly meetings in September starting on Tuesday September 6th, 2022. We will be meeting via Zoom.

Kim Shepherd
President



Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Dear wonderful folks in our GRACE Group,

It was our pleasure to have you to lunch once again after two long years of COVID. Being outside and “breaking bread together” (we had lots of sandwiches!!) was an absolute treat! Dr. Kellam, Jean, Shirley, Ray, Lauren and Sue - what fun it was to engage in conversation and laugh out loud together. Thank-you for your generosity in bringing wonderful food, so that our luncheon could be a success with minimum fuss. Thank-you Sue for sharing your lovely sister Lauren with us.

Because you were all so gracious and left so promptly, I was able to pick up my granddaughter in good time. I also took Ray for his chest X-ray later this afternoon and I will keep you posted when he gets his results. We have got to get him something for that cough. We are sorry that Jean Bradshaw had a clashing appointment, and that Jim Hunt had a migraine, and that Grace was feeling nauseous. We missed you all. I hope next time we meet, we will all be in good health, and that those we missed today will return to good health very soon.

We pray that you have a wonderful summer, reconnecting with folks you love, and that we can welcome you again when we start up GRACE group in the Fall.

Blessings,
Doreen & Ray



Now we are six - or that is how many our L6X/L6Y group had for our Zoom call on June 16. We talked about how we can support Suzzy and

Robyn Kirkpatrick as Suzzy convalesces. We also mentioned how so many of us enjoyed the walk at Ching park in June 11. We then turned to talking about the importance of socializing after the restrictions of COVID. We are all looking forward to celebrating St. Andrew's 175th anniversary.

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

It's difficult to get my head around the fact that we are in our third year of COVID-19. Thinking of all the COVID-related issues that we asked God for help now seem so far away, yet on reflection there are so many ways that God heard and answered our prayers. We have vaccines, most Canadians have had their shots as well as boosters, a vaccine for children is currently going through the approval stages, our health care system, although stretched, has been there for us, and employment is back up. Thank you, Jesus.

Looking back 100 years, I was reading recently that both the Dodge brothers, John and Horace died of complications from the Spanish flu epidemic in 1920. Their company (Chrysler) survived, and it made me think of how many companies failed during COVID and how we will have a new normal going forward.

On the third Friday of every month at 3 pm we continue to spend some time in prayer – after three months the war in Ukraine continues and we continue to hold up the millions of refugees that have fled their country with little hope that they will have a town or village to return to. We pray for peace.

Thank You!

Many thanks to Kim Shepherd who, during the Rev. Geoff's leave of absence, has hosted our Zoom “Fellowship” time at noon on Sundays after the Worship Service.

Food... for Thought

by Gord Warren



Summer is a fun time for families and children, and the improvement of the weather also assists those who attend your Food Bank. It's easier to get around, and while local fresh produce starts to appear in stores, Food Bank clients can only hope that there is enough to go around when they attend St. Andrew's. The number of clients is slowly rising, but while there is a core group who attend, the demographics of the others has changed. The downtown area of Brampton is also changing. Many rooming houses have closed as the properties have been sold and await development, while clients in transient hotels have also been given notice that the buildings will be demolished.

However, the need for assistance from St. Andrew's Food Bank remains. The clients are travelling further, car pooling and using Brampton Transit to get there on Wednesdays. With the high price of food, the choice remains to feed your family or pay the rent. This is a real problem that I'm happy to say St. Andrew's Food Bank tries to solve. We still try to provide a balanced diet for those who come. We have fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs as well as the canned staples. When possible, along with a smile and conversation, we provide almost as much as they can carry. The gratitude from the clients is obvious. The volunteers don't do this alone, everyone who supports the Food Bank helps. Without the Food Bank there would be a large hole to fill in downtown Brampton.

THANK YOU
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Stewardship Corner

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for giving their time, gifts and offerings to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton, for the year 2022 to date.



Please stay tuned for information and details regarding RALLY SUNDAY that is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 18.

As well, the 175th Anniversary Dinner is tentatively set for Saturday, October 15. Details to follow.

Celebrating
175
Years

More information about these two events will be available in the September newsletter, on the St. Andrew's website and in an eblast. The weekly bulletins will also have information regarding these events, as the information is updated.



The book fundraiser "How I Lost My Hair Raising Teenage Girls" is still ongoing, and copies will continue to be available through the church over the summer into the fall.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Yours in faith,

Helen Collins
Chairperson, Stewardship Committee

faith in ACTION



Garden Work Day

June 4 was a beautiful day for a group of volunteers, including the Rev. Wayne Baswick, to start work on tidying up the garden beds and planting flowers around the church. This yearly undertaking was under the direction of master-gardener Paul Willoughby, who continues to take on the responsibility of looking after the garden over the summer. Thanks Paul.



Paul Willoughby, Robyn Kirkpatrick, Emmanuel Osubronie, Samina Babar and daughter Adriel.



Samina Babar, Paul Willoughby and the Rev. Wayne Baswick.



Adriel and Samina Babar, Robyn Kirkpatrick, and Felicity Alexander

Thanks to Samina Babar and Robyn Kirkpatrick who provided snacks, and to Mark and Meaghan Bhim and family who were unable to join the group this year, but provided a delicious pizza lunch.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

By June Young



Summertime is here, and once again, our St. Andrew's family has answered the call. Eunice Boyd, Carm and Blanche McCreary, and Colin & June Young gathered together and packed toiletries, and other necessities, to be distributed to those in need at both Ellen House and the Ontario Correctional Institute. We were able to provide twenty bags/purses for the women and five backpacks for the men.

Thank you once again, for your continuing kindness.





The family of John Boyd would like to thank the St. Andrew's congregation for sharing in John's Celebration of Life and passing on their stories and memories of him. A special thank you to Rev. Geoff Ross, Rev. Wayne Baswick, Shelagh Tyreman and Peter Shepherd for their participation in the service, and also to Michelle Tedder and her crew for the lovely lunch.



Following John's interment at Avonbank Community Cemetery, Eunie and the grandkids released 10 butterflies in memory of John.



St. Andrew's Celebrates 175 years!!!

We will be celebrating our 175th Anniversary in October 2022 with a tentative date of October 15. We are appealing for volunteers to help with the planning and set-up. Michelle Tedder will be preparing our Anniversary dinner; however, we need assistance with planning, set-up and tear down of the evening. If you can help with this celebration, please contact Karen Hutchinson, Chair of the Worship Committee.

Condolences

To Gloria Brown and family on the death of her husband Neil on June 7.

To Emanuel Emanuel whose sister passed away in Pakistan.

MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION

The Rev. Geoff Ross is returning to work on Thursday, June 23, and will conduct the worship services starting June 26 and for all five Sundays in July. He will be on vacation beginning August 1, and will return to full-time duty on **September 1, 2022**.

The Presbytery stated that the Rev. Wayne Baswick will remain Interim Moderator until August 31, 2022. If you need pastoral care, call him at 905- 456-1727. For all other matters, contact our Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw, at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca or 905-455-6573.