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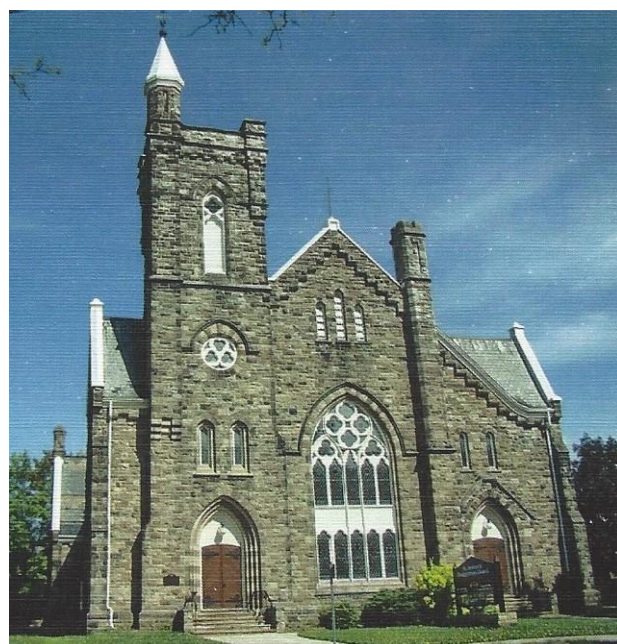
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## This month...



### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
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And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

*(Colossians 3:15)*

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# BIRTHDAYS



## October 2022

- 1 Celine Batasar, Kajah Boodhan, Uzbek John
- 2 Jason Portuondo
- 3 Kathryn Linton, Carlene Rollocks
- 4 Angeline Al Hakim, Sherry-Ann Boodhan,  
Lyn Malek, Jessica Rhind
- 6 Margaret Bakkeren
- 7 Anderson Czerepak
- 8 Margaret Hardat, Shirley Nash
- 9 Kaala O'Gilvie, Cataleya Portuondo
- 10 Catherine Nicholson, Jim Taylor
- 11 Ariel Jokhoo, Phil Leow
- 12 Jennifer Aleong, Penny Owens
- 13 Greyson Artymko, Matthew Dey
- 15 Saqib Bhatti, Emanuel Emanuel
- 17 Joseph Amoah, Karen Dunlop,  
Diane White
- 18 Barbara Osborne
- 19 Pierre-Paul Massy
- 20 Krista Collins, Parker Wilson
- 21 Andro Al Hakim, Elijah Emanuel, Sarah Jess,  
Elizabeth Kreitner, Jonathan McKittrick,  
Chandos Ross
- 22 Jeremy Flint, Carrie Khokhar, Darrie Khokhar
- 23 James Stratton
- 24 Promila Kamal, Christine Wilkinson
- 27 Murray Meadows
- 28 Anna Vanderberg
- 29 Rhena Hyma, Deric Karkada, Cayden Massy,  
Winston Polack
- 30 Zachary Jules, Jelani Koloko



## November 2022

- 3 Bill Temple, Kara Urquhart



Congratulations to Siew Sankar and Mello Roopnarine who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 11, 2022.



Shelagh Tyreman and Rob Hennig on the death of Rob's mother, Herta Hennig, who died on September 14.

God's timing is perfect, so do not despair  
If you're keenly awaiting an answer to prayer,  
Just keep on believing – one day you will see  
A pattern emerging where none used to be.

It may take some time, for although we may feel  
Our needs to be urgent our fears to be real,  
God knows what He's doing, He's in full control,  
But we see a fraction while He sees the whole.

Although you may worry and question His will,  
He hasn't forgotten, He's waiting until  
The threads can be woven to work for your good,  
Shaping your destiny just as they should.

So if you've a problem be patient . . . and wait,  
His answer will not come too early or late,  
Take heart and keep trusting, for He understands . . .  
God's timing is perfect – your life's in His hands

*Marian Cleworth*



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## Geoff's Journal

### *"And be thankful."*

I have been thinking a lot about thankfulness lately – about being thankful and giving thanks.



As most of you know I was off for three months on a medical leave due to exhaustion after two years of navigating through COVID without missing a single worship service, Session meeting, All Committee Night – all online and via Facebook, Zoom meeting, or telephone. Together, with the Elders on the Session, we all had to relearn how to do everything we did in-person, remotely, using a completely different medium. In fact, that first Sunday – Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – I took a leap of faith by recording myself – live from our dining room – for our first ever online worship service! It would be seven months before we held a worship service in the sanctuary (with Peter Shepherd, Simpson, Regan, and Shelagh Tyreman), and it would be another thirteen months before we would hold our first in-person worship service! Nothing was easy – even at home – and, while I was not alone, it all took a toll and, before my health got worse, I heeded my doctor's (and my wife's) advice and stepped away. It wasn't easy for me to do but knew then – and know now – that it was the right decision, and I'm thankful that I was able to do it.

And I am thankful for each of you – for your grace, prayers, and support!

Being thankful is very Biblical. As the above quote from Paul's Letter to the Colossians states, we are to *"be thankful"* (Col 3:15) in all things, as thankfulness is a sign of our life in Christ – it is a hallmark of our gratitude toward God's grace and presence in our lives. Next to loving our God and our neighbours as ourselves, we're to express our faithfulness by responding to God's saving love by being thankful – content, appreciative, grateful.

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## Geoff's Journal continued

And Paul should know; given his experience of God's saving grace, he knew how undeserving he was! In almost every one of his Letters, Paul takes the time to thank those he is writing to for their prayers and support. "*We always give thanks to God for all of you ...*" (1 Thessalonians 1:2), "*I thank my God every time I remember you ...*" (Philippians 1:3), "*First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you ...*" (Romans 1:8). Paul knew that thankfulness was a gift that we're to "*clothe*" ourselves with, along with "*compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.*" (Col 3:12) Being thankful is about being humble, content, and hope, responding to God's grace by trusting fully in God's promise of salvation.

So, in humility and hope, responding to the grace and kindness I have received from so many of you, I am thankful for Regan, Simpson, Chandos and Harrison – and my family; Wayne; Kim and Jean; Peter and Shelagh; Ruth and Justin Kelly-Boxe; St. Andrew's Elders, Committee Chairs, and volunteers; the Prayer Circle and the Congregational Care Team; Valerie Barrett; and you – my sisters and brothers in Christ – for your prayers, generosity, and concern. It means more to me than you know.



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**Deadline for submissions for the November issue is  
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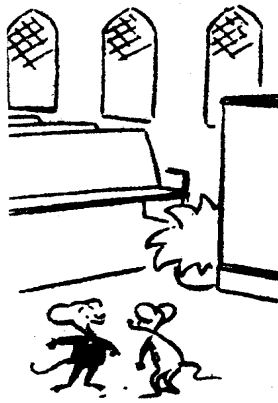
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# News from the Pews



Thanks to Tony Persaud and Dwayne Clarke of Postplus for printing our September newsletter in colour at no extra charge.



The crown of Scotland that was placed on Queen Elizabeth's casket at St. Giles Cathedral was designed by Molly Harvey's ancestor John Mossman, a goldsmith who lived in what was to become John Knox house. Molly's middle name is Mossman.



These two pictures span the 60 years of the Dorans' married life. Picture #1 shows us just after the September, 1962 ceremony in my (Rosemary's) home church in Belfast. See how young we were! Fast forward to picture #2 - where we look just a little bit older! - taken recently when Felicity came to bring us a beautiful card from the church marking our Diamond anniversary. Many thanks for all the loving wishes we received. They are much appreciated.

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In mid-September Shelagh Tyreman was a member of the Dragons Abreast Toronto dragon boat team, which won gold medals in both the Breast Cancer Survivor 200m Sprint Final and the 500m Grand Final races at the Great White North regatta, held in Marilyn Bell Park, Toronto.

Congratulations to Shelagh and the team. This adds to the other gold medals won by Shelagh and her teammates at both the Hamilton and Guelph regattas, earlier this summer.

Dragons Abreast is a dragon boat team whose mission is to demonstrate that those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer can lead full, active and healthy lives after diagnosis. Shelagh and her team paddled 125km along the Trent Severn Waterway in June, both to raise funds for breast cancer patients, and to celebrate the 25-year anniversary of the team. As such, Dragons Abreast is the second oldest BCS team in the world - warrior women all!



Congratulations to Rev. Geoff Ross who is pictured above holding two of the sailing trophies he won over the summer. In his right hand is the Season Series Champion for the best total 'points' score for the season (he won two races and came third in another). The trophy in his left hand is the President's Cup Trophy for winning the final race of the season.

Congratulations also go to Bill Dewar who on September 17 was promoted to the rank of Colonel for the King's 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment - Scout Brigade of Fort George!

Thanks to Barb McMechan-Woods who sent us the information below about her daughter Petra.

Petra Woods and her partner Natalie Tam have both qualified for the 2021 Rugby League World Cup to be held in England in October/November of this year. The Cup is held every 4 years but was delayed last year due to COVID.

Petra & Natalie have been working tirelessly to meet their goal of making the team. They train 3-4 times per week and also drove 50 hours across Canada to attend the first try-out in April of this year in British Columbia. In 2017, the Cup was held in Australia and Petra & Natalie both made the team. However, Petra tore her ACL on the last play of the tryout game and had to withdraw from the active team member roster. She was able to attend as the Team Manager, and then she underwent ACL repair surgery in January 2018 and they returned to Australia in February, 2018 for the Commonwealth Games. They were featured in an article in the Sports section of the Globe and Mail on Saturday, September 10.

We are very proud of everything that they have accomplished this year – including opening their own Rugby Club – the Scarborough Aces – which focusses on inclusivity and bringing rugby to the under-represented communities. The Scarborough Aces won their division this year!! Way to go Petra and Natalie!!



Pam & Jordan



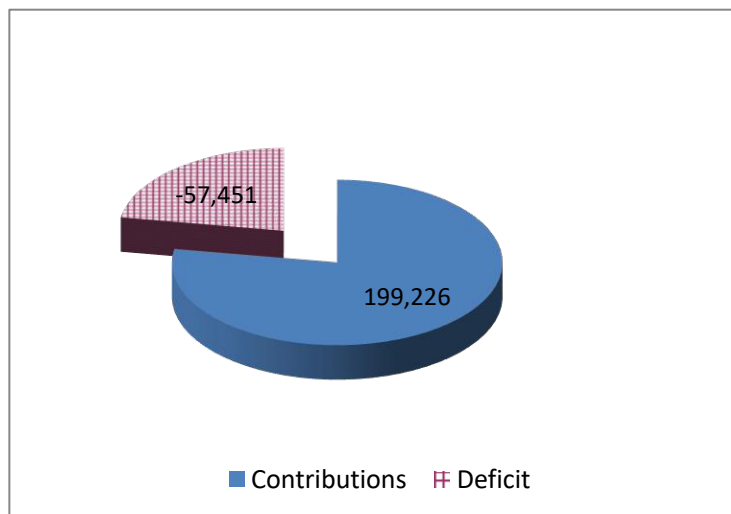
Stan & Alex

In early September Pam and Stan Loree drove to PEI for a holiday with son Alex and his wife Jordan. They rented a cottage at Stanhope Beach and enjoyed walks on the beach, golf, a boat tour, lobster supper, and Cow's ice cream. On the way they visited Bernadette Morin and Brent Thomas, who moved to Bouctouche, New Brunswick last spring.

# Church Finances

## Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of September 18, 2022



Currently total contributions from January 1 to September 18 are **down 23%**. Expenses YTD compared to the prior year are down but we have some major repairs to do this fall to upgrade the fire panel and to repairs to the second boiler to make it operational. 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**

*"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.  
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."  
2 Corinthians 9:6*

**As we all get back to our fall routines, please remember to give to the general fund, especially as we take on our major building repairs this fall.**

## Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	1 Jan - 18 Sep 22	1 Jan - 18 Sep 21
<b>Contributions</b>		
Offerings	150,207.73	158,966.36
Other Revenue	49,018.37	99,356.13
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>199,226.10</b>	<b>258,322.49</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Education	1,198.46	1,956.13
Mission	11,526.67	10,393.63
Property	76,345.17	161,915.80
Stewardship	153,107.27	123,237.14
Worship	12,499.16	4,758.27
Donation - Ukraine Relief	2,000.00	1,335.09
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>256,676.73</b>	<b>303,596.06</b>
<b>Net General Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(57,450.63)</b>	<b>(45,273.57)</b>
<b>Presbyterian Sharing donations*</b>	<b>15,151.28</b>	<b>14,588.94</b>
<b>PWS&amp;D donations*</b>	<b>5,468.28</b>	<b>4,744.94</b>
<b>Food Bank donations*</b>	<b>31,471.49</b>	<b>18,841.65</b>

\* 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

As promised in the September newsletter, here is information and pictures from our Faith in Act!on project.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Faith in Act!on project, doing Activity Bags for the Family Centre here in Brampton. The Family Center is so grateful for our bags, we are hopeful that we can continue again in 2023.



Above are some of the items that went into the Activity Bags.



We were able to do 20 bags including five \$20 I-Tunes cards.



Pam Loree with Activity Bags.

Our September Zoom meeting was full of laughter and catching up on everyone's summer, and for some holidays still to come. We will continue to meet for the foreseeable future by Zoom.

After some discussion we made the difficult decision to not hold our Christams High Tea and Bake Sale this year. The group will be discussing possible events in 2023.

For anyone wishing to join us for our WMS meetings, they are held the first Tuesday of the month (September – June) at 7:00 pm. Please send an email to Kim Shepherd, President, ([kimbers1269@gmail.com](mailto:kimbers1269@gmail.com)), so you can receive the Zoom link and any information for the meetings.

Our October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm for our Thanksgiving Service. The roll call for the evening will be "What are you thankful for?"

I close with the Mizpah Benediction:

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another."

Kim Shepherd  
President





The L6T/L6P GRACE Group met via Zoom on September 15. The meeting gave us the opportunity to catch up on everyone's summer activities which included canoe trips and escapes to cottages in Quebec and Haliburton and visits to Newfoundland. We shared family news and discussed the challenges of the job market. We were all pleased to learn of the lifting of some of the restrictions regarding masking at church and the return of coffee fellowship. We are all looking forward to the 175th anniversary of St. Andrew's in October.

There were technical difficulties in setting up the L6X/L6Y GRACE Group Zoom meeting for Tuesday, September 13, so at the last minute we switched it to an in-person meeting. As a result, some folks were unable to attend, and so Doreen and Ray had a lovely visit with Marilyn and Jim Hunt, who have been unable to access Zoom.

We would like to invite all GRACE group members to the next meeting at our home at the new time of **1 pm on Tuesday, October 11**. We hope all of you who are in Ontario are able to come this time. We wish Grace safe travels home from Seattle and Sue safe travels to Alberta. It's great that people are travelling again.

*Doreen Scott-Dunne*

## CALL TO PRAYER



*by Ray Scanlan*

In the book of Habakkuk the prophet writes:

- "How long O Lord must I call for help? But you do not listen!
- Violence is everywhere I cry, but you do not come to save.
- Must I forever see these evil deeds?
- Why should I watch all this misery?
- Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence.
- I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight.
- The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts.
- The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted."

Sometimes we feel like the prophet and call out to God, "have you forgotten the millions of refugees around the world and the pain and suffering of those in war-torn countries?" What can we do? We pray for discernment and wisdom and are reminded of Habakkuk 2:4 "But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God."

So we continue to pray for our church family, our city, our country and world situations that only God can answer. You are invited to join us in prayer from your home, at 3pm on the third Friday of each month.

## A Mission Minute of Your Time

by June Young



Autumn leaves of many colours will soon be gracing the ground. Once again, the Mission Committee asks our St. Andrew's family to help those in need at Ellen House. The cold weather will be here before we know it, and once again, those requiring assistance will need to combat the winter's chill.

We are collecting scarves, hats, and gloves and/or mittens. This will be known as "Project: Cozy."

We are hoping that once again, our church family will be able to reach out, to help us in our quest.

We will collect these items at the church on Sunday, November 6. We plan to distribute these items by the first week of December. Any items left over will be distributed to our neighbourhood folk in need.

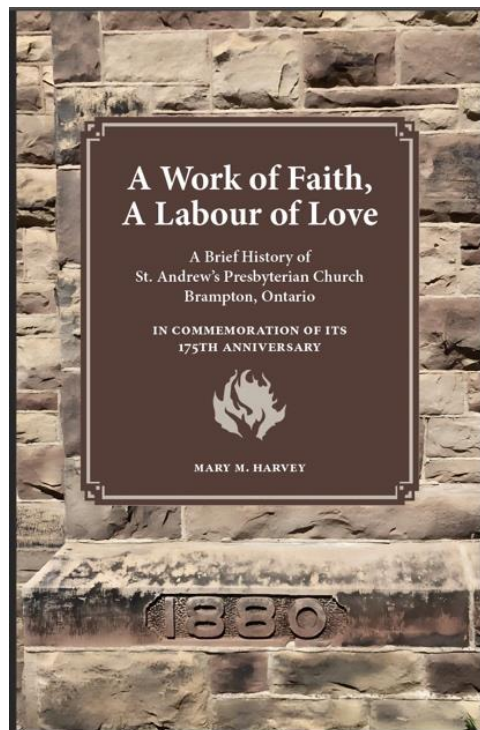
If you wish to make a monetary donation by mail or online, please indicate that it is for "Project: Cozy."

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

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



## St. Andrew's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Andrew's Brampton will be commemorated with the publication of *A Work of Faith, A Labour of Love*. This booklet outlines the history of the congregation from its formation in 1847 when the first Presbyterian minister was called to Brampton. It tells about the ministers who have served here since then and includes descriptions of the interior of the current building. The author Mary M. (Molly) Harvey tells of the leaders and the programs that have shaped our history. The foreword was written by Minister Emeritus Rev. Rosemary Doran.

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The Moderator of The 147<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Reverend Dr. Robert N. Faris, will be joining us at St. Andrew's as guest minister for our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service on **Sunday, October 16**, and any other part of our Anniversary celebrations which are to be determined

for and on this Anniversary weekend.

St. Andrew's Food Bank Nomination for the  
Kiwanis' **George W. Harley Award** for  
Community Volunteerism

*by Gord Warren*

**Grace Brewster-Yates** was the St. Andrew's Food Bank's nominee for the Kiwanis' George W. Harley Award for Community Volunteerism. Below is the Food Bank's submission.

"In 1963 a lonely young lady from Guyana arrived in Canada. She was determined to make her way and succeed in her new country. After various moves and changes she ended up in Brampton. In 1991 she started supporting the Food Bank financially as she was still working full time. This changed in 1998 when she retired and started helping out full time at the Food Bank. Throughout the years, her compassion for others showed as she worked at any position that allowed her to support the disadvantaged in Brampton.

Grace has worked in the clothing room, handing out food at many different stations, handling the Food Bank finances, shopping and anything else that was asked of her. When the Food Bank had the Christmas luncheons she managed the kitchen, purchased supplies and generally ensured that the meal was a success. She was one of the founding committee members who were asked by the Presbyterian Church to take over the Food Bank. She assisted in the design of the food distribution room when the area was successfully remodeled a few years ago.

During the hectic days of sorting, preparing both the perishable and non-perishable foods for distribution to the Food Bank clients, Grace has been described by her co-workers as calm, polite and hardworking. Whenever there was a problem Grace usually came up with a workable solution.

Here is one example of Grace solving a problem:

The Food Bank had an over-abundance of chickpeas. When Grace tried to give it to the clients many didn't want it because they didn't know what to do with it. Grace took some home with her and during the next week's Food Bank she had various cooked products available for tasting, and the recipes she used to make them. It was a great success; chickpeas became a wanted commodity, and Grace became the person the clients talked to about how to cook unusual (to them) items.

Grace's smile, laughter and great sense of humour has carried the Food Bank volunteers through both high and low points over the years. Even during COVID-19, when she couldn't participate as completely as before, she managed to package product for use by the clients, monitor the status of the police checks and keep track of the hours accumulated by the students. She's involved with a group of knitters who supply hats, gloves and scarves to the Food Bank clients during the winter.

Grace is the type of person who works in the background, making sure that everything is completed properly, never seeking the limelight and this is why we believe that Grace Brewster-Yates is a suitable recipient of the award for volunteerism."

We are delighted to report that, after careful consideration, the Kiwanis chose Grace as the award winner for 2022.

On Wednesday, September 14 Stan Loree (representing the Kiwanis) presented the award certificate to Grace, and a donation cheque for \$1,500 to Food Bank Chairman, Gord Warren.



Congratulations to Grace on this well-deserved recognition of her years of volunteerism with the St. Andrew's Food Bank.

**Congratulations!**





## Stewardship Corner

As you may be aware, RALLY Sunday will not be held this year. Normally, the Stewardship Committee hosts this event on the third Sunday in September.

COVID created challenges for all of us, and our church was no exception.

RALLY Sunday is a day where each church committee or group sets up a display board telling everyone what their committee does. The congregation is encouraged to have a look and see where their gifts can be utilized as a volunteer. Christian Education, Congregational Care, Food Bank, Mission, Prayer Circle, Property Committee, SALSA Women's Group, Stewardship Committee, WMS, Ushering and the Worship Committee are the various committees/groups in our Church.

Everyone has gift(s) that God has blessed them with. It is up to us to use them for the purpose of God's work.

Like many of you, I have volunteered for many years. I started in the school system when my middle child began kindergarten, and did so for many years. After that I started volunteering at St. Andrew's and have made many friends; some of which evolved into lifelong friendships. I have felt God guiding me along the way in my various activities.

So take a moment and think about the talents or gifts you have, how much time you have available, and which committee you would like to contribute to and enjoy.

I have never regretted getting involved. You are paying it forward, and there are many rewards. It is also a wonderful way to give back and show thanks to God.

All of the committees are in need of your time and gifts. Talk to the chairs and/or committee members to get the information you need in order to make a decision. God will be smiling down on you.

Yours in faith,  
Helen Collins, Chairperson

## Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for the money,  
It's not for the fame,  
It's not for any personal gain.  
It's just for the love of fellow man.  
It's just to lend a helping hand.

It's just to give a tithe of self,  
That's something you can't buy with wealth,  
It's not for medals won with pride,  
It's for that feeling deep inside.

It's that reward down in your heart.  
It's that feeling that you've been a part  
Of helping others far and near  
That makes you become a volunteer!

Author Unknown

