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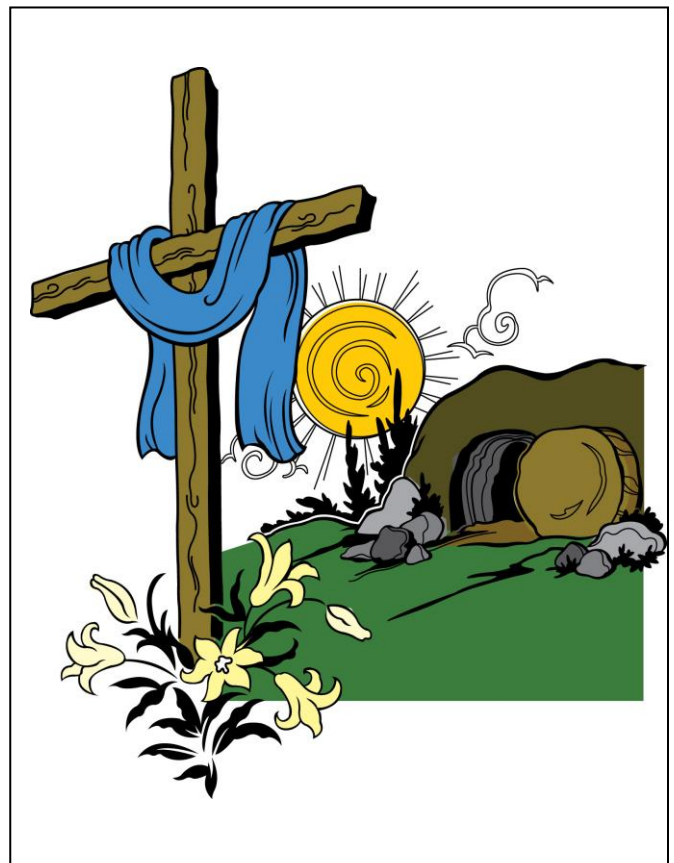
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

At St. Andrew's, Brampton, we: learn together to know God's love through worship, study, and prayer; put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other; use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.

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This month...



*"...the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."
(Matthew 28:5-6)*

BIRTHDAYS

April 2023

- 1 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
- 21 Nazia Asif, Steve Dunlop, Luke Kinnear, Jozsef Tegzes
- 22 Sherry Sampath
- 23 Stephen Coughlin, Beth Dunlop, Regina Odzenma, Hilary Roberts
- 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 2023

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



Cathy Nicholson and daughter Elizabeth, on the death of John Nicholson on March 8.

The family of Frank Howlett who died on March 10 in Barrie at the age of 85.

Both John Nicholson and Frank Howlett were former Elders of St. Andrew's, Brampton.



Above, Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw invites the Rev. Geoff Ross to reaffirm the ordination vows of returning Elder Ray Scanlan.



The choir continues to delight us. A hearty thank-you to Shelagh and the group of musicians who support her, and praise and thanks to the members of the choir whose talent we enjoy on Sundays.



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Geoff's Journal



"Do not be afraid..." A Message of Hope.

As you read this, April begins my 10th and last Holy Week with you, and by God's plan, the Easter Sunday Lectionary offers the above message of hope – a direct message of hope to a people and community that was facing an uncertain future. It's a message that I also want to offer to you: *"Do not be afraid."*

At Christmas, the angels appeared on the night of the Incarnation to proclaim the same message. They told the frightened shepherds that they were bringing a message of *"good news of great joy for all the people"* – and, at the tomb, the angel's message to the women mourning Jesus' death is also good news of great joy: Jesus *"is not here; for He has been raised...."* The message of hope in both instances is that the passages of this world – birth and death, beginnings and endings, arriving and leaving – are part of God's plan for us. In 2012 I was called to be your minister because it was God's plan and purpose for both St. Andrew's and me, and now, in 2023, it's now God's plan for me to be called away. I believe that God's plan for St. Andrew's – when I arrived, and continues to be – one of hope: *"Do not be afraid."*

Easter Sunday will be my 517th and last worship service at St. Andrew's. That number increases to 638 when you include the 25 weddings and 96 funerals I also officiated. (I also did 87 baptisms and welcomed 100 new members.) Over the past 10 years, St. Andrew's has experienced a generational transition: made evident as each year we lost respected, beloved members such as Bob Alexander, Neola McArthur, Bruce Carruthers, Dorothy Brown, Sam Mayes, Bill Russell, John Boyd, and George Burrows.

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Geoff's Journal continued

But St. Andrew's also experienced over 100 baptisms, welcomed 100 new members, and each year started new initiatives like the transition to Term Service, the launch of the GRACE Groups, the establishment of the Flame Memorial Fund, and the start of the South-East Asian Outreach ministry. Throughout all this change God's message was: *"Do not be afraid."*

On June 24th, 2012, as I preached for the Call, I started my sermon, I spoke about how *"my focus [was] on you, on reminding you – each of you, [and St. Andrew's] – of your calling to be a part of the Body of Christ as a people chosen by God as, together, we seek to build up the kingdom of God."* And, for my time as your minister, with God's grace and the Holy Spirit's guidance, this is what I did to the best of my ability. As I pray that God will continue to bless St. Andrew's and its people, my prayer for you is one of hope: *"Do not be afraid."*

Yours in Christ,

Geoff

INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S

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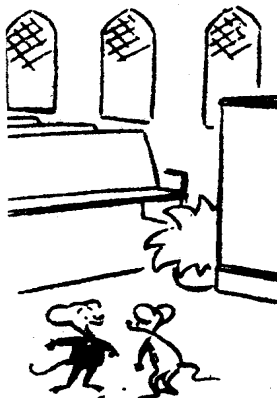
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News from the Pews



Thank you to Michelle and Wayne Tedder and Susan Jess who prepared and served the delicious pancake lunch on February 26. You can see photos of the event on page 15 of this newsletter.



David and Jennifer Aleong are enjoying their roles as Grandparents as they welcomed two grandsons in recent months.



Their first grandson, Asher Ryan, was born on November 11, 2022 to their daughter, Michelle and her husband, Jeremy Kurtz. Michelle and Jeremy live in Seattle and for the month of December, David and Jennifer enjoyed an extended visit with them. The new grandparents were kept busy, assisting with shopping, meals and laundry but also had a wonderful time enjoying the milder winter weather. They

had the opportunity to attend a Seattle hockey game and cheered on the local team – Go Krakens!

According to Jennifer, they enjoyed taking walks around the Fremont neighbourhood and ate too many pastries at the many coffee shops and bakeries. Of course, most delightful for them was being able to celebrate Asher's first Christmas with Michelle and Jeremy.



It was a busy beginning to 2023! On January 4, as David was celebrating his 70th birthday, their second grandson, James Ethan, (see photo above) arrived earlier than expected. James's parents, Richard Aleong and Jessica Chan, live in Kelowna, BC, and the excited grandparents arrived in Kelowna on January 7. It was "all hands-on deck" with a tiny newborn, and the now experienced grandparents were able to provide much needed assistance. However, as joyful and busy as the days were, it was the new parents who endured the many sleepless nights – the benefits of being the grandparents!

David and Jennifer wrapped up their west coast travels with a short visit to Jennifer's brother in Vancouver. While there, they were joined by Jennifer's sister, who came in from England, and another brother, who travelled from Mississauga, to join in the family reunion.

David still faces many challenges with his health issues. He and Jennifer strive to stay positive, grateful for all of life's blessings and thankful for all the kindness and support of their family and friends.



The Rev. Geoff Ross and family joined us in 2012, and in this picture they are cutting a cake at a welcome barbeque hosted by Molly and Mike Harvey.

On page 14 of this newsletter there is a picture of them with a farewell cake.



Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:30 am
Palm Sunday
Reception of Youth Confirmation Class

Thursday, April 6, 2023 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday: Communion

Friday, April 7, 2023 11:00 am
Good Friday: A Passion Drama

Sunday, April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday
8:00 am Communion Sunrise Service

10:30 am Service with Leap of Faith Band

Thank you to Simpson Ross



Where the father goes, the family is sure to follow.

And so it is that Simpson will also be leaving us on April 9. She has been a key part of the technology team on Sunday mornings and will be missed.

Your help has been important to the broadcast and I'm not sure how I'll manage without your gentle reminders and insights. I want to say thank you to Simpson personally, and on behalf of the congregation.

Sincerely,
Peter Shepherd.

A film crew will be using our church building on April 10, 11 and 12, so the church will be closed. The Food Bank will be open on Thursday, April 13 instead of on Wednesday, April 12.

Upcoming Worship Services

We have moved our livestream worship services to YouTube!

If you are unable to attend services in person, please join us online for worship each Sunday at 10:30 am. Click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.andrewspresbyterianchor5179/streams>



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us in person or online for the Annual Meeting at 11:45 am on Sunday, April 23. Information on accessing the link will be provided in the Sunday bulletins in April.

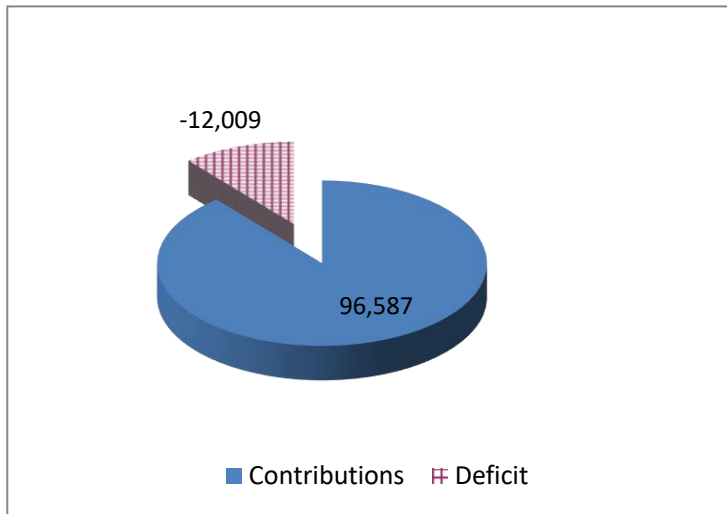


Copies of the Annual Meeting Agenda and Committee Reports to be discussed and approved will be available for pick up in the church, and will also be posted in advance on the St. Andrew's website: www.standrewsbrampton.ca.

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 20, 2023

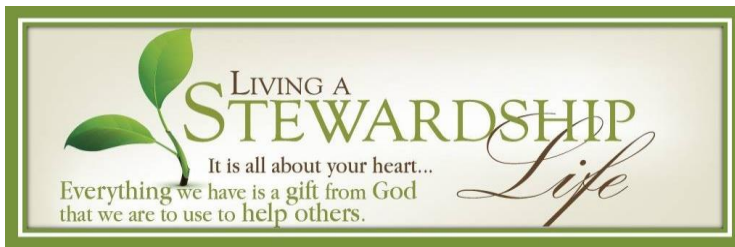


Stewardship would like to ask everyone to consider going on PAR or increasing their PAR givings.

Included in other revenue is \$30,000 for the SEAOM Grant from the PCC and \$13,249 is from Brampton Caledon Community Foundation.

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**



Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Mar 20, 2023	Jan 1 - Mar 20, 2022
Contributions		
Offerings	50,188.29	51,829.83
Other Revenue	46,398.63	1,094.00
Total Contributions	96,586.92	52,923.83
Expense		
Education	221.29	705.30
Mission	7,882.36	4,377.83
Property	36,445.40	41,424.16
Stewardship	60,573.93	61,414.80
Worship	3,472.78	2,486.24
Donation - Ukraine Relief	-	2,000.00
Total Expense	108,595.76	112,408.33
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(12,008.84)	(59,484.50)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	4,515.66	4,718.98
PWS&D donations*	1,024.16	1,594.98
Food Bank donations*	13,841.02	15,750.36

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

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5TH ANNUAL HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER

Please note: In the summer of 2022 the hanging baskets did not do as well as they normally do. I contacted the nursery regarding this. They said that in 2022 they tried a new soil method. Apparently, lab tests from the suppliers' lab showed that the soil would act the same as the previous soil. It did not. It dried out faster and wetting was a problem. The nursery has returned to using the previous soil method. The problem should be solved going forward this year.

Please help support St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church by purchasing our beautiful hanging baskets. We are working with the same nursery as last year. The prices have stayed the same 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 2 until Sunday, May 7 – the deadline. Pick up for your order will at the church on Tuesday, May 23.** Details of the pick-up times will be provided closer to the date.

Anyone wishing to purchase flowers can do so in two ways.

- **The first option is to mail or drop off a cheque or cash, with the order form, to my home at 10 Parkview Place, Brampton, L6W 2G1.** I live in the Highway 10/Steeles area – the Old Peel Village. Please do not mail cash.
- **The second option is to either phone, drop off to my home or email me your order then e-transfer the money to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca.** In the message area state that the funds are for the hanging basket fundraiser. 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. Please note: **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 a cheque included. No postdated cheques please.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser.

Helen Collins
Chair
Stewardship Committee



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OFFICE USE ONLY	
REC'D:	
PAID:	
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**. All taxes are included. Orders **cannot** be processed **without** a cheque(s), cash or e-transfer. 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 an order form, product details and pricing. It will also be posted on the Church's website and in the weekly bulletin. Please contact Valerie Warren at email: warren3472@gmail.com or call her at 905-456-3472 if you wish to receive order forms and details by email or if you need a printed copy. Printed copies of the order forms will also be available in the Great Hall.

Payment can be in the form of cash, cheque – payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church or e-transfer to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca. If e-transferring, please state it is for the Macgregors Meat and Seafood fundraiser.

Orders will be accepted from **Sunday, April 2 to Sunday, May 7**. Pick up at the church will be on **Thursday May 18**. This way you will receive your order in time for the May long weekend.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Warren at her email address or phone number provided above.

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone who supports this fundraiser. The proceeds will go to the ministries and work of St. Andrew's.

Food... for Thought



by Grace Brewster-Yates

Previous Food for Thought articles discussed “generosity” and “thankfulness.” Sharing what we have with others must also be practiced.

Recently, the Executive Director of Knights Table (an organization in Brampton which has a Food Bank and also provides free hot meals) contacted the Chairman of our Food Bank Committee to enquire if we were interested in participating in the Region of Peel Gift Card distribution for our clients. We gratefully accepted the offer and recently distributed approximately 70 President's Choice food gift cards, each valued at \$50.00, to our clients, many of whom are immigrants originating from over 20 different countries around the world. Our clients were very thankful for the surprise boost to their food budget.

Spring has started and we are already looking forward to summer. During the last three years our Food Bank at the church premises was closed because of COVID, therefore our high school student volunteer hour program was cancelled. We would now like to invite students in need of volunteer hours (which would enable them to graduate high school) to reach out to any Food Bank committee member for information.

Our Minister, the Rev. Geoff Ross, who has served St. Andrew's Church and our Food Bank for nearly 11 years, is moving on to a new call. THANK YOU Geoff, for selflessly supporting us with both pastoral care and physical aid. THANK YOU also to his wife Reagan, who every summer has shared the produce from her kitchen garden with our clients.

Again, THANK YOU Geoff, and God's richest blessings on your new call.

NAME:

PHONE #:

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	CODE	PORTION	lb/ Wt	PRICE	QTY	TOTALS
FEATURE ITEMS						
Certified Angus Beef® Chuck Burger 	46102	20 x 7 ox	8.81 lbs	\$ 65.00		\$ -
Bacon Wrapped Tenderloin Steak 2pc/pkg	14962	20 x 4 oz	5.07lbs	\$ 88.00		\$ -
Butterfly Garlic Shrimp 16-20 per lb	81272	36 pcs	2.00 lbs	\$ 28.00		\$ -
Smoked Pork Back Ribs BBQ sauce	92862	6 x 21oz	7.87lbs	\$ 60.00		\$ -
BEEF						
Certified Angus Beef® Top Sirloin Steak 2pc/pkg 	14262	12 x 6oz	4.50lbs	\$ 69.00		\$ -
Certified Angus Beef® Striploin Steak 2pc/pkg 	14442	6 x 10oz	3.77lbs	\$ 83.00		\$ -
Certified Angus Beef® Top Sirloin <u>Roast</u> 2/case 	14222	2 x 907gr	3.99lbs	\$ 64.00		\$ -
Sirloin Bavette Steak <u>4 per pack</u>	18842	16 x 115 gr	4.06 lbs	\$ 52.00		\$ -
Certified Angus Beef® Ground Chuck Beef 	46142	6 x 500gr	6.61lb	\$ 54.00		\$ -
Slow Cooked Beef Pot Roast	92572	8 x 20.28 oz	10.15lbs	\$ 99.00		\$ -
Steakhouse Burger 6 oz	40002	24 x 6 oz	9.00lbs	\$ 49.00		\$ -
Steakhouse Burger 4 oz	46342	40 x 4 oz	9.96 lbs	\$ 53.00		\$ -
All Beef Hot Dogs	64222	30 x 3.5 oz	6.61lbs	\$ 45.00		\$ -
Italian Style Cooked Meatballs	90052	450 x .35oz	9.92lbs	\$ 45.00		\$ -
CHICKEN						
Fully Cooked Chicken Wings	92872	random	6.00lbs	\$ 48.00		\$ -
IVP Just Chicken Breast (B/S) 2/per vac	77162	6-8oz	8.81lbs	\$ 80.00		\$ -
Breaded Chicken Fingers <u>*Par-Fried*</u>	71025	random	8.81lbs	\$ 68.00		\$ -
Chicken Souvlaki	65632	15 x 2.3oz	2.15 lbs	\$ 28.00		\$ -
SEAFOOD						
Rainbow Trout Fillets Bnls/Skin On	87212	8-9pcs x 6-7oz	3.33lbs	\$ 50.00		\$ -
Smokey Maple Bacon Wrapped Salmon 	88602	10 x 5 oz	3.13lbs	\$ 67.00		\$ -
Atlantic Salmon Portion(Bnls/Sknls) <u>*New Pack Size*</u> 	88772	14 x 5 oz	4.34 lbs	\$ 99.00		\$ -
PORK						
Debreizeni Sausage	96002	24 pcs	7.80lbs	\$ 44.00		\$ -
Niman Ranch Pork Rib Chop 	61962	10x8oz	4.96lbs	\$ 64.00		\$ -
Thick Cut Peameal Bacon	60062	6x500gr	6.61lbs	\$ 49.00		\$ -
Thick Cut Canadian Sliced Bacon	60022	6x500gr	6.61lbs	\$ 58.00		\$ -
SPRING/SUMMER 2023				TOTAL	0	\$ -

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

Recently, during the Confirmation class, the question arose, “Why and how should we pray?”

Sometimes the answer of why is easy, as we see events happening around us and around the world that are beyond our immediate control and that only God can address. But a simple framework came up that seems to answer the questions of Why, How and What we should pray for.

The simple formula is Thank You, Forgive me and I need.

Often we see things like war, natural disasters and human suffering, and we forget all the good things that God has done and prayers that He has answered, so we need to make our thanks known.

The second step is easy and will always result in an answer as we ask God to forgive us for anything we have done. We can rely on God who gave us the Lord’s Prayer as an assurance.

The third step is also easy and begins with what we need or ask God for help or intervention in, whatever issue is on our heart. Jesus said to ask him for whatever we need and to love one another.

That is not complicated, and God is faithful.

PresbyCan Daily Devotional - March 22, 2023

Prayer: Dear Father, You have given us so much for which to be thankful. Rather than habitually focusing on the negative and inconvenient, may we stop to look for the good in people and things around us. Amen.



Once again the L6T/L6P group met via Zoom, but this time we tried to share a Right Now Media video entitled *Be Still*. As none of us are techie gurus, we managed to share only the audio portion of the video. It did spur some discussion in the short time we had.

Lee Crawford shared a brief glimpse of her granddaughter Winona.



The L6X/L6Y GRACE Group met on Tuesday, March 21. We were all delighted that Spring had finally come, and happy to share personal updates and enjoy fellowship together. We particularly enjoyed the special treats Jean McCreath baked to share with us.

Ray and Doreen shared with the group that they had been using the new Alpha for Youth videos with the young folks in the Confirmation class. This series is totally different from the original Alpha series, as the two young leaders go to Jerusalem, Paris, London, and Vancouver. They stand by the Sea of Galilee and walk on the road to Enmaus. We showed the first video to our group, and they enjoyed the content and we all agreed to continue viewing this series.

We will meet again on Tuesday, April 25 at 1.30 pm.

Online Streaming Technician Required

Do you, or a young person you know, have an interest in computers, audio visual equipment, and live-stream technology?

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church streams a Live Webcast of our church service every Sunday morning from 10:am - 12:00 pm.

We are looking for someone to join the broadcast team to help deliver the online and in-church audio-visual aspects of the service.



The weekly service is managed by two people. One person runs the Live webcast each week using OBS (Open Broadcaster Software) and the other person runs the Powerpoint presentation for the TV screens in the church. We will provide all the hardware and software, and training.

This is a paid position

The Online Streaming Technician is responsible for filming and production of weekly Sunday Worship Services, so candidates must be present at the church on Sunday mornings from 10 am until noon, have a solid understanding of computing audio/video concepts, and will need to be able to run all aspects of the webcast (initial training will be provided).

If you would like more information about this position, or are interested in applying, please email our IT Admin Peter Shepherd, at itadmin@standrewsbrampton.ca. It is so important for us to maintain our Online Ministry to reach those who are unable to attend in person.

NEW MEMBERS OF ST. ANDREW'S

On March 26 the morning and afternoon congregations of St. Andrew's worshiped together. The service was led by the Rev. Geoff Ross, the Rev. Babar Alladhitta and Elder Samina Babar. Choirs from both congregations led us in praise through their music.

Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw introduced and welcomed the following people (see photo below) by Profession of Faith:

Urooj Noman, Adha Amos, Amos Masih, Gul Amos, Aneeqa Amos, and Jesse Bashir. Missing from the photo is Sundrella Siraj.



FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO THE REV. GEOFF ROSS

Following the service the huge congregation enjoyed a delicious luncheon of both chilli and Pakistani dishes and a large selection of desserts. Our thanks to those who donated food, and special thanks to event organizer Michelle Tedder and her faithful band of helpers from both congregations who set up the tables and served the food.

Here's a picture of the lineup for the lunch table in the Great Hall!



Tributes were paid to the Rev. Geoff Ross for his time at St. Andrew's, and he received gifts and cards from both congregations. Of special interest was his gift of a Blue Jays jersey with his name on it.



The entire Ross family was present for the occasion, and here are Geoff and Regan and a cake with the inscription "Best wishes from St. Andrew's."

Pancake lunch at St. Andrew's – February 26, 2023





5TH 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: **Sunday, May 7.** See information on pages 8 and 9.

Pick up will be in the church parking lot **Tuesday, May 23.** Details to follow.
Call Helen at 905-450-6314 or anyone on the Stewardship Committee if you have any questions.

To Geoff, Regan and family

