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# ST. ANDREW'S

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...



WMS President Kim Shepherd (See page 8)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. –

*Hebrews 13:8*



## May 2023

- 1 Robert Stevenson
- 2 John Bhim
- 3 Wayne Tedder
- 4 Petra McKittrick
- 5 Samantha Silva
- 8 Larry Malek
- 11 Rachna Moon
- 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 Henry Peyer
- 26 Kwasi Adjepong-Duodu, Dorothy Wood
- 28 John Urquhart
- 29 Dhanmatee Kalyan, Lionel Nichol, Kyle Nicol
- 31 Colin Young



## June 2023

- 1 Belle Campbell
- 3 Gina Nobrega, Kristi Szolomicki
- 5 Lisa Christiano
- 7 John Bakkeren, Jennifer Flint



## Condolences

To Verna Kester and family on the death of her husband Cec Kester on April 6.

To Peter Shepherd and family on the death of his father Graham Shepherd on April 15. A Celebration of Life for Graham will take place in the summer.

### MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION from Clerk of Session - Jean Bradshaw

Here are the procedures for calling a minister:

1. Presbytery appoints Interim Moderator.
2. Moderator meets with the Session to appoint a Search Committee.
3. The Search Committee shall study the goals and needs of the congregation and identify the roles and expectations of both minister and the community.
4. The Search Committee will fill in a Congregational Profile with general information about the congregation and the community for prospective candidates
5. The Search Committee reports regularly on its progress. The Search Committee will receive profiles from interested candidates.
6. The Search Committee reduces the applicants to a shortlist and recommends one name to the Session after extensive interviews, which invites the candidate to come and preach for the call.
7. Once the candidate has preached for the call, a congregational meeting will vote on accepting this candidate as their next minister.
8. If the congregation decides to issue a call, the task of the Search Committee is completed, and the Session, in conjunction with the Presbytery, will oversee the rest of the process.

This process can take one year to eighteen months.

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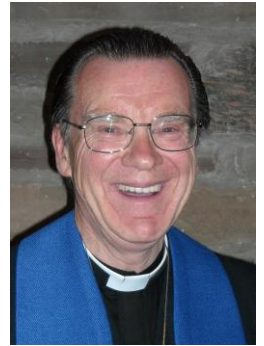
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## Wayne's World



### Change and Changeless

1 Corinthians 12:4–6 <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.

Some of the things I like about the month of May are the winds of change from the north to the south because of the warmer weather that comes along with them.

Winds of change are also being felt here at St. Andrew's, from a full-time serving minister for the last ten years to the congregation being 'vacant', with an Interim Moderator to work together with them.

Winds of change are also taking place with me. I've served as Interim Moderator / half-time stated supply at North Bramalea Presbyterian Church for the past eight months, and, by appointment of Brampton Presbytery, I will now serve in like manner here at St. Andrew's. As they were in the boat with Noah, so are you and I rowing into the winds of change together. I am probably much like you in terms of 'change' – it is only appreciated with a baby's diaper!

With baseball season now well underway, I'm reminded of the words of former New York Yankees' manager, Casey Stengel (my apologies, Rev. Geoff, if you read this), who said, "It's easy to get good players; gettin' 'em to play together – that's the hard part." Although not exactly a manager as the Interim Moderator, I look forward to having the 'players' play together and the manager working together with the players.

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## Wayne's World continued

So yes, we are going through change together! As you refer to the front cover verse, we see the constancy and stability of the Lord. Just what is it that remains the same with our Lord? While we go through changes in our lives and the life of the church, we are assured that the love, guidance and leadership of Jesus have been there, are with us now, and will be there for us as we go forward. Because of this, we can live and go forward in confidence and need not fear the changing scene before us.

With reference to the Corinthians scripture at the beginning of this article, we see the binding glue that enables all to work together. While we have varieties of gifts, service and of working, it is the one Spirit, Lord and God (i.e. the Trinity – our God who is three and yet one) who enables us to work together and do that which God has entrusted to us here at St. Andrew's. As we will use the gifts given to us, and acknowledge, appreciate and respect the gifts of our fellow members, we will get done what is set before us!

Together in His Service,



### *INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S*

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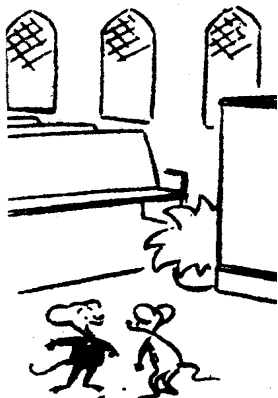
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# News from the Pews



A reception service for new young members took place on April 2. Thanks to Doreen Scott-Dunne and Ray Scanlan who ran the five-week Youth Confirmation Classes. A special cake was provided for the coffee time after the service.



*L – R above* - Azaniah Jalah Babar, Sheal Babar, Diam Maqbool, Jabneel Hanif, Maheen Maqbool, Bryan Hallim, Esha Imran, Robyn Jarjour, the Rev. Geoff Ross, Matthew Roni, Lucas Bhim.



On Saturday, April 15 a group from St. Andrew's attended a dinner in Stratford, hosted by the charity "Change Her World." This organization was founded by Linda Willis and the Rev. Carol Hamilton-Williams. Carol is a former student minister at St. Andrew's, Brampton.

**Change Her World** is an organization that believes in creating hope and opportunity for vulnerable girls and women. It is committed to removing the barriers, world-wide, that hinder and prevent (1) girls from attending school and being educated, and (2) women from achieving health, wellness and economic stability.

The members of St. Andrew's have generously donated two bins (*these can be seen in the photo above*) of items of underwear to be sent to Malawi for the girls sponsored by Change Her World.



Congratulations to Jim Hunt who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 19 and was presented with a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday card from the congregation of St. Andrew's.

Jim would like to acknowledge and thank the individuals who also sent him birthday cards.

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**“Overture, Curtain, Lights,” or “Hollywood North Strikes Again!!!” - by June Young**



We had some excitement, for a few days in April, here at St. Andrew's. We were a 'holding' station, for a film crew which was filming across town - and across the street from our church!

I had obtained the position of 'church babysitter,' while they went about shooting their movie. I made sure that everything went smoothly on our end, and if they needed anything, I was there to help.

Everyone from the location manager, cast and crew, and craft service, were very kind and most appreciative of our accommodation.

I was very well fed, I must say! Coming from a 'background performer/extra' perspective, it was interesting to see how things were done from the other side. Many thanks to Stan Loree who put me to work, and profound thanks to our Food Bank, which agreed to change their usual day from Wednesday to Thursday that week, to accommodate the film shoot.

Once again, we made some money for our rental space, and all in all, if it helps our church, then as Martha Stewart would say 'it's a good thing.'

I look forward to the next 'Hollywood North' visit!



Congratulations to Teresa and Bruce Cornish who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 7. Rev. Geoff Ross presented Bruce with a card from the congregation.



Pam Loree, Jessica Rhind and Kim Shepherd are making plans for a FAMILY GAMES NIGHT at the church on Friday, June 2.

Starting at 6:30 pm families will be welcome to play some of the games that the organizers will have on hand, or bring their own games to share with others.

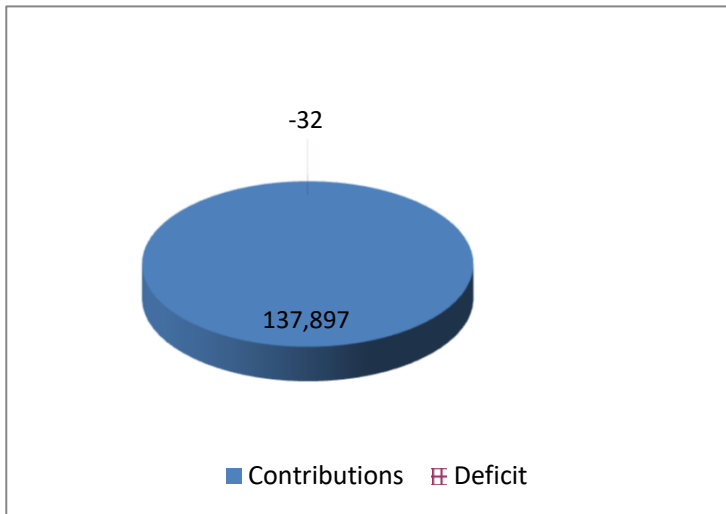
This is an "ALL AGES" event, and light refreshments will be served. There will be a sign and a sign-up sheet in the Great Hall in early May.

More information will be provided in May, so be sure to mark the date on your calendar.

# 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 30, 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 BCCF. During April we have spent \$5,087 on fire panel upgrades which is not reflected in the expenses.

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](mailto:treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca)**

*"God gives us things to share, God doesn't give us things to hold."  
Mother Teresa*

## Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Apr 30, 2023	Jan 1 - Apr 30, 2022
<b>Contributions</b>		
Offerings	79,862.64	73,403.86
Other Revenue	58,034.63	5,400.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>137,897.27</b>	<b>78,803.86</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Education	1,789.99	900.25
Mission	10,443.12	5,956.73
Property	47,045.06	48,102.45
Stewardship	72,823.09	79,411.40
Worship	5,827.56	6,542.77
Donation - Ukraine Relief	-	2,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>137,928.82</b>	<b>142,913.60</b>
<b>Net General Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(31.55)</b>	<b>(64,109.74)</b>
<b>Presbyterian Sharing donations*</b>	<b>6,373.66</b>	<b>6,808.64</b>
<b>PWS&amp;D donations*</b>	<b>1,321.66</b>	<b>2,706.64</b>
<b>Food Bank donations*</b>	<b>16,316.52</b>	<b>17,446.09</b>

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



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

### April 2023

Seven members of the WMS met on April 4 via Zoom.

Following a brief social time there was a discussion on the annual **faith in Act!on** program. It was agreed that the WMS will once again be spearheading the collection of items to make activity bags for the Family Centre. The bags have been most appreciated in previous years. A list of items needed is provided in the Mission & Outreach "**faith in Act!on**" article in the adjoining column.

If you wish to donate but cannot make it out to church, please contact Kim Shepherd to arrange a pickup of items. We thank everyone in advance for their donation(s) to help the families. Financial donations are also welcome.

The program for the evening was the Easter Worship Service, written by the Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie of Orillia, Ontario. This service was also used by the St. Andrew's WMS which was asked to conduct the Worship Service on April 23. President Kim Shepherd led the worship, and other WMS participants were Jean Bradshaw, Robyn Kirkpatrick, Karen Hutchinson and Debbie Warwick.

Here is the Easter Affirmation of Faith used in the Worship Service.

Hope is stronger than memory.  
Salvation is stronger than sin.  
Forgiveness is stronger than bitterness.  
Reconciliation is stronger than hatred.  
The open tomb is stronger than the bloodied cross.  
The Risen Lord is stronger than the dead Jesus.  
We are the Easter people.  
We are the people of hope.  
We are the people of the empty tomb,  
The Risen Lord  
The new life in Christ.  
Amen



*The Mission & Outreach Committee thanks you for all your support over the past winter. With spring, we must now put our **faith in ACT!ON**. This year's campaign, while a bit scaled back from other years, is so very important and congregation-friendly – now more than ever! Here is a brief outline of the 2023 programs:*

#### **Planting & Painting Day – Saturday, May 27 (date tentative):**

Please join us and our intrepid lead gardener, Paul Willoughby, as we **plant** our summer gardens. We will also **paint** outside areas of the church during this event. \*\*\*

#### **Animal Shelter Blankets – Sundays, May 7 to 28:**

Starting Sunday, May 7 and continuing each Sunday throughout the month, we will collect **towels and blankets** of all sizes to donate to our local animal shelter. Please leave your donations in the bins on the stage in the Great Hall.

#### **Children's Activity Bags – Sundays, May 7 to 28:**

Starting on Sunday, May 7 and continuing each Sunday throughout the month, the WMS will be collecting items for and assembling **activity bags** for young clients of the Salvation Army Family Resource Centre. Please leave the following new dollar store items in the bins on the stage in the Great Hall: *crayons, colouring books, muffin/cookie mixes, pencils and journals. No gift cards, please.*

#### **Park Clean Up – Date TBA:**

The L6T GRACE Group will lead a **park clean-up** day (*date to be announced*). The City of Brampton will provide the gear, and YOU can make a difference! We will be picking a park to clean, and, as they say, 'Many hands make light work!' Stay tuned for more details. \*\*\*

\*\*\* *Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Great Hall. Your participation in any of these activities is most appreciated, and we hope to see you soon.*

## Property Plans

*by Stan Loree*



The Property Committee is working on a number of repairs and improvements to our heritage church building. Here are some updates on two of our high-profile projects.

- 1) **The Fire Panel.** Like many churches, our church building has several fire and smoke detectors throughout the building, all connected to a fire panel – which in turn is connected to an offsite fire monitoring company which operates 24/7. Unfortunately, the panel is now over 20 years old and is obsolete. We have been advised by the monitoring company that they can no longer maintain it or obtain replacement parts. Last year we ordered a new “state-of-the-art” replacement system, and the Stewardship Committee dedicated the anniversary offering to this project. The Food Bank and an outside service club have generously covered the remaining cost. In mid-April we FINALLY confirmed installation dates – April 27 and 28. This implementation should put us in good stead for decades to come. Special thanks to Richard McMechan who was our project lead from start to finish.
- 2) **The Kitchen.** Many folks have noticed the post-COVID breakdown of two major pieces of equipment in our church kitchen – the coffee machines and the ovens. The coffee machines were removed last month and are being repaired by an associate of Henry Peyer. Replacement parts have been sourced and the current expectation is that they may be back in the kitchen by the end of May. Thanks Henry! The ovens were deemed to be unrepairable, and instead, a three-congregation team from the St. Andrew’s morning congregation, the SEAOM congregation, and the Seventh Day Adventists has been assembled to source and install replacement units. Funding is being split between the three congregations so as not to overburden any one group.

## Food... for Thought



*by Gord Warren*

### Best Before Dates and Expiry Dates

This is similar to a talk I had recently with the Food Bank volunteers and the Food Bank clients.

There is a great deal of confusion about the two, as a lot of people think that they are interchangeable – but they aren’t. This confusion is wasting a lot of good food, and with the present-day cost of food it can make a large difference in household income.

#### Expiry Date

This is used with medications that are usually taken by the patient. The date is set with the knowledge that the medication has lost a certain amount of potency, and the dosage that has been prescribed will still have a specified outcome when taken. After the expiry date passes the strength is unknown and may not be sufficient to have the desired result in the patient.

#### Best Before Date

This is a date set by the manufacturer or food processor where they think that the food has reached its peak and will slowly lose some taste. There is nothing wrong with the food just after its expiry date, and it can be consumed with no ill effects. Some dried foods such as pasta, rice, etc. do not have a “best before” date. Generally speaking, one month past the expiry date, if the food has been stored properly, will cause no problems with taste or nutrition. There are always exceptions - especially with dairy products, which should be smelled and tasted before use. Anything that is frozen stops the “best before” date, and if properly wrapped can last a year and still be used.

Store and handle food properly and you will be able to use it, rather than discard it. Your food budget will stretch further because you can now look at the store specials that are close to the “best before” date and be confident that you will be able to use them.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

*by Helen Collins  
Chair, Stewardship Committee*



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, April 23, 2023. Forty-one people were in the sanctuary and four were online via Microsoft TEAMS. Stan Loree was nominated to moderate and Jean Bradshaw, Clerk of Session, took the Minutes. Kim Shepherd opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of the November 2022 Narrative Budget Meeting were adopted.

Jean Bradshaw commented on the Session Report as printed and later thanked everyone who gave their time, gifts, and financial support to St. Andrew's in 2022.

Jean Bradshaw reported that the **Christian Education** committee is rebuilding Sunday School after the negative effective of COVID and the departure of five teachers.

Two **GRACE** groups are still active.

On behalf of the **Food Bank** Gord Warren stressed that donations from the congregation have dropped dramatically and the need is increasing. The Food Bank's main support is now from outside agencies and other churches.

Colin Young spoke on behalf of **Mission and Outreach**, and he called for volunteers to join the committee. He thanked everyone for their donations of gloves, hats, etc. towards Ellen House and other agencies. The committee is seeking ways to better coordinate and integrate with the SEAOM Ministry. With this in mind, Session is seeking a revision to the Standing Orders to facilitate this action.

Stan Loree spoke on behalf of the **Property Committee**. The big projects were the fire panel and the front steps of the church.

Michelle Tedder of the **Worship** Committee asked for more volunteers for coffee fellowship.

Gord Warren, Henry Peyer, Stan Loree and Debbie Warwick were elected as **Trustees**.

Anna-Marie Dewar, **Treasurer** presented the audited financial statements.

RLB Chartered Professional Accountants were appointed as auditors for the year 2023.

Kim Shepherd and Valerie Martin were approved by Session as Envelope Secretaries for 2023.

Under "New Business" there were questions regarding the rental/occupancy of the manse. Session had approved the rent-free occupancy of the manse by paid clergy. Two motions to reconsider this decision were presented. Both were defeated.

Stan Loree closed the meeting in prayer.



Coffee Fellowship is back – but we need volunteers to make it happen weekly! We are looking for two volunteers each week to set up, serve and clean up. If you can help, please contact Michelle Tedder at [tedderm@rogers.com](mailto:tedderm@rogers.com) or 647-261-2066.

## EASTER SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S

### MAUNDY THURSDAY



The Maundy Thursday Communion and Foot Washing service was held in the Great Hall. The photo above shows Rev. Geoff Ross about to wash the feet of Elder Eunice Boyd.

### GOOD FRIDAY

There probably wasn't a dry eye in the sanctuary by the end of the Good Friday Passion Drama, enacted by members of the congregation. Thanks to the director - the Rev. Geoff Ross, to narrator Kim Shepherd, drummer Kennedy Jackson, and witnesses John Bakkeren, June Young, Colin Young, Stan Loree, Robert Wightman, and to Pam Loree (in the role as Mary, Mother of Jesus) who moved us to tears! Special thanks to Harrison Ross who played the part of Jesus, and to his two guards - Lucas and Mark Bhim.



Pam Loree



Harrison Ross (on the cross)



### EASTER SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

The 8:00 am communion service on Easter Sunday started with a drama by ladies from our afternoon congregation, and was led by Elder Samina Babar, with Simpson Ross as one of the “angels.”



The performance described how the women had gone to the place where Jesus was buried and found the tomb empty. They were met by angels who told them that their

Saviour had been raised from the dead and that they should go and tell the other disciples the good news.

The drama ended with a Hallelujah song of praise in the Urdu language.

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE – 10:30 AM



### Easter Memorial Flowers

The cut flowers for the Easter cross were graciously donated by members of the congregation in memory of their loved ones.

We thank them for their donations.



As members of the congregation arrived in the church they were given flowers and were invited to place their flowers on the cross in the sanctuary.

Early in the 10:30 am service we recognized new members of the “Century Club.” This is where we celebrate members and adherents whose age, plus the number of years attendance at St. Andrew’s equals, or is greater than 100 years. Certificates were presented to Anwar and Promila Kamal and Andy and Bonnie Bunkis (*see photo below*). Ray Scanlan and Doreen Scott-Dunne were out of the country and will receive their certificates at a later date.



*Congratulations to our 2023 Century Club Members!*

This was the Rev. Geoff Ross’s last service as the Lead Minister at St. Andrew’s, Brampton, and there was a large congregation in the sanctuary to bid him farewell. However, he will continue living in Brampton, so it is likely that we will see him from time to time.

## 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting on April 23 was chaired by Stan Loree. (*See report on page 10 of this newsletter.*)

Treasurer Anna-Marie Dewar presented the Independent Auditor’s Report.