



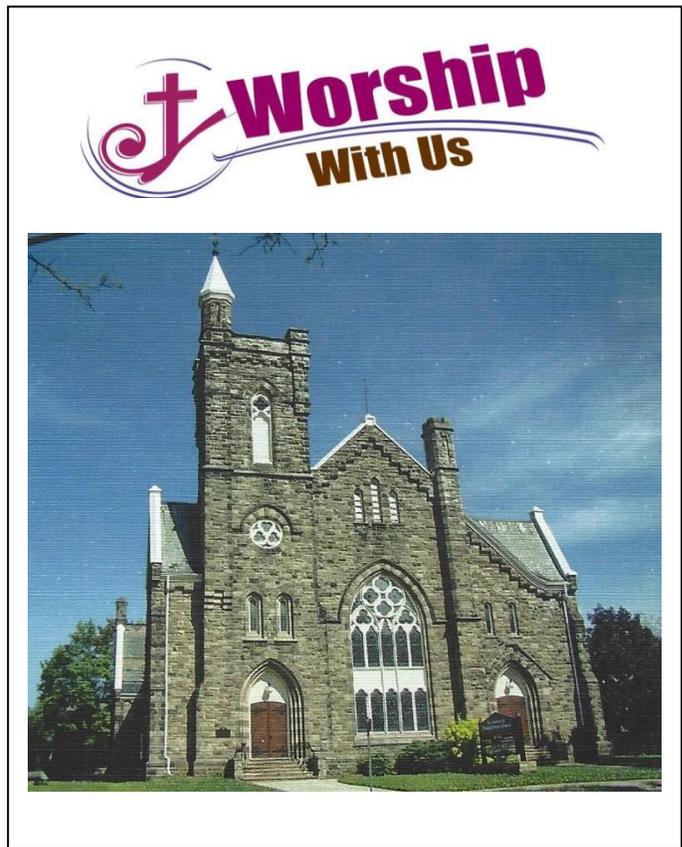
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

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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All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God...may be equipped to do every kind of good deed.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

BIRTHDAYS

June 2023

- 1 Belle Campbell
- 3 Sarah Loree, Gina Nobrega
Kristi Szolomicki
- 4 Wayne Baswick
- 5 Lisa Christiano
- 7 John Bakkeren, Jennifer Flint,
- 9 Naf Massy, Carole White
- 10 Yuel Bhatti
- 11 Victoria Dewar
- 12 Betty Moore
- 14 Catherine Mangaroff
- 15 Darlene Draper, Alice Stratton
- 17 Mark Massy, Valerie Warren
- 18 Heather Reppen, Petra Woods
- 19 Julian Mangaroff
- 20 Anwar Kamal, Fred Swackhamer
- 21 Bill Dewar
- 24 Kayan Edwards, Shirley Johnston,
- 26 Jessie Bannerman
- 27 Shirley Kellam
- 28 Derek Dawson
- 29 Mark Bhim, Sheila Clarke
- 30 Muriel Allen, David Young



July 2023

- 5 Denise Sannella



A Committal Service for George Burrows will be held at the Brampton Cemetery (Church St. & Wilson Ave.) at 2:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023** – which would have been George’s 105th birthday. Rev. Geoff Ross will officiate, and the family invites George’s friends from St. Andrew’s to attend.



Save The Date

Rally Sunday (the first Sunday of Sunday School) is scheduled for September 10, and there is to be a post-service celebration barbeque.



- Anyone who wants to see both live and recorded services can go to YouTube and search for **St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Brampton**.
 - Click the “Live” tab to watch live on Sunday mornings and to view recorded services from past weeks.
 - You don’t have to be a member like you did on Facebook.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/@st.andrews-presbyterianchur5179/streams>
- We won’t be broadcasting or recording services in July and August. It will be in-person only this summer.

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Rosemary's Reflections

I recently came across a set of books that I read when I was in my teens and haven't looked at since. I enjoyed rereading them enormously but it was with different eyes. I saw things in the story that I now understood differently because of my life experience. The books were set in New England and had references that had meant nothing to me all those years ago back in Ireland. For example one character talked about putting chains on the wheels of his car, when he had to drive over mountain roads in the winter. Since we only got "real" snow about once every three years and in the city it was usually only a couple of inches deep, what would you need chains for? None of these differences in life-style however affected my enjoyment of the story, either then or now but it made me realise that circumstances can impact and even change how we understand things.

It's a bit like reading the Bible. As Christians we know how central the Bible is to our relationship with God but our approach to it changes with age and life experience. For example there is a verse in the Old Testament, which I have read many times and tended to gloss over. In Isaiah 46:4 God says "Even when your hair turns gray I'll support you." I'm reminded of that now every time I look in the mirror! It's a verse that time has made more significant for me.

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Rosemary's Reflections continued

When I read the Bible, I find I need to do two things. First I read it as the historical record of my ancestors in the faith. I learn about who did what to whom and why and how that shaped history and changed lives. And then I have to figure out what the stories, the records, the words mean in my life in 2023. The Bible talks about the people and customs and political situations of its day and where God figures in the picture. It speaks of shepherds and fishermen and the power of Egypt and of Rome. But those are not immediately relevant to **my** life. I have to take the Bible message and translate it into today's terms. What does it say to us at the office, on the computer, catching a plane, making dinner in the microwave, at a Leafs' game (or maybe better make that the Habs!)? The wonder of the Bible is that it fits all times, places and people. The challenge is for us to live by its message, which is always the same – God's everlasting love for us, wherever and whoever we are, which we celebrate and proclaim by loving one another.



INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S

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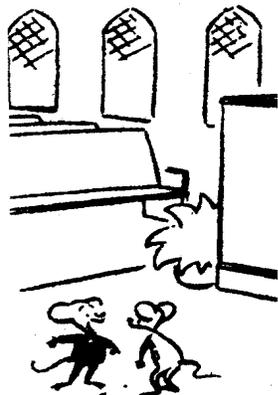
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**News
from
the
Pews**



The first “News from the Pews” column appeared 30 years ago - in the June 1993 newsletter, and it is reproduced on pages 9 & 10. Enjoy a look back in time. How many names do you recognize?



Thank you to Dona Simpson of Port Credit, who provided pulpit supply on April 16 and April 30. Dona, along with her husband Eric, attend St. Andrew’s Memorial Presbyterian Church in Port Credit.

Dona is a retired educator who earned her BA in Geography at the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus. She also earned a Master of Education from OISE during the 1980s and a Master of Theological Studies from Wycliffe College University of Toronto after her retirement in 2000. Dona does workshops, Bible Studies, and is a supply pianist and organist.

Eric and Dona enjoy walks along Lake Ontario when in the city and spend their summers at their cottage near North Bay. They have been married for 48 years and have one adult daughter who also lives in Mississauga.

St. Andrew’s youngest Leafs fan is baby James DeSouza who was baptized at St. Andrew’s on February 12. Here he is in his Leafs shirt on April 30 – celebrating the Leafs win over the Tampa Bay Lightning the previous night!



This touching note below from a “Project Cozy” donation recipient was found recently outside the church. It was written on a scrap of cardboard:

“I apologize for those who were not thinking & being very inconsiderate. I also thank you for helping me keep warm on some very cold nights. Im sorry for being so inconvenient at times. Thank you again and may God be with you. I will clean rest up this week.”

On May 14 we welcomed one child - Jane Bush, and four adults - Alice Jung and her children Noel, Reilly and Kate, into God’s family through the Sacrament of Baptism.



L to R –Alicia and Jason Bush and daughter Jane, Rev. Wayne Baswick, Noel Jung, Reilly Jung, Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw, Alice Jung, Kate Jung.

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Our thanks to Barend Zinkweg who sent us this report on their recent vacation.



Wilma and I have been visiting the Netherlands, our birthplace, on a regular basis. We are fortunate that our ten remaining cousins and spouses are not only family but also friends. This year, with Covid more or less out of the way, it was time to visit, since video calls are great, but not the same.

We decided that the end of April was ideal to travel, Spring comes early in the Netherlands but likewise “Keukenhof” is also open in its glory. If you have never been there before, it definitely should be on your bucket list. Keukenhof is the World’s Largest Flower Garden, which is also special for Wilma, she was born in Sassenheim - almost walking distance from the gardens, no problem on a bike. Not only that, but her Dad worked in the Tulip fields until immigrating, with the family, to Canada in 1951, so a lot of memories.

Most of my cousins live in Dordrecht, the oldest city in the Netherlands and the birthplace of my father and myself in Dubbeldam now part of the city. Dordrecht is also famous for its Grote Kerk (Church) and the place where the National Synod published the Canons of Dordt in 1618/19, which the Presbyterian Church in Canada continues to follow.

We also spent three days in Amsterdam, which like many other towns and cities in the Netherlands is another Bucket list item.



Wilma and I took a lot of pictures, about 2,000 on this three-week trip. Unfortunately I can only show you a couple of them here.

Wilma and I hope that some of you reading this article will add the Netherlands to your Bucket list.



After 52 years of wandering the halls of education, Ivie and Robert Wightman are retiring, and they sent us the news. There are two things they are going to miss:

1. School is a living library. There is always someone just down the hall to help with car repairs, computer glitches, travel suggestions etc. It is a breathing Google search.
2. They will miss interacting with the teens. This one’s for you, **DON’T QUIT**

There are two things that they will not miss: making lunches and 6:00 a.m. alarms.

Each stage in life is an adventure. Today is a gift; and that is why it is called the **present**.

YOLO

Bee-attitudes

- Bee busy – doing what you love to do.*
- Bee true – to the dreams God has for you.*
- Bee sure – to taste the sweetness of the day.*
- Bee silly – laugh lots and take time off to play.*
- Bee bold – enough to trust your wings and fly.*
- Bee-lieve – the power of prayer will get you by.*
- Bee happy – keep your outlook bright and sunny.*
- Bee yourself – because you really are a honey!*

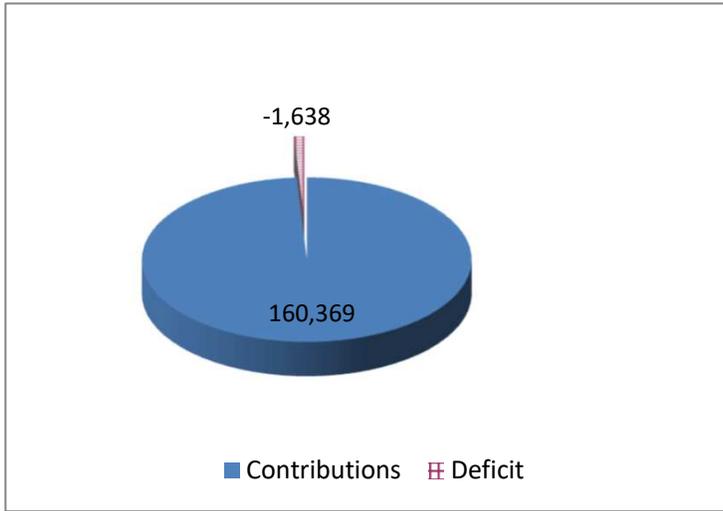
The Friendship Book



Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of May 23, 2023



Stewardship would like to thank everyone for your givings.

Included in other revenue is \$30,000 for the SEAOM Grant from the PCC and \$13,249 is from BCCF. During May other revenue includes funds from our two fundraisers.

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**

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - May 23, 2023	Jan 1 - May 23, 2022
Contributions		
Offerings	96,653.10	88,172.49
Other Revenue	63,715.63	10,903.00
Total Contributions	160,368.73	99,075.49
Expense		
Education	1,789.99	900.25
Mission	13,016.34	7,420.95
Property	54,405.44	52,351.13
Stewardship	85,533.77	102,573.94
Worship	7,260.91	7,867.77
Donation - Ukraine Relief	-	2,000.00
Total Expense	162,006.45	173,114.04
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(1,637.72)	(74,038.55)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	7,741.66	8,188.30
PWS&D donations*	1,629.16	3,218.30
Food Bank donations*	16,627.02	19,227.44

* 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

WMS May 2023 Meeting

A pleasant time was had by those in attendance for the on-line May 2023 St. Andrew's-Pringle WMS meeting. Those gathered started the meeting by sharing about their week and news from the month since we last gathered.

Robyn Kirkpatrick led the Mother's Day themed program which included prayer, scripture, reflection and a mission project highlight.

A devotional entitled "Celebrating every kind of Mom" from the book "A Mother's Love" by Anna E. Rendell provided the program reflection. In this reading, Anna discusses the everyday reality of life as a mother, mentions specific acts of service that maternal figures make for their loved ones, and reinforces that God values their work and is with them throughout the joys and struggles of mothering. The takeaway from the devotional is "You are beloved to Him. God delights in His daughters."

The program concluded with a highlight of the *Watoto Neighbourhood Mother Program*, a mission project that Robyn had been introduced to when she attended the Watoto Children's Choir concert with the L6P Grace Group in 2019. This program operates in Uganda and sponsors women who are raising their children in the Watoto neighbourhood, by providing them with basic needs, and offers them literacy classes, business skills training, and job opportunities to enable them to earn a living.



Our meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and social time.

Robyn Kirkpatrick

Food... for Thought



by Gord Warren

Changes

The song, "Changes" by David Bowie is about a man who is afraid of looking at himself and making changes. He is afraid of what the future may bring.

Your Food Bank and your church are both going to have to make changes in the near future. The Food Bank is slowly increasing the number of clients that we process every week. Even the normally slow days at the start of the month have disappeared. This means that the spacing and distancing of the clients is slowly going to change so that we can serve more clients in the same amount of time. We have eliminated masking of the volunteers when they work together preparing for the clients, but haven't changed the masking procedure when the clients enter. We are slowly reaching out to former volunteers and other interested individuals, because the changes will require more people to prepare and serve the food items that we offer.

There will be many changes in your church, as we go forward in the process of seeking a new lead minister. Our church is an outward-facing church that has always been there to help and serve the community. This will not change, and your Food Bank is an excellent example of the commitment we have made to the community. We were reminiscing about when the Food Bank (food cupboard) first started, and Sandra Jackson found some mention of serving food and hampers in the committee minutes of 1991.

Yes, nothing is the same as it was 10, 15, 20 years ago, because we had to evolve as our surrounding society changed. Change will always occur, and we shouldn't fear change but look forward to it.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

JUNE 1993

Alec Gardiner of St. Andrew's Brampton, and Helen Lamb of Peterborough, were married by the Rev. Mark Tremblay at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Bermuda, on April 24. Al and Maureen Kelly were among the guests at the wedding.

MILESTONES

Congratulations to Dawn and Gord Lowe who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 20, and to Mr. & Mrs. Ted Watson whose Silver Wedding Anniversary was May 11.

Speaking of anniversaries, Graeme and Lillian Duncan celebrated their first Anniversary on May 17.

Stephen Duncan and Maria Hlibowych were married at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mississauga on May 29.



Welcome to all the new babies in our congregation. Elizabeth and Steve Barfoot's daughter was the first. She was born February 23. Colleen and Henry Peyer's son was born on April 29, Karen and Dean Dunlop are parents of a daughter, born April 23, and Elizabeth and Wayne Giesbrecht's son was determined to be the first of the April babies. He was born April 18, two months premature, and spent a month in hospital. All four babies will be baptised on October 10.



Alf Wayman will now have a little more time to spend with his granddaughter, Beth Dunlop. Alf retired at the end of May from his job as a meteorological technician with the Atmospheric Environment Service of Canada.

It's good to have our university students back home for the summer. We have news of some of them. Lara Scholey is back at Canada Life for the third year, Bruce Kelly is again working at Meadowvale Cemetery, and Mary Louise Duncan returns to Wild Water Kingdom.

Graduation

In other news of our young people, Sheila Eitner has now completed her R.N. degree and is working at a hospital in London. Marjorie Duncan has also graduated with a B.A. (Hons.) degree in Archaeology and is working part time at Square One. Marjorie hopes to return to university in the fall for postgraduate studies.

Marilyn Boyd (Eunice and Elder John Boyd's daughter) was married to Steven White of the British Army, on April 3, and they spent a few weeks in Germany. Marilyn has since returned to Brampton while Steven is on a six-month special assignment.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS CONTINUED

We are proud of the achievements of our young people, and would like to share some of them with the members of our St. Andrew's family.

Last May, Jennifer Thatcher was selected to represent her school, Chinguacousy Secondary, as the Hugh O'Brien Youth (H.O.B.Y.) Candidate and to participate in a leadership development weekend seminar. Jennifer believes that she was selected partly because of her involvement in the St. Andrew's Mission trip to Guyana in August 1991. On May 20, 1993 Jennifer shared the H.O.B.Y. spirit by conducting a one day community leadership educational workshop for outstanding student leaders.

Not to be outdone, Jennifer's brother Gregg Thatcher was voted Most Valuable Player of the midget basketball team at Chinguacousy Secondary School.

Christopher Walker and Kevin Royal were both selected to a Squirt (age 9) all-star team which will represent Brampton at Weekend Baseball Tournament in London, Windsor, Kitchener and several other cities this summer. Kevin's sister, Sarah, recently received honour recognition in her grade four Royal Conservatory Piano exam. Sara is taught by Elizabeth McBride, sister to Susan Jess.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY. CALL FELICITY ALEXANDER AT 791-0490.



CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

Persistent Prayer

In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 18, Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

In the story, a widow in the city came to him repeatedly saying to the judge “give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.” The woman wanted justice and her persistence paid off.

In the Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew chapters 5, 6, & 7) Jesus teaches us about effective prayer when he said, “Keep on asking and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

These words of Jesus are a good reason to keep on praying and the authority to be asking for justice for the people of Ukraine, as we include them in our prayers every month.

Summer is here and it is a good time to pray for some corporate matters that only God can answer.

Please join us on the third Friday of each month to pray together virtually at 3 pm.



L6X/L6Y Grace Group

Although Ray and I were in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for almost three weeks in April, we were still able to get together for a GRACE Group meeting on April 25. During that meeting we were delighted to wish Grace Gowland well on her upcoming Mediterranean Cruise, and of course we made time to celebrate Jim Hunt’s 90th birthday. Jean McCreath provided delicious treats, which we all enjoyed.



Ray brings in the cake



Jim opens his card

We met again on May 23, and we were so happy to have Dr. Shirley Kellam join us. We continue to view the Foundations of Faith videos from the Youth Alpha course.



The L6T/L6P group meeting started late, and a few members were unable to attend or were defeated by the technology. We watched the third part of “Be Still” – a video series on Right Now Media.

We are planning a **faith in Act!on** park clean up on June 10 at Norton Place Park which is in our neighbourhood!



Stewardship Corner



On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Macgregor's Meat and Seafood fundraiser and/or the Hanging Basket fundraiser. Both of these fundraisers were successful again this year.

A special thank you to Valerie Warren who ran the Macgregor's fundraiser this year. All of the profits go towards St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton.



In closing, thank you to everyone who supports St. Andrew's with their talents, time or donations.

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer.

Yours in faith,
Helen Collins, Chair, Stewardship Committee

faith in ACTION



Garden Work Day

By June Young



Samina Babar, Maggie Nicol, Deanna Reid, Adriel Babar, Colin Young, Felicity Alexander, Paul Willoughby, June Young, Robyn Kirkpatrick, Phil Beam

On Saturday, May 27 an eager group of gardeners met at the church, to plant this year's flowers. Led by our 'fearless leader' Paul Willoughby, we planted many bright red geraniums. It was a beautiful, warm day, and many hands made light work! Thank you to Gord and Val Warren, who stopped by to admire our work, and to offer bottles of water to the thirsty bunch. Thank you to the planting crew, and to our own paparazzi Felicity Alexander, who stopped by to grab a photo of the group – and ended up in it!

Ode to Paul Willoughby

Paul, Paul – he gives us his all
To make the church garden grow.
He waters and weeds;
Does lots of good deeds.
And the flowers – they make quite a show!

Anonymous