

INSIDE 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...

...and a little child shall lead them." *Isaiah 11:6*



Ariella Huether and donated items (see page 6)

All these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.

Deuteronomy 28:2a. (RSV)

BIRTHDAYS

July 2023

- 5 Denise Sannella
- 6 Muriel Taylor
- 10 Doreen Barrington, Herbert Eitner,
- 11 Geraldine Watt
- 15 Claudio Cabral, Shawna Van Vliet
- 16 David Linton
- 19 Sardar Anjum Bhatti, Elio Jarjour, Cora McAteer
- 20 Suzetta Ali, Doreen Scott-Dunne
- 22 Jo-ann Urquhart
- 25 Kevin Jarjour
- 27 Marion Crawford, Urmilla Nawaz,
Robert Wightman
- 28 Samuel Odzenma, Sr.
- 29 Laura Roberts
- 30 James Jarjour, Mark Nicol, Reginald Odzenma
- 31 Liam Leggett, Ken Yates



August 2023

- 1 Rosalind Cammidge, David Lachhman
- 3 Lisa Beck, Sally McCoy, Lynn McKittrick,
Nathan Woods
- 5 Adesina Barrington
- 6 Adam Anjum Bhatti, Debbie Warwick
- 14 Cheryl Kerfoot
- 16 Robyn Jarjour
- 17 Kenneth Johnston
- 18 Colleen Peyer, Jack Urquhart
- 19 Roger Jarjour
- 26 Aibek John, Sarah Ann Orrom
- 28 Vanessa Hutchinson
- 29 Sarah Dean
- 30 Rohail Massy



September 2023

- 4 Darren Ramoutar
- 5 Liam Nicol, Alverna Peacock

Birthday Blessings



Muriel Taylor and daughters Lori Taylor and Lynn Dobson on the death of their husband/father Jim on June 16. Muriel's nephew, the Rev. Stephen Milton, officiated at Jim's funeral service which took place at St. Andrew's on June 24.



There will be no Sunday School during July, as Kim Shepherd and Jean Bradshaw will be organizing and planning Sunday School for the remainder of 2023 and into 2024. Kim and Jean will return in August to teach about Parables and Water. Parents – your kids may or may not get wet during the water lessons!

Thanks



The Worship and Fellowship Committee thanks Susan Jess, Sandra Jackson and Seeta Singh who recently undertook the tedious job of cleaning the church kitchen.

Thanks also go to John Collins who has been working away in his spare time at repairing all the hymn books in the sanctuary.

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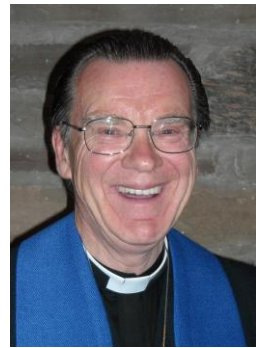
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Wayne's World

*I will send down the
showers in their season;
and they shall be showers
of blessing.*

- Ezekiel 34:26b (RSV)



The hymn “Count Your Blessings” sings out that when we are tossed about by the storms of life; or we be burdened with a load of care; or others seem to have things going for them, that which we do not have going for ourselves, and amid the struggles of life whether great or small – in all these things and beyond, the chorus rings out: “Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God has done.”

“Count your blessings!” That is excellent counsel, but sometimes we have to recognize them first! A man who owned a small estate wished to sell it. He had a real estate agent write an advertisement describing the house and land. The agent took what he had written and read it to the owner. The owner asked him to read it again. After hearing it, the owner said, “I don’t think I will sell after all. I’ve been looking for an estate like that all my life, and I didn’t know that I owned it!”

Count your blessings – yes, but let’s start by asking God to open our eyes to see what we have, what we’ve been through and where we are at this time here at St. Andrew’s, and in our lives.

We have come out of the other end of COVID, which made its unwelcome appearance in early Spring 2020. As individuals, most of us have come through it ‘no less for the wear’; as a congregation, I believe we have come out of COVID stronger and more committed to serving our Lord afresh and anew. We count our blessings!

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Wayne's World continued

As a congregation, we have a ministerial vacancy at this time, and for this we are to count our blessings? Yes! For God Himself will lead us in the choosing of the one who will lead us in the next chapter of ministry at St. Andrew's.

The word from me for you is this: winters are long; summers are short – so go and enjoy your summer, and, together in the fall, we'll take on the tasks the Lord sets before us.

"My garden, with its silence and the pulses of fragrance that come and go on the airy undulations, affects me like sweet music. Care stops at the gates, and gazes at me wistfully through the bars. Among my flowers and trees, Nature takes me into her own hands, and I breathe freely as the first man." – Alexander Smith

Count your blessings.

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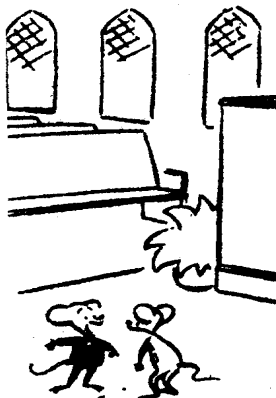
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News from the Pews



On Sunday, June 4, our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Wayne Baswick, celebrated a special birthday. The photo shows Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw presenting him with a birthday card and the good wishes of the congregation.



Not to be outdone – Betty Moore celebrated an even more significant birthday on June 12, and here she shows off her card from the congregation of St. Andrew's.



We were pleased to welcome guest violinist Anton Yeretsky to our service on June 4. Anton and Shelagh played Beethoven's Romanze, Op. 40 and Bach's Minuet in G, as well as collaborated with the Senior Choir in a stunning rendition of "Declare Your Maker's Praise!"

Anton is a newcomer to Canada, and arrived here in mid-March. His previous experiences include being Music Director/Conductor of PolyMuse Orchestra, Vienna, and the Four Seasons Symphony Orchestra, Shanghai, as well as being Executive Director of the Malta International Conducting Competition and First Violin with the Melior String Quartet, Vienna. He studied at the Mariupol Music College and Donezk Musik Akademie, Ukraine, and is currently a doctorate candidate through the Odessa Music Academy, Ukraine.

Prior to coming to Canada, he was instrumental in organizing fundraising concerts in support of the Ukrainian war effort, and personally sent six ambulances full of life-saving supplies to Ukraine.

Welcome to Canada Anton!

The South-East Asian Outreach Ministry (S-EAOM) is planning its yearly Convention. This year's title/theme is "Evangelism and Healing" and the convention will take place Friday, September 1, 2023, through Sunday, September 3, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm each evening. This year's guest speaker is traveling from Australia! All are invited to attend; please let Samina Babar know if you wish to attend.

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On May 16 Ariella Huether celebrated her 9th birthday. She had a birthday party, and instead of giving her gifts she asked her guests to donate toiletry items for the St. Andrew's Food Bank and to support the WMS request for Activity Bags for the Family Life Resource Centre in Brampton.

In the picture above are some of the gift bags presented to WMS President Kim Shepherd and Food Bank Chairman Gord Warren who both thanked Ariella for her generosity and selflessness.



About 25 members of St. Andrew's Council of Elders met on Saturday morning, June 16, at the church.

The Rev. John-Peter (J-P) Smit (Regional Minister for Congregational Health) gave a presentation focused on the post-COVID church and how we must change to meet the needs of our community. At the end of the meeting Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw presented him with a card and token of appreciation.

After the meeting Henry and Colleen Peyer hosted a pool-side luncheon.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada Prayer Partnership Mission Moment for Monday, June 12 was: *"We pray for the Rev. Lara Scholey, who serves as the denominational representative to the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy."*

Lara is a child of our congregation and is the daughter of Lyndon and Diane Scholey.



We will not be livestreaming or recording services in July and August.

We'll be back online in early September.



The Rev. Carol Hamilton-Williams thanks the members of St. Andrew's for their recent donations of underwear for the charity "Change Her World."

Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sunday September 10, and there will be a barbeque after the service.



On June 22 the choir had a potluck supper in Farquhar and Mae MacDonald's backyard. It was so good to have an in-person get together.

Thank you, Shelagh for another wonderful year.

Duty Elders Needed

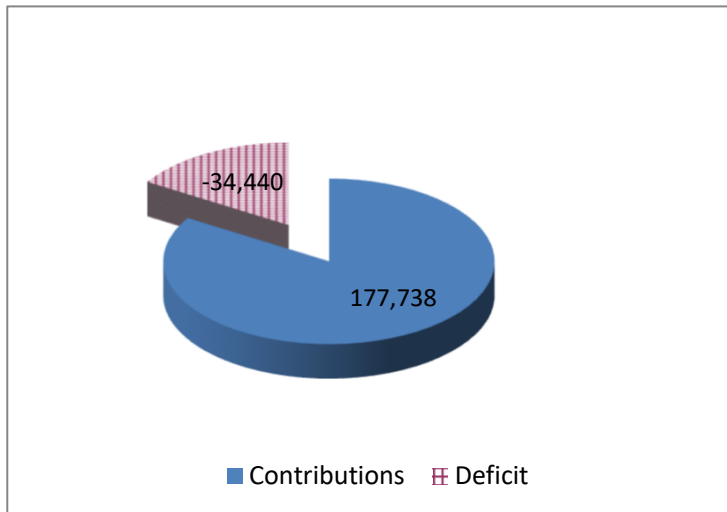
We need two Elders (either Serving Elders or Supporting Elders) to stay in the Great Hall during the worship service every Sunday for the summer of 2023. You will help latecomers into the Sanctuary after the service starts, and direct visitors who are looking for the washrooms when they exit during the service.

A signup sheet is posted in the Great Hall, or you can contact Sandra Jackson by phone at 905-459-4563 or by email at sj_jack@sympatico.ca. Please let Sandra know your availability during the summer. Thank you!

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of June 20, 2023



Stewardship would like to thank everyone for your givings.

Stewardship would like to advise the congregation we will be using our line of credit by the end of June. Our interest rate is now 8.5%.

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**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied Grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

With summer fast approaching and everyone starts to enjoy vacation time with their families, we ask that you continue to support the ministries of St. Andrew's.

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Jun 20, 2023	Jan 1 - Jun 20, 2022
Contributions		
Offerings	112,822.10	105,136.82
Other Revenue	64,915.63	11,034.35
Total Contributions	177,737.73	116,171.17
Expense		
Education	2,335.11	900.25
Mission	15,088.18	8,054.89
Property	83,658.59	59,858.71
Stewardship	103,429.12	111,314.42
Worship	7,575.72	8,564.59
Donation - Ukraine Relief	90.77	2,000.00
Total Expense	212,177.49	190,692.86
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(34,439.76)	(74,521.69)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	8,744.66	10,481.96
PWS&D donations*	1,806.66	3,779.96
Food Bank donations*	17,700.52	24,053.79

* 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

Wow, it is so hard to believe that the summer is upon us. The executive would like to wish everyone a safe, fun-filled summer, whether you are staying close to home or travelling.

The WMS would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Family Resource Activity Bags. A huge 'THANK YOU' goes out to Ariella Huether, who asked everyone who attended her 9th birthday party to bring a donation instead of a gift. Pictures of the bags and the delivery are on page 6 of this newsletter.

We will all come together in September for our next meeting, which will be held via Microsoft Teams. At our September meeting we will be sharing our favourite book, movie and/or TV show that you enjoyed over the summer.

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



Join us for our next All-Ages event at St. Andrew's. Come in your pajamas or comfy clothes, along with a blanket, pillow and/or your stuffed animal.

We will be watching Disney's **Inside Out** - *After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school.*

DATE: Friday, July 7, 2023

TIME: 6:30 pm – movie will start at 6:45 pm

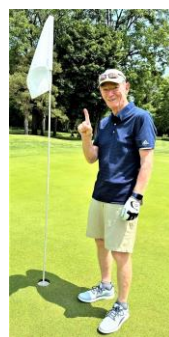
We will all gather in the Great Hall. Popcorn and drinks will be supplied.

Food... for Thought



by Gord Warren

The volunteers at the Food Bank have been working nonstop to make sure that there is enough of the proper food for the clients that come to our doors.



Recently, volunteers Valerie Warren and Greg Wilkinson celebrated birthdays one day apart, and this was just the excuse we needed for a social get together. A group of us played golf at the Peel Village Golf Course and on the 6th hole, the birthday boy got a hole in one! We returned to the Campbells' home for a swim and a BBQ. The pool was much appreciated after a hot day,

and the varied conversations lasted well into the night.



The second opportunity was at the end of the same week. My wife Valerie and I (assisted by Mark and Maggie Nicol) hosted the annual Food Bank volunteer BBQ. Every volunteer and their guest were invited, along with some other people who have a direct impact on the success of the Food Bank. This is our chance to sit and chat with other volunteers without the hustle and bustle of a Wednesday. Everyone contributed something to the meal and it's a chance to try different foods. Almost everyone who attended had some connection to the Food Bank, and we enjoyed getting together, sharing stories and other conversations. The evening was topped off with Oktoberfest sausages, hamburgers and many desserts.

Thank you to everyone for the many delicious contributions that helped make this a successful BBQ.

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

Summer is now here, and it looks as though we will enjoy some outdoor activities with seasonal sunshine and good weather.

Not so for many parts of Canada, as hundreds of forest fires threaten communities from coast to coast. It seems like natural disasters are plaguing the world through fires and floods, as we also enter the “hurricane season.” Fortunately, we worship our Lord and Saviour who is a big God, and no situation is too big or too widespread for He who calmed the sea.

So as we take time out this summer we are encouraged to continually ask God to intervene in these situations that only God can resolve.

Enjoy, and thank God for summer.

A PRAYER TO BEGIN SUMMER

For more light in the day, we thank you,
For gentle mornings, we thank you,
For nighttime conversations,
we thank you,
For friends and family,
we thank you,
For gardens and all manner of creatures,
we thank you.

Help us, Creator and lover of our souls.
Help us love this earth.
Help us dwell wholeheartedly in our lives
this day.
Help us pray as we walk, work, play, rest,
and create.

Amen



by Doreen Scott-Dunne



On Tuesday, June 13 Doreen & Ray hosted a summer luncheon for the L6X/L6Y GRACE Group. It was potluck and we had a veritable feast. We were delighted that Rev. Wayne and his wife Cathy were able to join us. Others in the photos below are Grace Gowland, Marilyn and Jim Hunt, Shirley

Hancock, Jean McCreath, Dr. Shirley Kellam and Sue Haw.



We shared delicious food, enjoyed fellowship, and we are all looking forward to warm summer days.



Rev. Wayne asked us, just before the party broke up, why this GRACE Group was still working, and Jean McCreath volunteered that it was because we all like each other. I think the fact that we live close together also helps, but we definitely enjoy fellowship with one another, and also all the learning we do from Right Now Media.

We will continue to get together on the third Tuesday of the month, beginning on September 19, 2023. Meantime, we will be off building memories with family and friends.

New Zealand 2023

By Karen Dunlop

In 1989 my dad, Alf Waymann (St. Andrew's organist from 1983 to 1995) and I had our first taste of NZ by means of a 1600 km tandem bike tour, tenting, sampling tea rooms, sending postcards, marvelling at glaciers, volcanos, bird life - taking lots of 35mm slides. In March of 2023, some 34 years later, this same duo reviewed some of that first trip, but now by car, ensuite motels and requisite electronic devices for instantaneous Facebook communication (Karen). Volcanos still erupt sporadically, glaciers continue wasting away, there are FAR fewer sheep than 34 years ago, but then more dairying - and much more wine making!

The day after arriving in Nelson on the northern end of South Island, New Zealand, Dad and I set off on a little hike. We traveled 12.5km (a small section) along the Abel Tasman Coastal Trail in about 4.5 hours, before catching a water taxi from the beach, back to the start point. The trail wove its way up and down hills, through many types of vegetation, past rivers, streams and waterfalls as it twisted and turned following the many coves of the coastline.

Driving along one day we spotted some sails on the horizon. The only catch was that we weren't near any water! We had discovered a sport new to us, Blokart Racing. (See photo on page 11.) The participant is in a small three wheeled kart, which is wind powered and you steer around a course set out with barrels. It is a timed event in which you must complete as many circuits as possible. It is a combination of go-carting and sailing. Young and old compete, as there are often granddaughters and grandfathers competing against each other!

Another beautiful day of trekking, this time to the Cannibal Gorge, where it is said Maori Tribes battled to attain Greenstone/Jade. On the lighter side, a South Island robin followed us on a few occasions along the trail. They came very close and were much friendlier than the other birds. It turns out they come close because as you walk, you stir up insects from the trail for them to eat. We crossed the gorge on a swing bridge - as we did on a number of hikes. They come in different forms of stability, and Dad like to bounce on them while I was out in the middle over the rivers.

The Moeraki Boulders are a geological wonder which we first found on the beach 30 years ago. Returning this year, we lucked in arriving at low tide to see them again. While I had always assumed they had somehow ended up on the beach from the ocean, it seems I had it wrong. Over time, the cliffs have eroded away with water, revealing fresh boulders in the cliffside. While taking a trail up the cliff we could see the tops of other boulders just being revealed within the forest. Alas they are not alien space pods after all (any of you remember back to the 1985 movie Cocoon?).

Our highlight on the North Island was to stay within Tongariro National Park which is home to three volcanoes. Sadly, rain didn't allow us a view of the mountain tops, but we thought we'd try to get above the clouds by going part way up Mt. Ruapehu to the Whakapapa Ski Village and take the gondola up. Wind and rain shut that option down, so Dad and I decided to hike to Taranaki Falls around the side of the mountain. Our rain gear was shed as the weather cleared a bit and we were blessed with the wonderful views unveiled. The good news is that we were able to get up the gondola the next day and enjoy a latte above the clouds in glorious sunshine before descending and making our way to the airport to come home.

Gale force winds created havoc in town while it provided lift for Albatross as we visited a colony on the Otago Peninsula. We managed to see six chicks and a number of adults. The chicks stay at their nests from February to August, when they take flight for a solo venture lasting a year before their return. Flights easily last 500-1000 km in a day.

It was a wonderful trip, and we re-lived our memories and made new ones.

The Waymann father and daughter trip through New Zealand (see page 10)



Abel Tasman Coastal Trail 1



Abel Tasman Coastal Trail 2



Cannibal Gorge Trek, South Island robin



Moeraki Boulder



Moeraki Boulders



Mt Ruapehu Taranaki Falls



Blokart Racing NZ

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT – JUNE 2, 2023

by Jessica Rhind



Soaring dragons. Snakes. Ladders. Toppling towers. Flying beanbags. You had to be there to believe it. Just ask Wayne - he was in the thick of it, pizza in one hand and his cards in the other as he contemplated, life, death and how the Scrabble game the next table over was progressing. This was the first of the 2023 Games Night series, and those who came out were treated to food, fellowship and fun. There was plenty of time to try something different - tossing bean bags

across the room into the hole was a popular game with the kids, as was a giant stack of Jenga. They quickly mastered Tsuro, the tile game that required lots of thinking and planning to keep their dragon flying on the board instead of heading off the side into oblivion. Candyland and Memory never fails to please, as did the popcorn, drinks and pizza. New games mingled with old favourites, and it was not hard to learn card games like Play Nine or Exploding Kittens. For those who missed it...you missed it! Rest assured that we will have another evening soon, and there will be castles to defend, sushi to collect, other classics like checkers or whatever gem you decide to bring in and share. And then...we challenge other churches. Think you got game? Bring it!

