

INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S

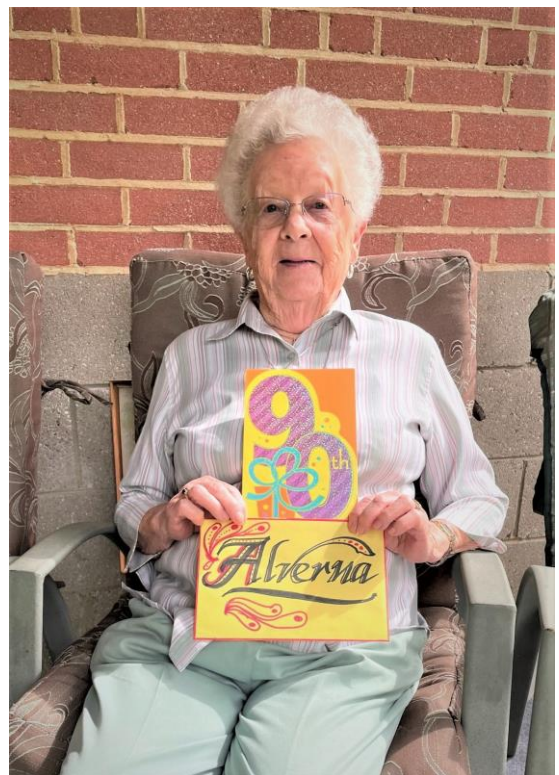
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

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...



Alverna Peacock has a big birthday! (See page 6)

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working but the same God works all of them in all people.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

BIRTHDAYS

September 2023

- 4 Darren Ramoutar
- 5 Liam Nicol, Alverna Peacock
- 7 Derek Allen
- 8 Kent Armstrong, Steve Bagoly
- 11 Molly Harvey, Roger Samuel
- 12 Joshoor Khokhar
- 15 Suzanne Kirkpatrick
- 17 Joyce Miller
- 18 Muriel Gemmill
- 19 Donalda Dale
- 20 Jason Sooklall
- 22 Wayne Jhingoorie
- 23 David Dean Jr., Grace Gowland,
Imran Babar Masih
- 27 Carmen McCreary
- 30 Mary Louise Duncan, Michael Wattier



October 2023

- 1 Uzbek John
- 3 Kathryn Linton
- 4 Lyn Malek, Jessica Rhind



Carmen McCreary's sister Betty Attwell died in Huntsville on July 15. She was in her 87th year. Our sympathy goes out to the McCreary family.

Condolences to Linda Ewles and family on the death of her 98-year-old mother Margaret Hunter on July 29. A graveside service took place at the Brampton Cemetery on August 3.

Our sympathy also goes to Fatima Snieder and family on the death of former St. Andrew's Elder Clarence Snieder on July 29. He was 63 years old. The Snieder family moved from Brampton to Oshawa in 2017.

Condolences to the family of Glenna German who died on August 12. She was 90 years old. Rev. Wayne Baswick conducted her funeral service on August 18.



The Worship and Fellowship Committee thanks Sandra Jackson for preparing the refreshments and organizing the roster of volunteers who served them during the social time after the Sunday services during the summer. Thanks also to Michelle Tedder for making sure that lemonade and cookies were always in stock in the kitchen.

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Rosemary's Reflections



One day last winter I found myself musing about snowflakes. A few of them were falling outside my window, and as far as I could see each one looked different – mainly small, delicate, quietly and unobtrusively drifting to the ground. Sometime later I looked out again. Now there were many more flakes. The air was thick with them, and the ground was covered. That night roads were blocked, car roofs covered, traffic halted, the life of the city come to a standstill. And all because of the snowflakes – each of them not very powerful by itself but together enough to stop a city in its tracks.

It made me think of St Andrew's. We are at the start of a new chapter in our history. It gets a bit overwhelming at times. What should we do? What direction should we go in? How can we keep going while we wait for a new minister? How can we get a new minister, new members? Who will guide us through the process? What good am I – one person sitting in a pew or listening to the service online? It occurred to me that we could learn something from the snowflakes. Like them, each of us is different, but when put together can have powerful results. St. Paul talks of us as being members of the body of Christ, each with a special gift and calling. In one place he says some are prophets, some teachers, some healers, some leaders. We may think to ourselves "That's not me." And maybe not, but each of us has some gift that we can use in the ongoing life of St Andrew's inside and outside its walls.

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Rosemary's Reflections continued

Some of us are good with a hammer and nails or a paintbrush. Some of us can cook up a storm or plant a garden. Some organise well. Some pray well. Maybe you're a computer whiz or a good listener. Maybe you're a singer or you have a great smile. Maybe you drive people to church. The point is that we all have gifts and when we put them at God's disposal to do God's will and fulfill God's plan, together we can do great things. Remember the snowflakes? Each one can't do much on its own but when a lot of them come together.....watch out!

What's **your** gift? What part will **you** play in the new chapter in St. Andrew's story?

Rosemary

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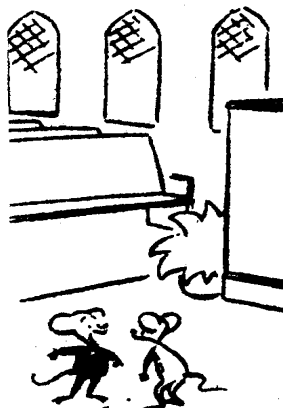
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News from the Pews



Late July found Pam & Stan Loree in Scotland for two weeks, exploring the land of Stan's maternal ancestors.

They toured Glasgow, Loch Lomond, Urquhart Castle on the banks of Loch Ness (no Nessie sightings though), played golf outside of Inverness, explored Culloden battlefield, Fort George, the Falkirk Wheel, and Sterling Castle, before returning to Edinburgh to attend church at St. Giles (Presbyterian) Cathedral.



On Sunday afternoon they met up with their daughter Sarah and her boyfriend Clint who took the train up from London for the second leg of the trip. The quartet spent two days touring Edinburgh, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle, and then it was off to Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keith clan for over 300 years. The Dunnottar castle ruins are nestled on a crag over the North Sea.

They spent the night in Aberdeen and then headed up to the highlands, stopping for a tour at the Glenfiddich distillery in Dufftown before reaching their Victorian Era B&B in the town of Keith.

Next day they headed up to Inverness for a morning of shopping before driving southward through the Cairngorms National Park. They explored the 17th century replica buildings at the Highland Folk Museum at Kingussie, and visited Blair castle, home of the Athol family for over 7 centuries. They toured the castle with its impressive array of Medieval, Georgian and Victorian furniture, clothing and artifacts; wandered the gardens and fed the deer in the afternoon, then went to visit "The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews," wandering along the 1st hole, and exploring the beach at low tide before returning to Edinburgh to prepare for the trip home.

A truly once in a lifetime holiday, made better by the visit with Sarah & Clint (and the sticky toffee pudding!).



On July 23, Gerald Doran celebrated his 93rd birthday in style - with a huge chocolate eclair - his favourite! He wants to thank the congregation for their continued support of both him and Rosemary. He is now back in Brampton at Burton Manor. Thanks also for the birthday card from St. Andrew's - it was appreciated, and he is thankful to be a part of such a loving and caring church community!

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On Friday, July 7 St. Andrew's opened its doors for the first of the 2023 Friday night movie specials. The cars pulled up in the parking lot at 6:30 pm and out came all the pillows and camping chairs and blankets to be spread around the Great Hall, where Peter Shepherd had set up the projector and sound. The lights were off, and the fans blew the smell of popcorn,



lemonade and treats through the air in true movie theatre style. Everyone settled in to watch Inside Out, and you could hear a pin drop until the credits rolled.

We hope to see you for our next movie night, coming soon to a church theatre near you - suggestions include Old Yeller, Moana, Evan Almighty, Homeward Bound, The Incredible Journey, and more! Don't miss this chance to be social and re-connect, and if you want, bring a friend.



It was a great night with 15 in attendance.

Congratulations Thomas Dewar!! Thomas has accepted a full-time job with Dome Production as Broadcast Media Technician. When you watch an NHL hockey game on TV and you see the advertisements changing on the boards every 30 seconds, this is what Thomas is supervising. Last NHL hockey season, he worked for the same corporation, setting up and running these advertisements.

Special birthday greetings go to Alverna Peacock who hit the wonderful age of 90 on September 5. In the photo on the front cover of this newsletter she is seen holding her birthday card from the congregation, and its specially designed envelope with calligraphy by Ken Jackson.



In August Bill and Anna-Marie Dewar, Barb McMechan-Woods and Richard McMechan spent 10 days with friends in Carlton Place and Almonte. This was the week for their annual "Carlton Place Golf Tournament."

Anna-Marie reports that they had a bit of rain this year and could only play three of their usual four rounds of golf. The cup final came down to one round of golf. Anna-Marie won the CP Cup this year.

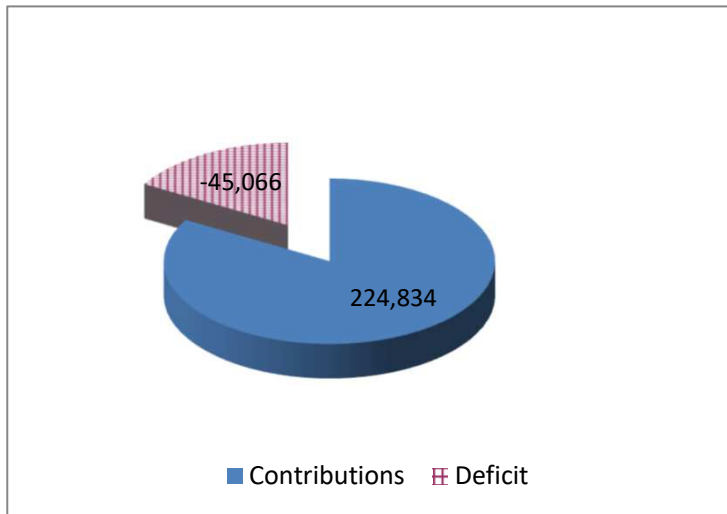
The group toured around Almonte where Bill purchased a train bell! One day they visited Kin Vineyards for a glass of wine after golf. On another day they helped their friend Dave replace the boards on his deck and build a pergola. They had a great week with their friends and had lots of laughs.

Bill and Anna-Marie and Richard and Barb send a special "Thank You" to their family and friends for the support they provided during their vacation. An extra special thank you goes to Peter and Stan for their assistance with walking dogs Max and Lucky!

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of August 18, 2023



Even though our offerings are up by 17% from last year, we are spending more than we collect in offerings each month. As of today, we are into our line of credit by \$19,000 at an interest rate of 8.75%.

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**

"Hello September! Be a month of JOY and RENEWAL."

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer with family and friends, and we look forward to your continued support of the ministries of St. Andrew's.

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

| | Jan 1 -Aug 18, 2023 | Jan 1 -Aug 18, 2022 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions | | |
| Offerings | 155,036.91 | 132,538.50 |
| Other Revenue | 69,796.63 | 14,965.68 |
| Total Contributions | 224,833.54 | 147,504.18 |
| Expense | | |
| Education | 2,335.11 | 1,198.46 |
| Mission | 19,503.58 | 13,719.27 |
| Property | 101,797.07 | 72,588.16 |
| Stewardship | 136,837.89 | 146,222.86 |
| Worship | 9,334.87 | 11,111.17 |
| Donation - Ukraine Relief | 90.77 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Expense | 269,899.29 | 246,839.92 |
| Net General Surplus (Deficit) | (45,065.75) | (99,335.74) |
| Presbyterian Sharing donations* | 12,048.66 | 13,251.62 |
| PWS&D donations* | 2,611.66 | 4,291.62 |
| Food Bank donations* | 21,767.63 | 28,580.14 |

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

The letter below arrived after the deadline for the Summer newsletter, and the Taylor family asked that it be included in the September edition.

June 27, 2023

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Dear Reverend Wayne Baswick and Gord Warren,

Reference: In gratitude

At times of great sorrow and grief we turn to our friends. Our friends at St. Andrew's – in the congregation and with the Food bank were such a gift over the past week as we said goodbye to a loving husband and Dad.

Words cannot express how grateful we are for the support received from having the service in the church to having the reception in the Great Hall. The kindness and support of many made these days and arrangements so much easier to make.

Please find enclosed donations for the church and donations for the food bank. Kindly allocate \$100 to the church and \$100 to the foodbank from this donation. The donation to the foodbank is in thanks to the very capable assistance received at the reception from Sandra Jackson, Seeta Singh and Felicity Alexander; the welcoming ushering that Helen and John Collins provided; and the guidance from Gord. The donation to the church is with thanks to Peter Shepherd, Shelagh Tyreman and Reverend Baswick.

We appreciate all your kindness and support.

Thank you,


Muriel Taylor
Lori Taylor
Lynn and Peter Dobson

CC: Gord Warren
Encl:1

STAR WARS

by Gord Warren



On the long weekend in August, Valerie and Gord Warren were invited to appear and be panelists at a Star Wars conference and convention in Oakville. We were invited because our former employer - Irwin Toy (Kenner Canada) had the rights to produce the Star Wars line in Canada and we were in charge of the assembly\packaging of the games and figures. This was a very active time in the production department because we were hiring and training people every day. I would make the requests for the tools and fixtures and Valerie trained the supervisors and assemblers on the packaging of the new games.

Our perspective was completely different from those of the collectors. The collectors were more interested in the appearance and the play value while we were more interested in a toy that we could easily assemble and ship to the warehouse. All the games that we were producing at that time were pre-sold and the pressure was on us to get them to the warehouse.

We were able to answer questions that the collectors had regarding our production methods and other unusual items that appeared in the stores. It was a very enjoyable weekend as it brought back memories. At the end of one evening, there was a Star Wars contest that consisted of 40 questions regarding details of the various movies - I managed to get four correct!

It was also enjoyable for me because we also learned about parts of the movies and packaging process that I would never otherwise have had a chance to do.

Property Committee



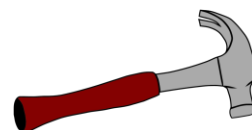
By Stan Loree

Step Right Up!

The property committee received our permit from the City of Brampton this week that permits us to commence work on the front steps of the church. We expect to award the bid to the successful bidder in the next few days and are hopeful work will commence before Labour day. The existing stone steps will be removed, and a new concrete substructure installed. The stonework will then be mortared into place, with any damaged and broken pieces replaced by new slabs. Thank you for your patience as we have worked through the necessary approvals and bidding process with local contractors.

When The Eaves Fall...

Many people have noticed the missing eaves and eavestroughs on the west side of the church, brought about by a late season snow and ice storm. We have been busy working on this repair as well. Due to concerns with water damage to our roof trusses, a structural engineer was hired to investigate the damage and recommend a repair solution. Based on this report we are proceeding with repairs to both the west and north sides of the building. A heritage permit application has been sent to the City and the engineer is preparing detailed drawings for the required remedial repairs to the roof trusses before the eaves and eaves troughs can be replaced. It is expected that approvals will be in place by October and the work will be completed before the winter weather returns.



CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

As August comes to an end, we are moved to pray for a plethora of major events around the world that only God can address. As we take a few moments to seek God's help, we first give thanks for answers to many prayers that now fade from memory.

First, we are now turning the corner on the Covid pandemic and no longer count the new cases, no longer focus on contact tracing or compile a list of deaths that for two years were top of mind. Thank you, Jesus.

This year we returned to live, in person worship services and funerals or memorial services, and person-to-person visits without a variety of protocols. Thank you, Jesus!

- As we give thanks for our health care system and return to regular visits to doctors and hospitals we pray for the medical professionals, many of whom are on stress leave or who are burnt out and are recovering or have left the field.
- Similarly, we give thanks for our public education system. We pray for the teachers who have also burnt out or have left the industry or are preparing for a strike to address many issues that have come to light.
- Fires and floods continue to be in our prayers, as over 1000 fires continue to burn in Canada - we give thanks for the depth of our resources and pray that we can sustain the cost in human and physical resources.
- Our hearts go out to the people of Maui in Hawaii as whole communities have been wiped out and many folks not accounted for.

God hear our prayers for those affected by these fires and floods.



by Doreen Scott-Dunne

After a wonderful end-of-year potluck luncheon on June 13th the L6X/L6Y GRACE Group took a break for the summer.

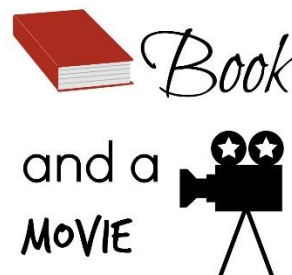
We will resume meeting at 3 Greystone Crescent on September 19th at 1.30pm. We look forward to catching up on everyone's summer news and renewing our Alpha Bible study.

The October newsletter will have a report on the L6T/L6P GRACE Group in-person meeting/social event scheduled for August 31, as that is after the deadline for the September issue of *Inside St. Andrew's*.



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

We will come together on September 5 for our meeting, which will be held via Microsoft Teams. At this meeting we will be sharing our favourite book, movie and/or TV show that we enjoyed over the summer.



We're Searching for Volunteers



Can YOU help in just one way?



Worship

Our post-service Sunday morning fellowship time of personal connection is enjoyed by many. To ensure we can continue with this valuable time of refreshment and chit chat, volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the coffee/tea and cookies each Sunday. All supplies are provided. **Taking one Sunday would be a great help.** Please see the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall.

We are excited that **Rally Sunday** is right around the corner on **Sunday, September 10, with a BBQ lunch** to follow the morning service – a time to regroup and regather! The food will be ready for you to enjoy, we just need help to set up tables and chairs **before** the church service, and take them down and store them after the lunch.



A **Special Anniversary Pot-Luck lunch** is being planned for after our morning service on **Sunday, October 22**; volunteers are needed to help set up tables and chairs before church and take them down and store them after the lunch.

Many hands make light work. If you can help with the set up and/or tidy up from **one** of our upcoming events, please sign up on the forms posted in the Great Hall or contact Karen Hutchinson by text at 416-704-5398 or email at vankarry@gmail.com.

Duty Elders ensure the safety and comfort of us all on Sunday mornings. Welcoming latecomers and directing those with special needs throughout the service, is an important, yet relatively easy role. If you are able to take a Sunday, please see the sign-up sheet in the Great Hall.

Thank you to everyone! Volunteering for one Sunday or one event makes a **HUGE** difference and working together we can maintain all the aspects that make St. Andrew's a Very Warm, Welcoming and Special place to Worship.

Thanks again,

Karen Hutchinson
On behalf of your St. Andrew's Worship and Fellowship Committee



The summer brought us happy days
In spite of storms and rain,
And now September touches hearts
As memories remain.
The summer brought the harvest, Lord,
The gifts which you bestow,
And autumn paints the hills and trees
To leave a warming glow.
The gifts of life are ours to share
With people far and near,
But most of all the gift of hope
Each season of the year.
Be with us, Lord, through all the weeks,
Whatever comes along,
And keep within our hearts and minds
Our own September song.

Iris Hesselden



Rally Sunday, September 10

The Christian Education Committee is planning an activity-filled **Rally Sunday on September 10, 2023**. In our worship service the children's story and sermon will be geared towards children, youth and the young at heart, and we hope to have as many of our children and youth attend the service as possible. Also, our Sunday School teachers and Christian Education leaders will be commissioned, marking the start of a new teaching season.



After worship there will be a barbecue lunch with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, cold lemonade and coffee, and everyone is invited. Don't miss out!

SAVE the DATE



**St. Andrew's 176th Anniversary
will be celebrated on October 22.**

(See information on page 11)

May this verse bring a blessing to your day

Look back and thank God.

Look forward and trust God.

Look around and serve God.

Look within and find God.