

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...

Calling all children



Sunday School has started

Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:11 (KJV)

BIRTHDAYS

October 2023

- 1 Uzbek John
- 3 Kathryn Linton
- 4 Lyn Malek, Jessica Rhind
- 6 Margaret Bakkeren
- 8 Shirley Nash
- 10 Catherine Nicholson
- 11 Ariel Jokhoo, Phil Leow
- 12 Jennifer Aleong, Penny Owens
- 15 Saqib Bhatti
- 17 Joseph Amoah, Karen Dunlop,
Diane White
- 18 Barbara Osborne
- 19 Pierre-Paul Massy
- 21 Sarah Jess, Jonathan McKittrick
- 22 Jeremy Flint
- 23 James Stratton
- 24 Promila Kamal
- 27 Murray Meadows
- 29 Deric Karkada, Winston Polack



November 2023

- 3 Bill Temple, Kara Urquhart
- 4 Andy Bunkis
Jennifer Phillips, Stephanie Sexton
- 7 May Jackson, Janice McKnight



Rookmin Bisnauth on the death of her sister Soondree David on August 27, 2023.

Our sympathy also goes to Bill Dewar and family on the death of Bill's father, Robert Edward Dewar, who died on September 12.

We extend sympathy to the family of Fred Swackhamer who died in Sutton West, Ontario, on September 23. He was 98 years old.



Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers and greeters on Sunday mornings. A friendly, welcoming smile is the only requirement. Please contact Karen Hutchinson at vankarry@gmail.com if you are interested in this ministry.



We also need volunteers to prepare and serve refreshments at the fellowship time after the worship service.

There is a signup sheet in the Great Hall.

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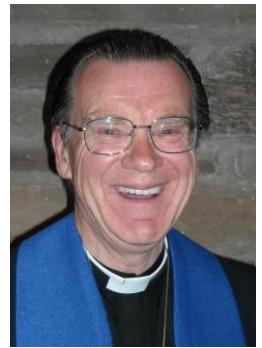
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Wayne's World

These were more noble ..., in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

- Acts 17:11



Golden Bible Chapters

John Huffman tells the classic story of the man who was in a difficult situation, and in desperation turns to the Bible. He didn't know where to look, so he let the book flop open, and he laid a finger on a verse, which said that Judas "went and hanged himself." After a moment's thought, and not particularly thrilled with this verse, he decided to turn to a different verse for help; he repeated the process, and it read, "Go thou and do likewise." Now more worried than ever, he tried the search once more and opened to "What thou doest, do quickly."

Too many Christians are "hunt and poke" Bible students, and it's no wonder we have so little understanding of God's Word for us. The Bible deserves our serious attention and was not designed for "hocus-pocus" solutions to the difficulties of life.

For Presbyterians, **The Word of God** is first and foremost for our Faith in God. Towards this end for this month's minister's message, I offer "**Golden Bible Chapters**" for you, which provide major topics as related to our Faith. May you be encouraged and enriched in your Faith as you read these portions of God's Word. I suggest that you keep these Golden Bible Chapters available for quick and ready reference.

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Wayne's World continued

Golden Bible Chapters

Assurance John 14

Affliction Job 1, 42

Bread of life John 6

Beatitudes Matt 5

Courage Joshua 1

Comfort 2 Cor 1

Devil Is 14; Rev 12

Depression Ps 34

Education Deut 6

Election Eph 1; Rom 9

Faith Heb 11, 12

Family Eph 5, 6

Give tithe Mal 3

Gratitude Rom 12

Heaven Rev 21, 22

Hell Lk 16; Rev 20

Invitation Matt 11

Illness 2 Cor 12

Justification Rom 5

Judgment Matt 25

Kenosis Phil 2

Know Him Phil 3

Love 1 Cor 13; Jn 13

Loneliness Ps 23

Marriage 1 Cor 7

Missions Lk 10, 24

New Birth John 3

New Life Gal 2, 5

Original sin Gen 3

Overcoming 1 Jn 5

Prayer Matt 6; Lk 11

Power Eph 1, 3, 6

Quickened Eph 2

Quick tongue Jas 3

Resurrection 1 Cor 15

Religion (true) Jas 1

Sin Ps 51; Rom 3

Salvation Acts 9, 16

Temptation 1 Cor 10

Temperance Prov 3

Unity Eph 4, Col 2

United-Christ Rom 6

Vine (Jesus) John 15

Victory Rom 8

Word of God Ps 119

Wisdom Prov 3; 1 Cor 2

Youth Eccl 12; 2 Ti 2

Yearning Ps 42

Together in The Word,
Blessed Reading,

Rev. Wayne

Interim Moderator & Stated Supply



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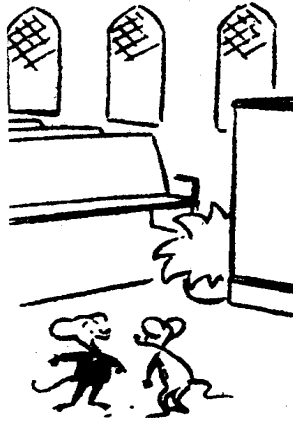
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News from the Pews



After many years of dedicated service, Jean Bradshaw is retiring as a Sunday School teacher, and on Rally Sunday (September 10) Kim Shepherd presented her with a bouquet of flowers from the congregation.



Alverna Peacock was 90 years old on September 5, and on September 10 over 89 people joined her at her home to celebrate her birthday. It was a party that her daughters Kathy, Kelly and Terrie had been planning for over seven months. Kathy says that this was kept a secret from her mother until they took her across to Niagara Falls, New York, to enjoy a wee *get-away*. Alverna was also surprised by the arrival of all her family flying in from Edmonton, Alberta. Family and friends, and especially seven great-grandchildren, sang Happy Birthday to her, and that pleased her very much. Kathy mentioned that her mother was overwhelmed – to say the least – with a day of surprises, and well wishes from family and friends.

The family would like to thank her friends from St. Andrew's Church for their phone calls.



The photos above and below show that Rally Day was a huge success, (see back cover) and the tables in the Great Hall were filled with people enjoying the barbeque lunch which followed the worship service.



A large number of children and youth have signed up for Sunday School and Confirmation classes. The young people and their teachers leave the sanctuary after the children's story and go to their classes in the upper level of the education wing.

Nathan Woods and his girlfriend, Bela Juricic visited Bela's family home in Split, Croatia for two weeks in August. Highlights included fresh fish every day, a variety of fresh fruits from their garden, and lots of beach time and sightseeing. They also went to a Michelin-starred restaurant and enjoyed a 5-star meal! They are both looking forward to their next trip!



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Rosemary and Gerry Doran celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on September 3. They managed to exchange gifts and cards at Burton Manor, where Gerry is now residing. Rosemary is happy that Gerry is now closer, and it is easier to visit him in his new home.



To celebrate their anniversary, grandson Nathan Woods took Rosemary for a road trip in his new convertible! Thanks to all for their support and prayers – they are both truly appreciative of their St. Andrew's family!

On September 19, eight St. Andrew's members participated in a golf tournament to support Bethell Hospice in Caledon. The teams were split into men vs women, with the men being represented by Stan Loree, Bill Dewar, Peter Shepherd and Richard McMechan. The women were Pam Loree, Anna-Marie Dewar, Victoria Dewar and Barb Woods. Victoria Dewar won the Ladies Longest Drive with an impressive drive of 218 yards!



Rev. Wayne Baswick sure got us fired up with his September 17 sermon on "A Variety of Gifts." He encouraged each of us to use our talents to make a contribution to the life and work of the church. See pages 2 and 10 for some suggestions on how you can help.



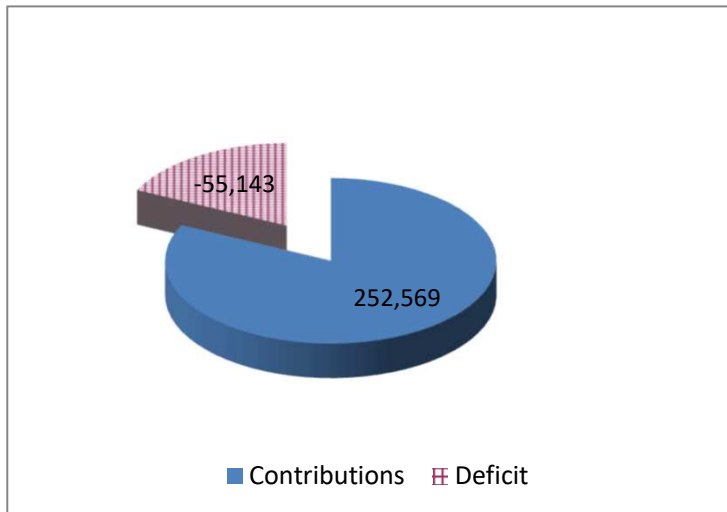
Fifteen members and friends of St. Andrew's enjoyed a fabulous day of golf at Derrydale Golf Course in Mississauga on Saturday, September 23. The outfits were colourful and the scores were very close. Longest Drive Men went to Stan Loree, while Longest Drive Women went to Anna Marie Dewar. Closest to the Pin for men was Peter Shepherd and Closest to the Pin for women was Lee Gosse. The winning foursome, after a fierce putt off, were Pam and Stan Loree, and Lee and Brian Gosse. A special shoutout goes to Jeff Loree (Stan's nephew) who was called in to pinch hit at the last minute! After the COVID hiatus it was great to be able to hold the tournament again.

Many thanks to Pam & Stan Loree for organizing, and to all who attended. Looking forward to next year!!

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

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



As of today, we are into our **line of credit by \$15,000** at an interest rate of 8.75%. Our monthly PAR contributions are down 12% since the beginning for the year. **Please consider joining PAR.**

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**

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." - 1 Chronicles 16:34

Happy Thanksgiving!

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Sept 20, 2023	Jan 1 - Sept 20, 2022
Contributions		
Offerings	177,454.61	159,233.91
One-time Grants	30,000.00	-
Other Revenue	45,114.51	17,390.68
Total Contributions	252,569.12	176,624.59
Expense		
Education	2,682.51	1,394.90
Mission	22,143.09	15,566.65
Property	112,440.84	76,164.98
Stewardship	160,620.51	162,976.43
Worship	9,734.87	14,099.27
Donation - Ukraine Relief	90.77	2,000.00
Total Expense	307,712.59	272,202.23
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(55,143.47)	(95,577.64)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	13,552.66	16,485.94
PWS&D donations*	2,989.16	5,979.94
Food Bank donations*	23,795.78	32,757.84

* 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

It is so hard to believe that the summer has come to an end, and we are entering the Fall months.

Calling all ladies to come out and join us at our WMS meetings, taking place via Teams on the first Tuesday of every month. I will send out the Teams link before the meeting.

Do you have to be a member....NO!
Do you have to attend in person...NO!
Don't have a computer...Don't stress, you are able to call in to the Teams meeting.

We enjoy the fellowship with each other, bible studies and worship services, supplied by the WMS Council. **Our next meeting and Worship service will be Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 – which will be our Thanksgiving Service** – we hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, comments and/or thoughts, please contact our President, Kim Shepherd at kimbers1269@gmail.com.



Kim Shepherd
President

The activity bags with items donated by members of the congregation were delivered to the Family Resource Centre and were well received. Pictured here are Pam Loree and Kaitlin Shepherd who helped with the delivery.

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

Mission Committee

by Sandra Jackson



The Mission Committee is looking for the congregation's participation in donating clean, gently-used or new winter gear for our newcomers from Kenya.

We need the following items in various sizes for both men and women:

Winter coats, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, warm pants, sweatshirts, and thick socks.

Red tote bins will be left on the church stage for drop offs every Sunday until we have enough items to outfit all our newcomers. Winter is coming fast, with cold weather just around the corner.

If you have any questions, please contact either: Robyn Kirkpatrick or Sandra Jackson.

The gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die, and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die.

Dallas Willard



L6T/L6P GRACE group gathered in person for the first time since COVID, and for the last time at the Harveys' big house before they move to a smaller abode. We gathered in the backyard, as the house is stacked high with boxes and devoid of a lot of furniture. It was a potluck appetizer event on the last day of August. We were able to catch up on summertime events and learn about plans for the future.



L – R Suzzy Kirkpatrick, Robyn Kirkpatrick, Mike Harvey, Janet Ferguson, Molly Harvey, June Young, Colin Young, Bill Temple, James Stratton, Alice Stratton, Mary Louise Duncan (holding Alice), and Felicity Alexander. Unable to join us that afternoon were Grace Brewster-Yates, Maggie and Mark Nicol, Patricia Sankar and Lee Crawford.

Thanks to the Harveys' neighbour for snapping the group picture.

The L6X/L6Y GRACE Group met on Tuesday, September 19th at 1.30pm. The big focus was the **R** of GRACE, Relationships. Sue Haw provided the most delicious fruit and treats, and we enjoyed catching up on summer stories.

We had even more time to visit because the school called to say our granddaughter had been hit near the eye with a small rock, so Ray went to pick her up and check on her. She was OK but needed some TLC and she also cheered up considerably when she was able to have some of Sue's treats.

Despite some technical difficulties, we were able to view a video together from Right Now Media by David Stotts, acknowledging the E in Grace, for Education. We learned a great deal about the city of Ephesus in the time of Paul. When Paul went there it was a city of 200,000 people right on the Mediterranean Sea, but now it's mostly in ruins and 6 miles inland as silt has moved in and completely covered that area. We will continue to study Ephesians next month when we meet again on October 17th.

We are grateful to St. Andrew's for providing access for us to Right Now Media.

Doreen Scott-Dunne

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

As we approach Thanksgiving and the end of summer it seems appropriate to give thanks to God for our country, our province, our city and our church family. We can always find fault with our leaders, be it federal, provincial or civic, particularly when we are looking at the dissolving of Peel District and what this may mean for the thousands of employees whose lives may be seriously impacted by this change to the unknown. We rely on our civic leadership to make the right decisions into the unknown.

So it is with our church leadership who have now been tasked with the onerous job of creating a pastoral search team to lead us to the new minister that God is calling to St. Andrew's. This process may take a year or more, and the search team will need all of our prayers to make this happen. So as this process plays out let us hold our interim moderator, Session, and all the church leadership in our prayers.





Stewardship Corner

Welcome back everyone. I hope the summer was a good one for all of you.

The Narrative Budget presentation will be held this year on Sunday, November 19, 2023. Please mark this date on your calendar.

The “PAR” campaign will be starting in November. This is our convenient Pre-Authorized Remittance plan that enables you to automatically contribute to our church in pre-arranged monthly amounts.

At a congregational meeting on September 24, the congregation approved withdrawing \$100,000 from the Capital Facilities Fund to cover repairs to the eaves and eavestroughs. These have been deteriorating for several years and need to be repaired before winter arrives.

Our thanks to the volunteers who painted the Church Street entryway and courtyard windows. Your gift of time and effort is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the requests for volunteer help mentioned on page 2, many committees are also looking for volunteers at this time.



Please consider how much time you have and what your talents are. I am sure there is a church committee that could utilize your gift(s).

Yours in faith,

Helen Collins
Chair – Stewardship Committee

Food... for Thought



by Gord Warren

Now is the time that we are enjoying the bountiful harvest that hard work and God’s help has provided us. The Food Bank is lucky that some Brampton community gardens, home gardens and local farms are supplying us with fresh vegetables on a weekly basis. These allow the clients to leave with bags full of vegetables, giving them a balanced diet.

Unfortunately, on the other side of the scale, the Food Bank has lost a store partner which has provided many fruits, vegetables, prepared meals, meat, and dairy products over the years. The store closed and is being converted to another style of store in the grocery chain. We have also been denied pickup of the prepared bags in other stores. The problem is that Toronto food hubs are taking the bags and transporting them to Toronto and allowing a small percentage to be returned to Brampton.

The Food Bank has begun a cost-saving process where we only give out some products on alternate weeks, removed some expensive items from our purchasing list, concentrated on food items, and streamlined our purchasing to find savings. We had to do this, as the expenses were four times what we received in donations. It’s a tough time, as the number of clients has risen since last year, as has the expense of purchasing food, while donations are down.

If you know of any school, agency, office or club that would be interested in doing a food drive, please have them contact the church or any Food Bank volunteer, and we will assist with donation pickup.



Food Collection



SOUTH-EAST ASIAN OUTREACH MINISTRY ANNUAL CONVENTION

Psalm 119:130 - The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Evangelical conventions have many purposes, they enable church members to strengthen their unity and understanding of the scriptures, and to reach out to thousands of souls.

These conventions make church members more active and strong in their faith, and help to build their spiritual life.

For the above-mentioned purposes we, as the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton, had an Evangelical Convention for three days - September 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2023 - Labour Day weekend.

The topic of the convention was the **"HONEST SERVANT,"** to teach people that as a church and believers we have the spirit of discernment.

Paul the Apostle mentions in 1 Corinthians 12:10 about the gift of discerning spirit.



The first day's speaker was **Pastor Shaphan Sabir** from Pakistan. For the second and third days **Pastor Saddique Paul** from Australia shared the WORD OF GOD.

The convention was well attended, blessed and very fruitful. The fruits of the convention are a few families. They attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for the first time and want to join the church.

We hope in Christ that GOD will bless the convention in future by affirming the fellowship among the members, churches, and strengthen their commitment to their God-given mission.



Amen
Samina Babar

RALLY DAY

The congregation certainly showed up on September 10 to share in the Rally Day festivities, as we commissioned the Church Teachers and Leaders shown below, and enjoyed a barbeque lunch.



L to R - Rev. Wayne Baswick, Ray Scanlan, Robyn Kirkpatrick, Felicity Alexander, Molly Harvey, June Young, Jean Bradshaw, Jessica Rhind and daughter Holly, Doreen Scott-Dunne, Sue Haw, Kim Shepherd, Meaghan Bhim, Larry Malek



The picture above shows some of the hard-working helpers who barbequed, served the Rally Day lunch, did the washing up and left the kitchen in good order. Thanks also to the volunteers not in the photo, but who also helped in the kitchen, set up the tables in the Great Hall, then cleared up after the meal, and put the tables away.