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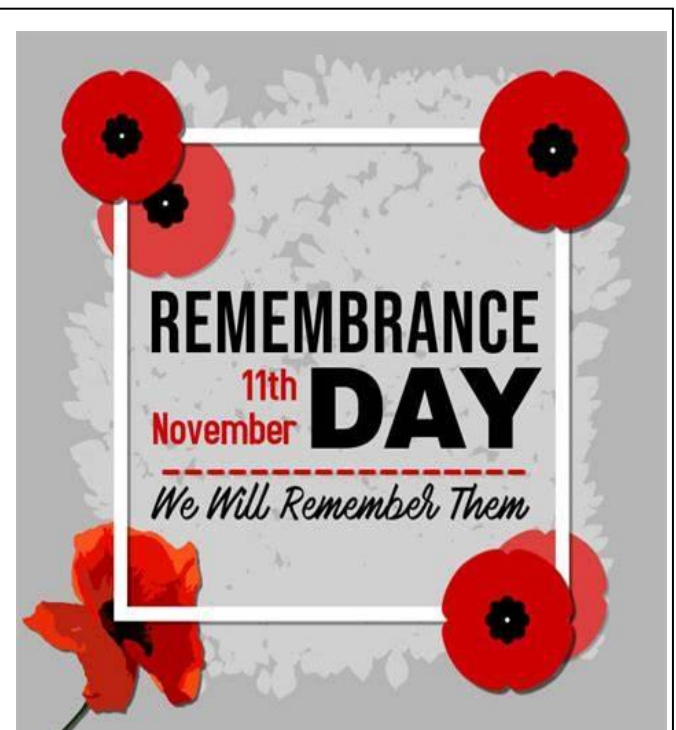
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

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...



We honour the members of St. Andrew's who served and gave their lives for us.

[God said] Don't think about the past. I am creating something new. There it is! Do you see it?

Isaiah 43:18-19

BIRTHDAYS

November 2023

- 3 Bill Temple, Kara Urquhart
- 4 Andy Bunkis, Jennifer Phillips, Stephanie Sexton
- 7 May Jackson, Janice McKnight,
- 9 Frances Cornwall-Samuel, Richard McMechan
- 13 Derek Boodhan, Monique Mock
- 15 Janette Sukhu
- 16 Gary Clarke, Karen Hutchinson,
Michael Odzenma
- 18 Margaret Nicol
- 19 Ann Campbell
- 20 Manual Barkat
- 21 Bonnie Bunkis
- 25 Meg Artymko
- 26 Pam Loree, Blanche McCreary
- 27 Janet Ferguson, Farquhar MacDonald,
Andrew Urquhart
- 28 Dorothy Matheson
- 30 Tamara Dawson



December 2023

- 3 Samuel Odzenma
- 4 Thomas Dewar, Kim Shepherd
- 5 Jamina Cabral



To Rookmin Bisnauth on the death of her sister
Lilian B. Persaud on October 1 in Jamaica, New
York.

Bruce the “cookie man” is back!



Shortbread fingers, 375 grams – \$8.00

Cookies, 350 gram tin – \$10

Those “oh so good” shortbread cookies with
chocolate chunks!

Fruit cake

Twin Pack (one half dark & one half light)
or double dark or double light
900 grams in total – \$14.00
Half cake – \$7.00

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**Rosemary's
Reflections**



Do you ever feel useless? Sometimes I do. I go to do something that ten or twenty or thirty years ago I'd have done without giving it a second thought and – guess what – now I find my mind and/or my body saying “I don't think so!” I don't find a lot of comfort in thinking about the potential issues – like aches and pains, lack of mobility, aging, global problems – that bring me into this state of mind. My mother-in-law once said to me “Don't get old. It's no fun!” I was then in my 30s and had no idea what she was talking about – but now I do! So when I'm in one of my “useless” moods, life can seem dark and empty.

But God sent me a message the other day. I grow orchids. Or maybe I should say that I watch them grow themselves. All I really seem to do is to make sure they get enough light and throw a little water at them from time to time. And they are beautiful. But I haven't seen one in bloom for quite some time now. There are still lots of healthy-looking leaves on each plant but no sign of flowers. It was disappointing and depressing. I contemplated just throwing them out. And then one morning as I gazed gloomily at them, something caught my eye – was that a tiny shoot on one of the stems? I stared closely at the pot, gently touching one of the stems and sure enough, there was a new shoot aiming bravely for the sunlight and changing my perspective on my day, on my life.

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Rosemary's Reflections continued

It was, I think, God's way of telling me that there is still purpose, still work for me to do in and with my life. The work just takes a different form these days. Maybe I can no longer "preach like Peter or pray like Paul" as the hymn goes (assuming I once did!), but I can still reach out to people with a smile or offer a helping hand - or write a "Reflection" from time to time! In the book of Isaiah we read that God says "Don't think about the past. I am creating something new. There it is. Do you see it?" The words are addressed to the people of Israel as a whole, but I think we can also hear them as individuals. They provide God's antidote for our feelings of uselessness. We are to stop moaning about what was and is no more and be on the lookout for the new things that God is continually bringing into our lives. This is God's gift to us, new every morning.



PS - My orchid is doing quite nicely!

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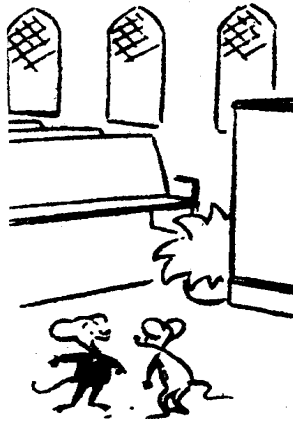
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News from the Pews



October 1 was **World Communion Day** and Pastor Babar Allahditta from the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry and members of his congregation joined the Rev. Wayne Baswick to celebrate the occasion.



We are delighted that Muriel Gemmill was able to join the congregation for the 176th Anniversary Service.

On October 15 we celebrated the baptism of Theodore Emerson Law Collins, son of Adam Collins and Stephanie Law. The proud grandparents are John and Helen Collins.



Helen Collins sent us the family information below about this special occasion.



“Regarding our 40th wedding anniversary. The day we were married was a beautiful, sunny fall day. Fast forward 40 years and we had the same sunny, fall day again.

So, our grandson Theo Emmerson Law Collins was baptized on our 40th wedding anniversary. How special is that? He was born September 21, 2022. Funny, short observation. When Theo was first sprinkled with water by Rev. Wayne Baswick he looked at him like “what are you up to, stranger?” When Rev. Wayne went to do it again he grabbed Wayne’s thumb with his little hand as if to say “oh no you don’t, I’m not falling for that again.” The look on Theo’s face, both times, spoke a million words.”

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Thanks to Shelagh Tyreman for the information below. Congratulations and good luck to the team.



Shelagh is in the back row, fourth from left

In July in Welland, at the Canadian Club Crew Nationals, my dragon boat team **Dragons Abreast** qualified for the 2024 World Club Crew Championships, to be held in Ravenna, Italy, in early September 2024. We're excited to compete and just accepted our invitation. Above is our team photo from the Nationals:

I was interviewed in June for Reader's Digest's **Best Health** magazine. The article is published in their current October/November edition which is on newsstands now. Our team is on their cover. I'm in a couple photos, and they interviewed me and wrote a three-page article about me.



After the 176th Anniversary Service on October 22 a team of volunteers helped sort the clothing on the stage, in preparation for the distribution to our Kenyan friends after the church service on October 29.



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

And just like that Thanksgiving is over. Even though the day is done, our 'thanks' giving is ongoing as we give thanks to God for all that he has provided and continues to provide for us.

Our October meeting was our Thanksgiving service, written by The Rev. Joanna Lee, minister at St. Andrew's in Barrie. The message was entitled **"Do you remember what God has done for You?"** As I sit here writing this article, I am wondering if you remember what God has done for you, this day, this week, this month, this year? While we are all busy with everyday activities with work, families, sports teams etc., it is very easy to miss what God has done for us. I am also wondering if you remembered to say a prayer of thanks for what God has done for you.

The message was based on the laws of God set out in the Old Testament, including those struck with illness who were deemed 'unclean' and forced to live on the outskirts of the village, away from family. The last reference is the story of the ten lepers Jesus encountered, with the lepers asking for healing. We all know this story, they are all healed with only one, the Samaritan, returning (from seeing the Priest) shouting praises to God, while also realizing that Jesus is the Son of God. Why did the Samaritan do this? The Samaritan was obeying God's commandment to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Here is a reminder, when we give thanks, we are proclaiming the good news of God's gracious actions in our lives. Let us give thanks to God not only today, but give thanks every day.

If you would like to read the full message from the Rev. Joanna Lee, contact Kim Shepherd to receive a copy.

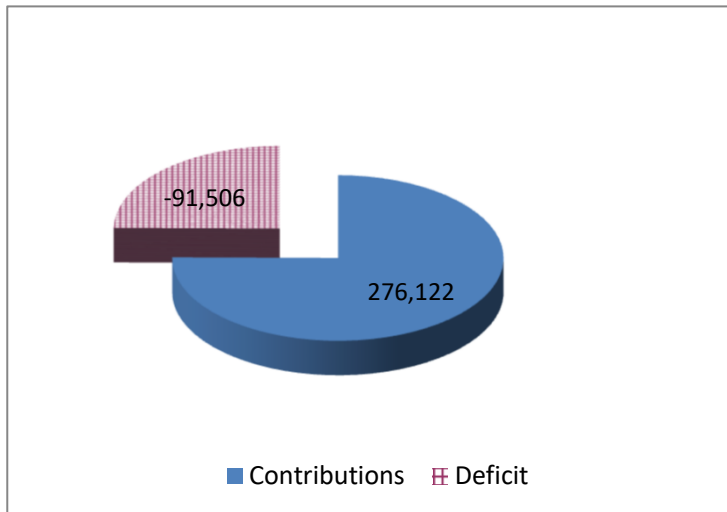
Friends, God provides for us each day. As we go forth, let us give thanks each day and show others of God's amazing love.

Our next WMS meeting will be Tuesday, November 7, 2023 via Microsoft Teams — we hope you will be able to join us online to share in fellowship with each other.

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of October 21, 2023



In October we received the \$100,000 from our PCC Fund to assist in funding the eaves project. As of today, we have received \$4,900 in Anniversary offerings for this project. The total project is projected to cost about \$150,000.

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**

"The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when He gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son." - Robert Flatt

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Oct 21, 2023	Jan 1 - Oct 21, 2022
Contributions		
Offerings	199,637.86	159,233.91
One-time Grants	30,000.00	-
Other Revenue	46,484.51	(8,392.64)
Total Contributions	276,122.37	150,841.27
Expense		
Education	2,888.36	1,394.90
Mission	33,542.57	20,078.63
Property	144,007.98	78,280.73
Stewardship	176,360.02	181,365.06
Worship	10,738.70	16,729.71
Donation - Ukraine Relief	90.77	2,000.00
Total Expense	367,628.40	299,849.03
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(91,506.03)	(149,007.76)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	14,946.66	18,010.60
PWS&D donations*	3,416.66	6,941.60
Food Bank donations*	34,696.28	34,394.19

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



The L6X/L6Y GRACE Group met on Tuesday, October 17 to share fellowship together and continue to learn more about the apostle Paul's two years in Ephesus.

We were a very small group this month and we prayed for absent friends - one member was in Vancouver, one member was recovering from bronchitis, another was recovering from Covid, yet another was recovering from cataract surgery, and another friend had medical concerns. Those present thanked God for good health.

We plan to meet again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, November 14, and trust everyone is well again, as we will be planning our Christmas luncheon.

For the first time in a few months the L6T/L6P GRACE Group met over Zoom. Thanks to Maggie Nichol who rescued us from a technology (operator) malfunction. Maggie is now the technology lead for our GRACE group.



We got caught up on the summer's activities. We toasted Grace Brewster-Yates 60th anniversary of her arrival in Canada and what would have been Felicity Alexander's 60th wedding anniversary. We discussed a variety of topics, including the need for a Search Committee, the new demands on the Food Bank and new job opportunities.

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

We have so much to pray for, given the natural disasters this year; of fires, floods and earthquakes around the globe, plus the man-made disasters and wars creating millions of refugees fleeing oppression. There is no sign of peace in many countries.

For a year we have been praying for a resolution to the military conflict in Ukraine, with no sign of an end to the destruction of this country. So much of this beautiful area has now been leveled by missile and drone attacks and many are dead, injured or tortured. Many more have fled the country and over a million are now refugees.

At the end of September Hamas launched an attack of more than 3000 missiles against Israel in a single day, causing Israel to declare war, leading to thousands killed or wounded and hundreds taken as hostages.

We give thanks for the countries who have sent aid and pray for an end to the violence. Jesus tells us to ask for what we want, and we turn to Him in prayer for peace.

You are invited take a moment to pray with us virtually at 3 pm every Friday to ask our God to comfort all the families affected by this violence and for an end to all those suffering in these war-torn countries, and in particular those now homeless and living in, or looking for a place of refuge and/or medical treatment. So much to pray for.

Jesus, we know you love us and we ask for your help.

**Nothing is too hard for the Lord.
Jeremiah 32:17**



Stewardship Corner

The Narrative Budget presentation will be held on Sunday, November 19. It will take place after the Sunday Service. It will be in-person and online.

In November we will be promoting the different ways to give to St. Andrew's such as PAR, e-transfer, mail a cheque, and by credit card through our website. Information will be posted in the Great Hall starting in November.

Lastly, our committee thanks everyone who volunteers their time and talents to St. Andrew's. As well, we thank everyone for their monetary donations that help support our Church.

Yours in Faith
Helen Collins
Chair – Stewardship Committee

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of this year's Project Cozy Campaign. We received a large number of winter clothing items that have been distributed to the Kenyan newcomers. We are especially grateful for the donation of the knitted hats shown below from our friends at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Brampton. We have since received a further donation of **53** knitted hats from another donor from St. Paul's.

Thanks to all for helping to keep our neighbours warm this winter season!



Food... for Thought



by Gord Warren

THE GIFT OF GIVING BACK

This charity started in Burlington when a mother wanted something for her children to do that would help the community. She worked with the Burlington Hockey League to raise food for the needy. Over 4.6 million pounds of food has been raised by this charity, making it the largest community food drive in Canada. The food drive runs in Burlington, Oakville and Brampton. While food agencies in the three cities benefit, the main drive of this charity is to have the children who collect the food gain knowledge and compassion for those that require assistance. These children will be the leaders in future generations.

There are many innovative ways that the hockey players raise their donations toward a team goal, and make no mistake, each team is determined to succeed and beat its rivals. The food is weighed and added to each team's totals which the electronic scoreboard reports in real time. The noise, fun and laughter is contagious, making it a hectic evening for the volunteers.

You may find a blue bag on your doorstep with instructions on what to fill it with, and when it will be picked up, or you could see a food drive occurring at your local grocery store, with the boys and parents collecting food, or any other way a young mind will think of to get your attention. Just remember - they are all volunteers, and all the food goes to helping the needy in Brampton, none gets sent elsewhere.

The food drive is starting on November 20, so expect to see the hockey players canvassing a few weeks before, so you can help the young hockey players achieve their goals. Your Food Bank is one of the major beneficiaries of this food drive.

Property Committee



By Richard McMechan

In 2021, Com-Plex Systems advised the Property Committee that the fire panel being used was now obsolete, and parts to support and repair were no longer available.

In February 2022, the Property Committee received quotes from Com-Plex Systems and The Fire Monitoring of Canada to upgrade our two existing panels, which included deleting a Bell modem and replacing the communications with a cellular upgrade.



Fire Monitoring panel



Fire Communication Panel

The work has been completed, and the Property Committee would like to acknowledge the generous donations received.



Poem quoted by the Rev. Wayne Baswick as part of the the 176th Anniversary Service. (see page 11)

**If this is not a place where tears are understood
....then where shall I go to cry?**

If this is not a place where tears are understood,
Then where shall I go to cry?

And if this is not a place where my spirit can take wings,

Then where shall I go to fly?

I don't need another place for tryin' to impress you

With just how good and virtuous I am, no, no, no

I don't need another place for always being on top of things.

Everybody knows that it's a sham, it's a sham.

I don't need another place for always wearin' smiles

Even when it's not the way I feel.

I don't need another place to mouth the same old platitudes

Everybody knows that it's not real.

So if this is not a place where my questions can be asked,

Then where shall I go to seek?

And if this is not a place where my heart cry can be heard,

Where, tell me where, shall I go to speak?

So if this is not a place where my tears are understood, and my spirit take wings

Where shall I go to cry, where shall I go to fly?

Come, Come to the Church,

This is the place!

Thanks to Peter Shepherd for putting together a slide show of photos from various church activities over the years. The congregation was able to relive these wonderful memories both before and after the 176th Anniversary Service.



St. Andrew's 176th Anniversary celebrations

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the potluck luncheon which followed the 196th Anniversary church service. Special thanks to Michelle and Wayne Tedder who were in charge of the event. This involved recruiting helpers to serve the food, setting up the Great Hall, then washing up and putting everything away after the delicious meal. No one went home hungry!



Rev. Wayne was in the pulpit for the dramatic part of his sermon. *The poem he quoted is on page 10.*



After the service there was a long line-up for the delicious potluck lunch main dishes which were served from the church kitchen through the hatch – see picture below.



Above are the volunteers who helped in the kitchen.

Back row: Kwasi Adjepong-Duodu, Lily Rhind, Helen Collins, John Collins, Wayne Tedder
Front row: Valerie Martin, Colleen Peyer, Sue Haw, Michelle Tedder, and visitor Josephine.



And when the meal was over there were volunteers to put the tables away and clean the room. Thanks to all who helped in any way.



Budget & Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 2023

After the worship service the Stewardship Committee invites you to join them for the Annual Budget Meeting. The meeting will be available on the TEAMS link below, and further information will be provided on the St. Andrew's website closer to the date.



Microsoft Teams meeting

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We need volunteers to help decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 26, immediately after the 10:30 am service. Many hands are needed so that we can be finished by 1:30 pm before the SEAOM service starts at 2 pm. If you would like more information please contact Pam Loree, Susan Jess or Sandra Jackson.



Here are events for the first two weeks of December.

- Friday, December 8 at 7:30 pm – Advent Event – based around a Christmas movie (with snacks, no meal.)
- Sunday, December 10 – Family Service – Children and youth will stay in church. Most elements of the service (hymns, readings, sermon, etc.) will be children/youth focussed.
- Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 pm – Blue Christmas Service in the Parlour.