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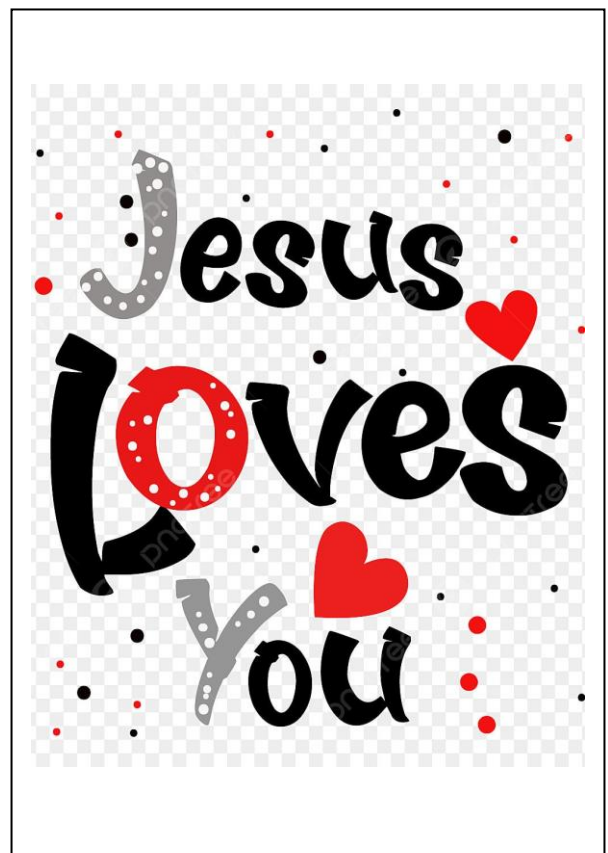
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

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...



Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



BIRTHDAYS



February 2024

- 1 Kaitlin Shepherd,
Katherine Tomlinson
- 2 Sarah Massy
- 3 Susan McGoogan
- 4 Sullivan Sampath
- 5 David Dean, Sr.
- 6 Leslie Calhoun, Robert Miller
- 12 Dolores Young
- 13 Saffron Anjum Bhatti, Rajeev Wijesinghe
- 14 Margaret Silva
- 15 Pieter Bakkeren, Mike Harvey
- 16 Gerry Holmes, James Silva
- 18 Gwen Arbuckle, Louis Julius
- 19 Grace Brewster-Yates
- 21 Adriel Babar
- 22 Adam Cornish
- 23 Maurice Armstrong, Marilyn White
- 26 Ashleigh Wightman
- 27 Holly Rhind
- 28 Sydney McFarland



March 2024

- 2 Frank Holmes
- 3 Renate Schultz
- 4 Anna Eitner, Preston Osborne
- 5 Josephine Hendricks, Margaret Penrice,
Tim Roberts
- 6 Nasreen Akhtar, Emmanuel Osubronie
- 7 Helen Collins
- 8 Ian Jess, Barbara Young



Rev. Wayne Baswick will be on vacation from February 19 to March 3, and April 8 to April 14.

He is scheduled to have eye surgery on February 20.



Renewal Fellowship Within The Presbyterian Church In Canada

On January 18 our church was mentioned on Facebook with the request below:

Join the congregation of St. Andrew's PC, Brampton ON, as they give thanks for their stated supply, the Rev. Wayne Baswick, who is providing ministry and leadership during their vacancy and search for a new minister.



The Worship and Fellowship Committee still needs volunteers to prepare and serve refreshments at the fellowship time after the worship service. Please consider being a part of this important ministry.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Great Hall.

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“Wayne’s World” will return in April 2024,
and this month we share a memory from 1993.

MINISTER’S MESSAGE - February 1993

Rev. Graeme E. Duncan

“Decisions, decisions, decisions,” I say to myself about the month of February. If January is the month resolutions, then February is the month of decisions, for February brings our Annual Meeting.

Annual meetings bring with them the opportunity to make decisions, consider reports of the past year, and to dream a little about the future, and wonder what life will be like in this congregation in 5, 10, or 15 years from now.

Are we interested as a congregation in the whole process of deciding where we would like to be in future times in this city? (This may sound like a “pitch” you hear about on TV or read about in the newspaper.) “Prepare for your retirement years,” they shout in their marketing about RRSP advertisements. The truth that we should plan for our future is as correct for our congregation as it is for our personal life.

Marshall McLuhan quoted the Talmud when he wrote, “If you don’t know where you are going, any road will do.” My appeal to you is that this congregation continue in its 5-year vision by stretching the look into the future of this church family of ours to 10 or 15 years. “Impossible,” you say! “Perhaps in perfection, but possible in practical terms,” I respond.

Theodore Roosevelt was a President of the United States, and was noted for his life of action, (and inventing the Teddy Bear!). He wrote “Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.”

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Minister's Message continued

You can't control the length of your life, but can control its use.

You can't control your facial appearance, but can control its expression.

You can't control the weather, but you can control the moral atmosphere that surrounds you.

You can't control the distance of your head above the ground, but you can control the height of the contents in your head.

You can't control the other fellow's annoying faults, but you can see to it that you don't develop similar faults.

Why worry about the things you cannot control?

Get busy controlling the things that depend on you.

Graeme E. Duncan

Editor's Note – our 2024 Annual Meeting is tentatively set for April 21.

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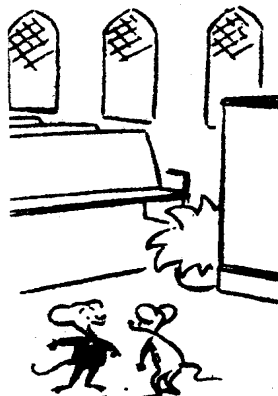
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News from the Pews



Our congregation ended 2023 on a “sugar high.” Read all about it in the information below, provided by Michelle Tedder.

On Sunday December 31 we served a Dutch treat called oliebollen to the congregation. We made approximately 87 oliebollen, and we thank John Bakkeren for explaining the history of the oliebollen to the congregation at the end of the Worship Service, and before they enjoyed the delicious treats served in the Great Hall.



It seems that everyone enjoyed the treats, and a few asked if we could do it next year as well.

For those that were not able to attend on Sunday, December 31, here is a little information about the oliebollen.

Traditional Dutch oliebollen (literally, “oil balls”) have often been called the precursor of the doughnut, the popular American treat. It seems very probable that early Dutch settlers took their tradition over to the New World where it evolved into the anytime-anywhere snack that the doughnut is today.

The Worship and Fellowship Committee thanks Michelle very much for providing this delicious treat for us. We also thank John Bakkeren for giving us some information about oliebollen before we left the sanctuary at the end of the Worship Service.



Many thanks to Doug and Debbie Warwick, Maggie Nicol, Lisa Cristiano, Pam and Stan Loree, Bill Loree and Bill Dewar, who assisted with the UN-Decorating of the church on January 9.

On January 21 the Rev. Wayne Baswick was on vacation, and pulpit supply was provided by Robert English (*photo below*).



It may have been cold outside, but in the sanctuary we soon warmed up when Shelagh Tyreman on piano, accompanied by Kennedy Jackson on the bongos and congas, gave us a rousing performance of the spiritual “It’s-A Me, O Lord!” to

start the service.

For Your Information

Our Library is now open!

It’s cold out there! Borrow a book or movie from our library, cozy up with a blanket and maybe some hot chocolate then enjoy!



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Easter is coming!

Celebrate the season with the sweet gift of chocolate for all your friends and family!

All proceeds will go towards the ministries and work of St. Andrew's.

Join us and participate by going on-line to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/186>
Our customer number is #74483

All orders must be complete by March 3.
The chocolates will be ready for pick up at the church on Sunday March 17th and 24th.

If you have any questions please contact
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PROJECT COZY



Please bring in your donations of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to help the unhoused people who frequent our area. The Mission Committee will make them available to those living on the street. This collection runs until February 11.

We thank Donna Brimblecombe from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for her donation of knitted hats and slippers towards this project.



The WMS will meet on TEAMS at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 6.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us in person or on TEAMS for the Annual Meeting, tentatively set for 11:45 am on Sunday, April 21.

A PRAYER FOR WINTER

The winter seems a long time, Lord,
A long time until spring,
A long time 'til we see green shoots
And hear the small birds sing.
So whilst the days are short and dark
Please keep us safe and strong,
Let cheerful music lift our souls,
Place in our hearts a song.

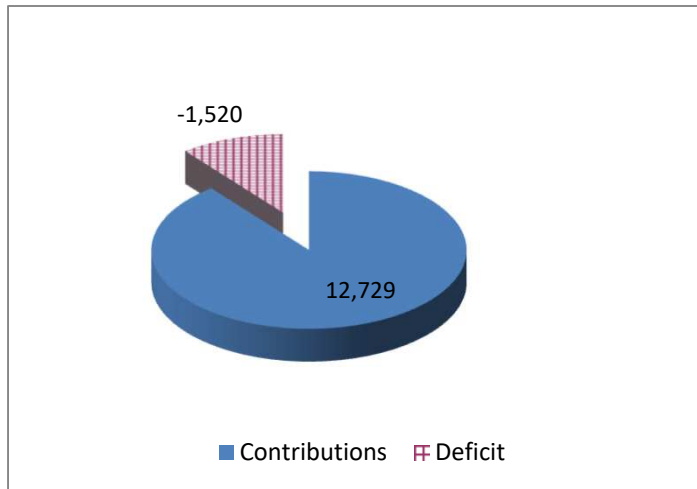
Through wintry winds, through frost and fog,
Let every doubt dispel,
And let your love fill all our lives
And whisper "all is well."
We thank you, Lord, for home and food,
The blessings of each day,
Let hope and joy light up our world
'Til winter slips away.

Iris Hesselden

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of January 22, 2024



This month's givings are down 31% compared to the same period last year. We are into our line of credit at \$23,000.

Please remember on a monthly basis St. Andrew's needs about \$25,000 to cover salaries, benefits and fixed monthly operating costs.

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



Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2024	Jan 1 - Jan 22, 2023
Contributions		
Offerings	10,739.30	15,600.74
One-time Grants	-	30,000.00
Other Revenue	1,990.00	1,085.07
Total Contributions	12,729.30	46,685.81
Expense		
Education	-	210.81
Mission	577.79	1,968.07
Property	4,878.26	18,737.53
Stewardship	8,394.99	13,202.64
Worship	398.72	145.99
Donation - Ukraine Relief	-	-
Total Expense	14,249.76	34,265.04
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(1,520.46)	12,420.77
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	781.00	1,149.66
PWS&D donations*	197.50	349.16
Food Bank donations*	2,788.50	4,260.39

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

Fellowship and



Worship Opportunities

The Worship and Fellowship Committee needs your help to re-instate the practice of taking up the offering as part of the worship service. Starting on Easter Sunday we need volunteers to make this happen. Please indicate your interest by contacting Karen Hutchinson vankarry@gmail.com.

Leading the scripture readings is a meaningful way to participate in the worship service. Please contact Karen Hutchinson at vankarry@gmail.com to volunteer as a reader.

All these jobs are done on a rotational basis, so the old saying “many hands make light work” applies in both these tasks.

Mark the date of February 11 on your calendar and enjoy a pancake lunch in the Great Hall after the Worship Service.



Report from Bruce the “Cookie Man”



All good things must come to an end ... the cookie campaign for 2023 is over, but not without reflection on yet another successful campaign. It must be mentioned and noted that Brampton Brick, our corporate supporter, has again come through with tremendous support to St. Andrew’s Food Bank.

Brampton Brick, their sister company, The Kerbel Group, and the Brampton Brick employees, purchased in total just under 1300 tins of cookies ... and that’s a lot of chocolate chips!

To my friends (you know who you are), here at St. Andrew’s ... thank you for your continued support this year, and as in years past, in getting the cookie word out there, and doing your big part in making the fundraiser this year, and hopefully in years to come, very successful. And thanks to you, the congregation, for putting up with me for the past, I think 35 years.

Looking ahead to the next cookie campaign this coming fall, we need to realize that costs keep going up, thus reducing our revenue. To address this anticipated shortfall, please prepare yourselves for a modest increase in prices in 2024.

We have the benefit of time on our side to prepare for the 2024 cookie campaign. It’s intended to start the cookie campaign a little later, that being on November 2. Better news still, with this year being a leap year, February has 29 days, so you indeed have a longer time to prepare.

So, for the news that you have been waiting for, collectively you helped my team raise \$2,451.00, (presented to Gord Warren in photo above) to support the St. Andrew’s Food Bank.

To that, I say ... THANK YOU ...

“Cookie Man” Bruce

Property Committee



by Stan Loree

We Light Up Your Life

Work has already commenced on sourcing and replacing the overhead lights in the Great Hall. The existing lights, appropriate for their time, are now over 20 years old and approaching their end of life. Indeed, two of the six lights are already burned out and no longer function. The Property Committee is looking to take advantage of the improvements in lighting technology to install new LED lights which will provide the same amount of lighting for a fraction of the cost. We are also looking to improve the function of the Great Hall lighting with the addition of dimmable lighting features, which would be useful during movie nights or presentations on the Great Hall stage. Cost of course will be a consideration, although the energy savings from the new LED technology will go a long way toward covering the cost of the new lighting units. Look for updates over the next few months.

In the Bleak Midwinter

Participants at worship events or other activities at St. Andrew's will not need to worry about staying warm. In December, our heating contractor visited and completed the final repairs to our heating system to ensure we have two working boilers as we go into the coldest months of the year. They also installed some new monitoring equipment which ensures that the boilers are not operating all the time, which in turn should alleviate the excessive heat of the prior few years in the Great Hall. For those folks who are not aware, our church is heated using a hot-water-based heating system (hence the wall radiators throughout the building), and the boilers which create this heated water are located immediately below the floor of the Great Hall. IF the boilers are running constantly, the heat thrown off by this process radiates upward through the floor of the Great Hall, eventually causing above normal room temperatures. The new equipment turns off the boilers until a signal is received from one

of the thermostats in the building "requesting" more heat, and only then turns on the boilers. This has already resulted in a 5-10 degree drop in the room temperature of the Great Hall and will also result in some savings in natural gas costs.

One last request from the Property Committee – PLEASE do not lean/stack any items against the heating radiators – these items will prevent the efficient operation of the heating system and COULD cause the items to get quite hot.

Food... for Thought



by Grace Brewster-Yates

Behind the Scene

In Gord Warren's article for the January newsletter, he mentioned an increase in the number of Food Bank clients and the cost to our Food Bank. He also mentioned our affiliation with the Second Harvest Food Rescue and the Regeneration Food Hub. These organizations, and the generosity of Foodland Supermarket, help us to reduce our food costs, and we are extremely grateful to them.

A large percentage of items distributed to our clients are received in bulk, e.g. coffee, tea, sugar, eggs, flour, rice etc. In the summer and fall we also receive fresh vegetables and fruit from the gardens of our church members, community gardens, farmers and country garden centres.

To facilitate the smooth distribution of these items to our clients, approximately six ladies (with occasional male help) are at the church from about 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on Wednesday mornings. They sort and divide these food items into manageable serving sizes, then bag the items. This enables their smooth distribution to our clients when the Food Bank opens at noon.

The Food Bank committee would like to thank the "behind-the-scene" volunteers for their service and dedication.



Our L6T/L6P GRACE Group met over Zoom again this month. We are finding that many of us no longer want to drive at night, so this meeting method is convenient.



We managed to get caught up on activities over the past month and started to discuss projects that we can work on as a group.

The L6X/L6Y GRACE Group was supposed to meet on Tuesday, January 16, but Doreen was sick, so we postponed the meeting.



We got together instead at Ray and Doreen's house at 1.30 pm on January 23rd. We were able to celebrate Shirley Hancock's 94th birthday, and we celebrated Ray's birthday too. We had treats and fun and fellowship, presents and of course a birthday cake with candles.

Sue Haw's sister Lauren was here from B.C., and we were delighted that she was able to join us. Grace Gowland shared that she is celebrating her recent birthday by going on a Caribbean cruise in late January. Everyone was in good spirits, and sitting by the fire we shared lots of stories of our lives, not worrying about the snow outside.

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

We Pray for Peace

Over the past few years we have witnessed a plethora of world events that have created millions of refugees and more refugee camps than I can remember:

- The endless war in Afghanistan
- The civil war in Syria
- The Russian invasion of Ukraine
- The Hamas invasion of Israel

The very sad result of all of this is that now many refugee camps are being bombed to smithereens, and the temporary camps have become permanent homes, as large portions of residential communities have been totally destroyed. We pray for peace. However NATO is now amassing a formidable armada in the Middle East, comprising of hundreds of ships, destroyers, and carriers with hundreds of aircraft and 90,000 troops in a build up to "prevent" expansion of war into Europe. This is a frightening development (exercise) which will continue until May.

Will this be enough to prevent Russia from escalation in the area, and will it prevent a third war in Europe? The consequences could lead to a catastrophic result in the area, and brings us to our knees to pray for peace.

- Pray for peace
- Pray for the millions of refugees
- Pray for food for the millions with nothing
- Pray for the necessities of life
- Pray for medical aid and temporary hospital camps
- Pray for water, hydro and gasoline for generators
- Pray for an end of the conflict - for solutions for resources
- Pray that God will hear and answer our prayers.



Stewardship Corner

by the Stewardship Committee

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially.

Author unknown

It is so hard to believe that we have entered 2024, and the committee hopes that everyone had a holiday full of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Helen Collins (Stewardship Chair) and Rosalind Cammidge (Stewardship Secretary) as their terms of service on the committee have come to an end. The giving of your time, talents and dedication to the Stewardship committee is truly appreciated.

We would also like to thank everyone for your continued support of St. Andrew's and its many ministries in 2023. Without you, the work that we as a church do, could not be done.

The 2024 offering envelopes have been distributed. If you did not receive yours or if you would like to have offering envelopes, please contact Kim Shepherd or Valerie Martin, our Envelope Secretaries, and they will arrange for your envelopes. Over the next couple of months, the Stewardship Committee will be highlighting the different ways to give.

This month we explain the **Offering Envelope**. It is important to note that the envelopes are in date order starting at the front to the box. There is no need to use multiple envelopes for one offering, as you will run out of envelopes.

Not many know what the envelope with the border is, this is for the 'Initial' Offering. This envelope helps offset the cost of the offering envelopes. We thank the many who use this envelope.

If you have any questions, suggestions, comments and/or you would like to join the Committee, please speak to Henry Peyer, Anna-Marie Dewar or Kim Shepherd.

Food Bank Volunteers Luncheon

On Thursday, January 11 twenty-five St. Andrew's Food Bank volunteers enjoyed a belated Christmas lunch at the Mandarin restaurant. Since Wednesdays at the Food Bank are busy and sometimes stressful when serving the clients, this was a well-deserved relaxing time socializing, enjoying good food and having fun with fellow Food Bank volunteers. We thank Ken Jackson for the photos below.

