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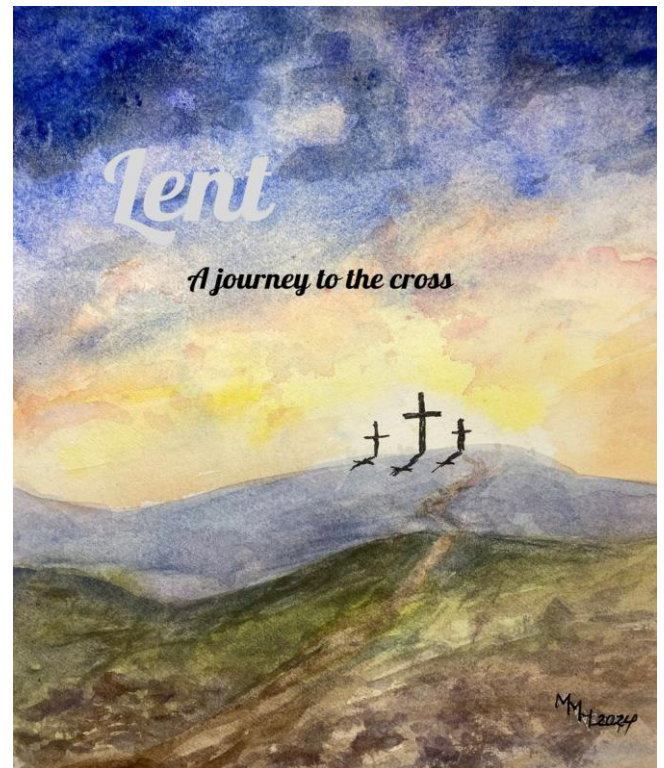
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

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...



Show a gentle attitude toward everyone...Don't worry about anything but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart.

(Philippians 4:6)



March 2024

- 2 Frank Holmes
- 3 Renate Schulz
- 4 Anna Eitner, Preston Osborne
- 5 Josephine Hendricks, Margaret Penrice
- 6 Nasreen Akhtar, Emmanuel Osubronie
- 7 Helen Collins
- 8 Ian Jess, Barbara Young
- 9 Jean McCreath
- 10 Anna-Marie Dewar, Paul Willoughby
- 12 Kay Drew, Wilhelmine Strain
- 13 Diana Corredato
- 14 John Jarjour, Seeta Singh
- 15 Elizabeth Rabello, Douglas Warwick
- 17 Simon Pervez
- 19 Jeffrey Mock
- 20 Tricia Hallim
- 21 Aphelia Dean
- 23 Bruce Cornish, Melissa Simpson,
William Wood
- 25 Eunice Boyd
- 27 Richard Kalyan, Stan Loree
- 28 Christian Shepherd
- 29 Liz Thayer, Laura Whiteman
- 31 Donna Volpe



April 2024

- 1 Khalid Gill
- 3 John Collins, Barbara Duckitt
- 4 Paro Cheddie, Sandra Fitzgerald
- 5 Tom Campbell, Mae MacDonald
- 8 Teresa Cornish
- 9 Jessica Meighoo, Ivie Wightman
- 10 Griffith Wightman, Babar Allahditta



With Heartfelt Sympathy

To Helen and John Collins and family on the passing of Helen mother, Vera Olga Wawoczny on January 30. She was 90 year old. Her Memorial Service took place at St. Andrew's on February 11.

The Collins family thanks the Prayers Circle, their family and friends for all the support and kindness they showered on the family during this difficult, sad time.

Remember Sunday, March 10



You don't want to be late for church!

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Rosemary's Reflections



A regular part of my TV diet is watching the quiz show “Jeopardy”. I find it a great way to exercise my brain – what’s left of it! - and am delighted when I can answer one of the questions, especially if the competitors can’t - great shouts of triumph and thumbs up! I find that a lot of the questions that I **can** answer come from things I learned in school many years ago. Often I have no idea they’re still lodged in my memory. Questions based on today’s music or sports or trends often leave a total blank in my mind, but when they have to do with Latin roots or early British monarchs quite often I’m right there with the answer. I find this recollection of things past also helps when I’m talking with my husband in the nursing home. He brightens up and responds readily when I walk him down memory lane with word pictures of trips we made and people we met. It’s a gift that we both cherish.

Words and how we use them are a vital part of our relationships. This is especially true today in our interaction with people we don’t know but frequently prejudice on the basis of their language, appearance or what we’ve been told about them. Often our attitude and reaction can be negative – like certain world figures for example. Sometimes it’s hard to read or listen to their words and not wonder if they were ever taught any manners! Too often the name of the game seems to be lies and name-calling, with truth conveniently ignored.

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Rosemary's Reflections continued

In the Bible we find a blueprint on how, as Christians, we are to approach other people, whether we know or agree with them or not. In Philippians 4:8 St. Paul writes "...fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, lovely and honorable. Put into practice what you have learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions." We don't have to agree with everyone we meet. It's all in how we talk to them, relate to them. And how we talk and relate is dictated by how we think, what is in our mind, our heart. As Christians we are to speak the truth in love but not with the goal of "winning", however we might define that. When we cultivate the way of thinking that Paul describes, we can find the words of sympathy, reassurance, persuasion or witness to our faith that God requires of us and equips us with. And in so doing, as Paul tells us, the God who gives us peace will be with us.

(Oh! - guess what? - "Jeopardy's" coming – gotta go!)

Rosemary

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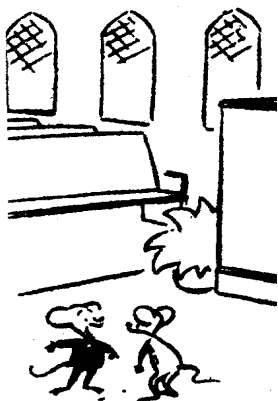
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News from the Pews



Susan and Ian Jess were delighted to meet granddaughter Isla Lily Heslop, born on February 9. Isla's birth weight was 8lbs. 1oz, and she is the daughter of Sarah Jess & Dack Heslop.



Rosalind and Rob Cammidge spent the week of February 3-10 at their timeshare in Kissimmee, Florida. They did their usual visit to Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach and St. Augustine-Fort Marion. They also celebrated Rob's birthday, and they soaked in the beautiful sunsets. While they

were in Florida, SpaceX successfully launched its PACE satellite, and the Axiom 3 crew returned to earth safely.

Congratulations to Karen Hutchinson on her recent retirement, and you can read all about it below.

"Shocked, overwhelmed, astounded, amazed, full-hearted ~ these are all words that apply to how I felt when I unknowingly walked into a room of about 70 of our closest friends and family who had gathered, at Vanessa's invitation, to celebrate my retirement! I had absolutely no idea that Vanessa, Barry and Brandon had been planning this party since Christmas.

I officially retired at the end of February, feeling very privileged to have spent the last 12 years of my career working for the inquiries and investigation lawyers at the Lobbyist Registrar's Office of the City of Toronto."



The picture above is of the St. Andrew's group - Barry Hutchinson, Stan and Pam Loree, Karen Hutchinson, Debbie and Doug Warwick - at the party.

"It was a beautiful, perfect party, and I am so appreciative of all the effort it took to plan and execute, and so very thankful to all who attended.

I look forward to the adventures this next chapter of life holds for Barry and me. I am truly blessed!"

Karen Hutchinson



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Thanks to Jessica Rhind who sent us the photo of her daughter Lily, and the article below which explains it.



Jason gave the best Christmas gift this year to Lily and me by signing us up for a Wilton cake decorating course in Toronto (actually Scarborough but whatever - it all looks close if you zoom out on a map)! There were four Saturday classes, each three hours long, and we had to come prepared with cakes already baked, and icing already mixed. Every age was represented in class, Lily being the youngest, with several mother-daughter teams and cake-decorators in training.

Lily's favourite part was using different tips on laminated templates during piping practice to get the shapes right before starting in on the cake. Mine was breaking out my Cuisinart mixer and learning how exacting it is to achieve proper icing texture. (Holly's was helping us mix cake batter and doing quality control.) We got to take our creations home each week, plus our leftover icing to keep practicing colour mixing, correct angles and steady pressure. We learned about fillings and dams, crumb coats and Lambert techniques; I took four pages of notes at our first class.



Since we can't (OK, shouldn't) attempt to eat two cakes each week at home, St. Andrew's reaped the benefit! We brought our cakes in to share during coffee hour, so if anyone has been wondering whose birthday it was - we were celebrating everyone's. Lily is not ready to start taking cake orders yet, but in April there is another piping technique class, and it is also the month with her birthday. Tasty coincidence? We'll see!

Thanks to Peter Shepherd who provided us with the article and photo below.



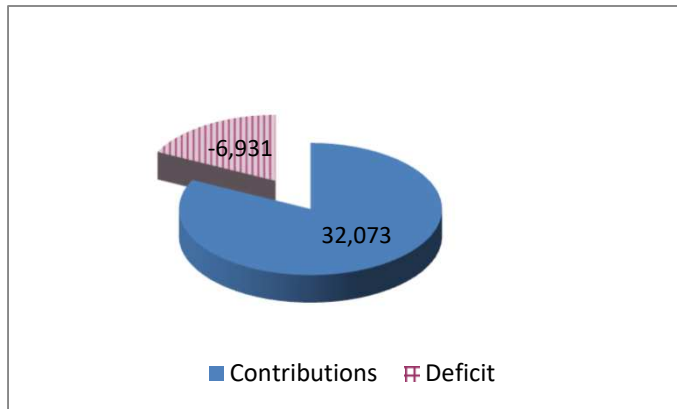
Three out of four Shepherds traveled to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic (or as they call it "Punta Canada") at the end of January. Christian couldn't get the time off work. It was the first time we had done a trip like this, and it met all of our expectations. The ocean, a beautiful sandy beach and two large swimming pools. We spent most days at the pool enjoying the sun and the activities they had to offer. (water aerobics, volleyball, kayak races and more) Peter took two long walks on the beach every day. Kim and Kaitlin enjoyed relaxing by the pool. At night, we went to the theatre and enjoyed a show, then paid a visit to the beach just to be quiet with the waves and the moon before bed. (there was a full moon while we were there). A great trip and we highly recommend Punta Cana to everyone.

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Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of February 19, 2024



This month's givings are down 41% compared to the same period last year. Our line of credit is \$21,000.

On a monthly basis, St. Andrew's needs about \$14,000 to cover salaries and payroll 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 - Feb 19, 2024	Jan 1 - Feb 19, 2023
Contributions		
Offerings	29,247.40	37,419.29
One-time Grants	-	30,000.00
Other Revenue	2,825.46	16,598.77
Total Contributions	32,072.86	84,018.06
Expense		
Education	-	755.93
Mission	2,010.55	5,109.20
Property	13,063.48	28,021.06
Stewardship	22,932.79	42,997.80
Worship	997.44	3,472.78
Donation - Ukraine Relief	-	-
Total Expense	39,004.26	80,356.77
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(6,931.40)	3,661.29
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	2,227.00	3,352.66
PWS&D donations*	597.00	846.66
Food Bank donations*	4,554.00	11,750.52

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

Project Cozy 2024



The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations of hats, mittens, scarves and socks to our Project Cozy Drive. We have prepared many packages of warm and cozy items for our neighbours in need who live in downtown Brampton.



Above - Colin Young, Phil Beams and Robyn Kirkpatrick are seen sorting some of the donated items.

A special thanks to Donna Brimblecombe from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Bramalea who generously donated 50 warm items for our drive, the warm hats and slippers are greatly appreciated!



News from the Pews

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In celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary on February 14, Barb McMechan-Woods and Richard McMechan spent a week at Sandals, Emerald Bay, which is located on the island of Exuma in the Bahamas. Although the weather was a little cooler than regular Caribbean temperatures, and there was a lot of wind, they enjoyed a fabulous week of sun, good food and lots of downtime. The highlight was golfing on the Greg Norman-designed golf course, which was challenging, but fun and beautiful!

Barb and Richard are looking forward to the next 15 years!



For Family Day, the Dorans celebrated in style with a Swiss Chalet lunch at Burton Manor. It seems as though many family events have been enjoyed with Swiss Chalet food, so this meal continued the tradition, although it was their first at Burton Manor. It has been a year since Gerry fell, and he has made a great recovery for a 93-year-old! He and Rosemary would like to thank their "Chosen Church Family" for their continued support via prayers, phone calls, visits and driving Rosemary to appointments. They are truly blessed to be a part of such a great community!



Eight members of the L6T/L6P GRACE group met over Zoom to watch the first of four Right Now Media videos from the series on Psalm 90: "Number Our Days."



It got us thinking about how we use our time and how we look at life in stages, compared to the stages of the life of Moses who wrote Psalm 90. We also discussed volunteering as ushers now that they are needed on Sunday mornings.

The L6X/L6Y Grace Group met at the home of Doreen and Ray on Tuesday, February 20 at 1:30 pm. It was a beautiful sunny day, and we had the best turnout for quite a while, with nine people in attendance. We had many stories to share, and there was so much fun and laughter.

We looked at Chapter 1 of Ephesians, celebrating our rich inheritance in Jesus, and how we connect our BELIEF to our BEHAVIOUR. We continued our Bible Study using the Right Now Media presentation on this epistle.

We look forward to continuing our study and to more joyful fellowship when we meet again on Tuesday, March 19.

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

We have now reached the two-year mark when the country of Russia invaded the country of Ukraine. An unprovoked war where it was generally expected that Russia would win in two weeks. Due to the amazing resistance of the people of Ukraine, the bravery of their military and the support of countries like Canada, the US and Europe, the war has not evolved into WW3. Thank you, Lord.

We recall the first several weeks and months when we prayed for the million refugees, mainly women and children, who fled Ukraine through Poland, while the men and boys stayed behind to fight for their lives. This has now approached two years and to a point where support from the west has slowed considerably, and Russia is now accelerating their initiative and war machine. We pray that Russia will not succeed in this initiative. We pray for peace.

We pray that Ukraine's allies, mainly the US, will continue to provide Ukraine with the military resources it needs to succeed.

We pray for the country of Poland, that Russia will not seize this opportunity to further turn their aggression on them - given their close proximity.

We pray that China and North Korea will stay out of this conflict.

Lastly, we pray for the people of Ukraine as so much of their country, including villages, hospitals, residential structures, infrastructure, hydro, water and the basic necessities of life have been destroyed. We pray too for the families caught in the conflict, wounded, or who have lost loved ones.

We pray for peace.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

By the Stewardship Committee

For if eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:12

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

Last month the committee highlighted our offering envelopes, thank you to all who have contributed to the Initial allocation. This month, the committee would like to introduce the church PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. PAR is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. The benefits of PAR are:

- Contributions can continue to be made, even if the donor is away on business or vacation.
- Givers do not have to write a cheque or carry cash each week when they come to church.
- The church will receive contributions consistently, helping pay the bills even in months when givers are away.
- It saves time and work for those who count and register the offerings each Sunday.
- Never again will donors have the frustration of getting halfway to church and then remembering that they forgot their offering!

If you would like to join the PAR program, please see one of the Envelope Secretaries - Valerie Martin and/or Kim Shepherd.

Did you know that you can gift Security donations through the PCC for St. Andrew's? The PCC is happy to receive gifts of publicly traded securities. If you would like to take advantage of the commission-free offer (March 4-7, 2024), please contact Maggie Leung, Gifts & Planned Giving Administrator at the PCC, mleung@presbyterian.ca. She will help navigate the paperwork and ensure everything is completed as needed. Alternatively, you can download a donation form from: <https://presbyterian.ca/stewardship/planned-giving/ways-to-give-publicly-traded-securities/> and send her a copy of their information, so she can be sure it is directed to your congregation.

Our church committees need your time, gifts, and talents. We have a couple of committees which require members of the congregation to help with the many ministries of the church. We realize that this is a huge commitment, however, many hands make light work, along with new and refreshing ideas.

The committees that need members are:

STEWARDSHIP: Current member(s) are Henry Peyer, Anna-Marie Dewar, and Kim Shepherd. There are three spots which are open. If you would like to join this committee or would like to find out more about this committee, please speak to one of the current members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Current member(s): Jean Bradshaw. There are five spots which are open to anyone who wishes or feels called to be on a committee which works on the spiritual education of all. Please speak to Jean if you would like to discuss this further.

The other committees working within the building of the church and in the community are:

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP: Karen Hutchinson (Chair); **PROPERTY:** Stan Loree (Chair); **MISSION & OUTREACH:** Robyn Kirkpatrick (Chair)

If you can assist a committee, please speak to either the Chair or any member of the committee.



After the Worship Service on February 11 the congregation enjoyed a Worship & Fellowship Committee pancake and bacon luncheon, as well as sandwiches donated by the Committee Chair – Karen Hutchinson, and cakes baked and decorated by Lily Rhind.



Our thanks to chefs Michelle and Wayne Tedder and their helpers. The kitchen crew in the photo above are Kwasi Adjepong-Duodo, Wayne Tedder, Lily Rhind, Michelle Tedder and Sue Haw.



Fellowship events like this provide our members with a wonderful opportunity to chat, while enjoying a delicious meal.



John Bakkeren is again appealing to members of the congregation to be part of the welcoming team by assisting with ushering and greeting duties on Sunday mornings.

If you are able to assist in this important ministry please contact John by phone at 905-455-9377 or email at johannes.bakkeren@iname.com or contact Karen Hutchinson at vankarry@gmail.com.

Food... for Thought



by Gord Warren

From a Distance

In the past little while, due to medical issues, I have not been able to completely fulfill what I considered to be my duties for the Food Bank. Even when I was there I was on light duty, as ordered by my wife, Valerie. It has been an eye-opening experience and a pleasure to see how many others have stepped up and assisted in what I usually do, both at the Food Bank and the days in between. I won't mention any names, but you know who you are. It has taken a worry away from me and allowed me to concentrate on healing.

Thank you and God bless you.

The Food Bank committee has decided to expand the different foods that we are offering to the clients. We are expanding the variety in order to continue supplying a complete and wholesome diet for the clients. All the volunteers have been asked to make up a wish list, and the committee will choose those items that will have the biggest impact on the clients. We have also consulted with Foodland, our major supplier, and they have some suggestions that will allow us to purchase more efficiently. I believe that the clients will appreciate our efforts.



Upcoming Church Events



Holy Week

Easter Services

Palm Sunday – March 24 – 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday – March 28 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday – March 29 – 11:00 am

Easter Sunday – March 31 – 10:30 am



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 Today

This is the beginning of a new day.

God has given me this day to use as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good, but what I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it.

I want it to be gain, and not loss, good, and not evil; success and not failure, in order that I shall not regret the price I have paid for it.

This day is all we have. Is there someone to whom an act of kindness—not tomorrow but today—could make a world of difference?

Today, whether we spend it well or throw it away, will be gone tomorrow. What is there to do that is worth our effort?

By W. Heartsill Wilson