



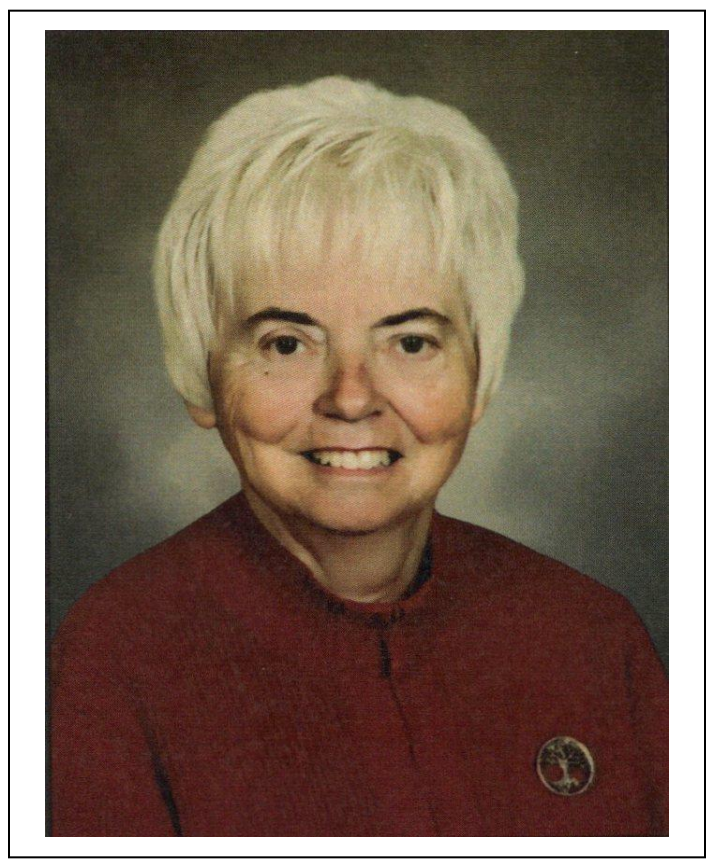
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

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...



Bea Embling – 1944 - 2024

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

BIRTHDAYS

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
- 11 Muhammad Ali, Kennedy Jackson,
Jemma Jhingoorie, Shelagh Tyreman
- 12 Pat Hewes
- 15 Daniel Banks, Andrea Gow Alfred Waymann
- 18 Derek Silva, Sabah Youash
- 19 Jim Hunt, Yvonne Njike
- 21 Nazia Asif, Jozsef Tegzes
- 22 Sherry Sampath
- 23 Regina Odzenma
- 24 Shirley Hylton, Sana Simon, Gord Warren
- 25 Fida Jarjour, Ashraf Masih
- 27 Shirley MacDonald, Lillian Rhind
- 28 June Young
- 29 Lee Crawford
- 30 Bill McKittrick



Birth day Blessings

May 2024

- 1 Robert Stevenson
- 2 John Bhim
- 3 Wayne Tedder
- 4 Petra McKittrick
- 5 Samantha Silva



Bill Embling, Cynthia Prechner, and their families on the death of their sister Beatrice (Bea) Embling, on March 1. She was 80 years old. *See photo on front cover.*

Our sympathy also goes to Valerie Barrett (*St. Andrew's Office Administrator*) and family, whose 93-year-old mother, Helen Barrett, died on March 5.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

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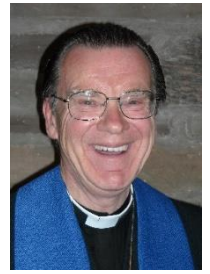
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Wayne's World

Amazing Grace



For by grace you have been saved – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

- Ephesians 2:8a, 9

With a slumping economy, high interest rates, inflation and the cost of living that just will not settle down, we do our part by various and sundry means to keep the household budget in check. Some things are beyond our control in this financial tug-of-war; higher interest rates mean higher mortgage payments, and increased monthly rental payments which keep climbing must be paid if we are to have a place to lay our heads at night. We are at the mercy of the petroleum industry in setting the price to fill our tanks at the local gas station. Those prices go up and down like a yoyo, and often we wait it out until the price plunges. For this we have some limited control, if we are patient enough.

One area of increased pricing that has received much press and government attention is the cost of food. The percentage increase on many grocery products waiting for us on the shelf or in the freezer section makes us stop and take notice. The other trick played on us is not so much a price increase as less product for our money. This makes us check the labels!

We are, however, given some control valves as we shop for groceries. We await the weekly flyers and focus on sale items to stock up on. Or, we use the flyers to do price matching. (*Note to grocers: Keep the flyers coming; don't switch everything online, please.*)

We have one more card up our sleeves in the "Increased Grocery Prices" game, in which the grocers hold the ace. The card we pull from our sleeve (no! not from the bottom of the deck!) is..... "points" which we can build up and cash in to reduce the bill. Warning: not all supermarkets are equal on this! I am convinced that, at some store chains, it will take a lifetime or two to earn the required points for a credit.

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Wayne's World continued

The bottom line for acquiring points is that the more points you get, the greater the credit on your grocery bill. In short, the more you save! Keep your eye on featured weekly products to pile up your points.

The more points you strive to build up, the greater the savings!

Sometimes, this type of thinking is carried over to our faith journeys. The more we do in bringing in God's kingdom, the more favour we find with God. God expects and needs us to help bring in His Kingdom. But the coming of God's Kingdom ultimately rests with God and His grace working in our lives, not upon our works or our doing. Sometimes we put the cart before the horse and forget that our works are the result of God's grace working in our lives, not us finding favour with God by our works.

John Newton said it all: *"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see."*

Rev. Wayne
Interim Moderator & Stated Supply



INSIDE ST. ANDREW'S

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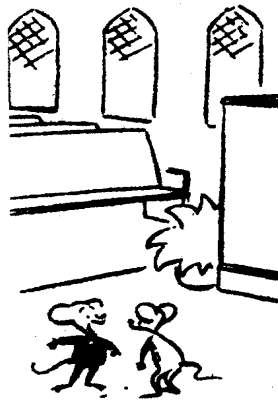
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News from the Pews



On Sunday March 3, during breakfast at the Winter Campaign of the Scout Brigade of Fort George camp, Bill Dewar received his Scouting Wood Badge Part 2 award, which includes the Wood Badge Beads and Gilwell Necker to signify the completion of the Wood Badge training. Bill now joins in the 1st Gilwell Group, which all those who complete the complete Wood Badge training are eligible to join. The Part 2 completion focuses on the practical application of the concepts learned in Wood Badge Part 1, and also teaches basic outdoors and volunteer support skills.



Above - Bill Dewar with daughter Victoria and wife Anna-Marie.

Over the 30 years of volunteering with Scouts Canada, Bill has participated in these programs and activities many times already, and through the new mentorship program, with assistance from a few other Scouters, Bill was finally awarded his Wood Badge Part 2. Huzzah!



On Saturday, March 9 the Rev. Rebekah Mitchell (*photo at left*) led an emotional service to celebrate the life of her friend and former neighbour and walking partner – Beatrice (Bea) Embling. Rev. Wayne Baswick assisted in the service.

The large gathering of Bea’s friends, fellow elders and members of St. Andrew’s expressed condolences to her family and paid tribute to Bea, both before the service and at the reception in the Great Hall.

In her early years Bea attended Sunday School and youth group activities at St. Andrew’s. Throughout her life she participated generously in service to our congregation. This long association provided her with a vast source of information on members past and present. She was elected an Elder in 1983 and produced the monthly newsletter until October 1990. She served as Offering Envelope Secretary until December 2022. We will miss her.

Thanks to Michelle and Wayne Tedder from the Worship & Fellowship Committee who kept the platters of sandwiches and other refreshments filled during the reception after the funeral service.



In celebration of Anna Marie Dewar’s birthday and because they love hockey, the Dewars, Lorees and McMechan-Woods travelled to Montreal on the March 8th weekend, to watch the Leafs vs Canadiens game at the Centre Bell in Montreal. There was great fellowship, fun, and food, and the Leafs squeaked out a win. The group is now looking forward to the next excuse for a road trip!

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On St. Patrick's Day – Sunday, March 17 – the Irish or “wannabe Irish” members of the congregation showed up wearing the green! Here are some of them.



In February Ken and May Jackson had what they describe as “the trip of a lifetime,” and here is their report.



“Our time in Cape Town, South Africa was spent with wonderful friends who took us everywhere for almost three weeks. We tasted wines from their best wineries, visited animal reserves, as well as a huge bird sanctuary. If we weren't walking on their pristine beaches, our appetites were well satisfied, enjoying the most delicious food you could imagine. The weather ...unbelievable! Every day was 80 degrees and above, with only one afternoon of rain!!

South Africa, with the beauty of its mountain ranges and breath-taking vistas, should be on your bucket list. A trip you will never forget.”



Wilhelmine Strain celebrated her 99th birthday on March 12. The congregation sang Happy Birthday to her at the Worship Service on March 10, and in the photo above she acknowledges their good wishes.



This year's World Day of Prayer service was written by the women of Palestine, who also wrote the service for 1994.

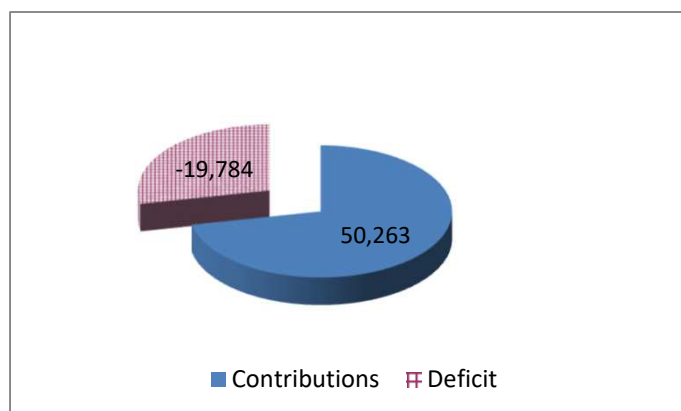
Here is a prayer taken from the introduction to the Canadian World Day of Prayer service in March 1994, and quoted in the St. Andrew's newsletter of April 1994.

Pray not for Canadian English,
 French or Natives
 Pray not for Arab or Jew,
 for Palestinian or Israeli,
 for Syrian or Lebanese
 for Muslim or Christian,
 for Orthodox or Catholic,
 but pray rather for yourselves,
 that you may not divide them in your prayers,
 but keep them all together in your hearts.

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of March 18, 2024



This month's givings are down 34% compared to the same period last year. Our line of credit is \$22,000.

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



Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Mar 18, 2024	Jan 1 - Mar 18, 2023
Contributions		
Offerings	42,326.65	58,523.29
One-time Grants	-	30,000.00
Other Revenue	7,935.96	18,078.86
Total Contributions	50,262.61	106,602.15
Expense		
Education	-	977.22
Mission	3,743.92	7,882.36
Property	20,217.62	43,353.09
Stewardship	44,035.74	59,921.75
Worship	2,049.52	4,222.46
Donation - Ukraine Relief	-	-
Total Expense	70,046.80	116,356.88
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(19,784.19)	(9,754.73)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	3,217.00	5,035.66
PWS&D donations*	810.00	1,144.16
Food Bank donations*	7,795.00	13,146.02

* 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

by Kim Shepherd

The Women's Missionary Society is a community of Christians whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service, and fellowship.

On Sunday March 3, 2024 we once again took part in the World Day of Prayer service, held at Christ Church Anglican. St. Andrew's participates in this ecumenically-led service with other downtown churches, bringing awareness and prayer for countries around the world. There were approximately one hundred attendees at the service.



This year, it was so fitting that the World Day of Prayer service was written by the women of Palestine, and put together in 2017.

The service was based on Ephesians 4:1-3 – "I beg You ... bear with one another in love." During the service, the participants shared stories of three Palestinian women with the attendees. It was a very humbling service and both Felicity Alexander and Kim Shepherd hope we told Nora's story well.

Following the service a time of fellowship and sharing light refreshments was enjoyed by many.

All are welcome to attend WMS meetings. Come, study, pray, serve, and join in fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 2, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to join us, please contact Kim Shepherd.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

By the Stewardship Committee

Christian Stewardship involves doing God's will in all things.

Stephen F. Olford – American Christian leader, author

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Andrew's and its ministries. Without you, the important work of our church would not be possible.

Last month the committee reintroduced and highlighted PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). The highlight of PAR is that the church receives consistent contributions even while members are on vacation – no catch up required.

This month the committee would like to provide information about online giving. Online giving comes via e-transfers, and also through our website, using Canada Helps (arranged through the PCC).

Did you know that Canada Helps retains 3% per transaction made through them? So, on a donation of \$200.00, Canada Helps retains \$7.00, forwarding \$193.00 to the church. The committee felt that you, the members, should be informed of this. However, we want to thank all members who donate through Canada Helps.

Let us talk about e-transfers. This is a convenient way to give to the church - whether it is for your weekly offering, special projects (i.e. repairs to the eaves), Easter/Anniversary/Christmas offerings and so much more. This eliminates the use of weekly envelopes, and yes you still have an envelope number, and there are no banking fees for e-transfers. You can send your donation to: treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca. The monthly Treasurer's report on page 7 of the newsletter provides more detail on e-transfers.

The Stewardship Committee will be running the Macgregors Meat and Seafood fundraiser again this year. We hope you will help us to have another great campaign, just in time for BBQ season.

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Food... for Thought



By Ian Jess

In the Middle

As you may be aware, Gord and Valerie Warren have had to step back a little, Gord more so than Valerie. As a result, he requested that I write this column.

Some of the other Food Bank personnel are also having medical issues of one sort or another. However, we soldier on and have found more helpers to step up when and where needed. This is a good thing because with the state of the current economy, there are many out there who are in need of our support. We are grateful that our major supplier **Foodland** continues to step up and support our initiatives.

I want to thank those who have and are now working to keep things running smoothly at the Food Bank. God bless you.

Last year's client numbers were higher than they have been for many years. This year's numbers are again very high. In the last week of February we exceeded 150 clients served, while we served over 120 clients in each of the first two weeks of March.

The need for help is not disappearing. We are doing what we can to supply all our clients. To that end, the Food Bank would like to extend its thanks to all those members of St. Andrew's who continue to support us, whether it be with food or monetary support.



Some of our church committees need additional members, and our annual meeting on April 21 would be a good time for volunteers to start their terms of service.

We need members for the following committees:

Christian Education

Mission

Stewardship

Worship & Fellowship

These committees meet monthly on Teams, so no night driving is required. Committee volunteers are required to follow the Leading with Care policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and to provide a clear police record check.

We also need volunteer Ushers and Greeters, hosts for the weekly Coffee Fellowship, and Duty Elders to remain in the Great Hall during the Worship Service.

Please contact Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw at 905-455-6573 if you are willing to serve on any of these committees.





The L6X/L6Y GRACE group met on Tuesday, March 19 at 1.30 pm. We celebrated Jean McCreath's birthday, together with yummy cake, and there were many shared stories and much laughter.



We became more serious towards the end as we watched the Right Now Media presentation on Ephesians 6 - the whole Armour of God. We were reminded of the importance of our sword, or the Word of God, to support us on our faith journey, yet, most important of all, the soldier cannot be successful in battle without communication, and for all of us, our way to communicate with God is through prayer. We continued in fellowship, and Sue Haw closed our time together in prayer.

The L6T/L6P GRACE group met on March 21 via Zoom and continued their study of Psalm 90 using Right Now Media. We had an interesting discussion about being grateful for our past, and how we deal with our past can affect our future. Sadly, we ran out of time just as the discussion was getting interesting. (See page 11 for James Taylor's paraphrase of verses 1-12 of Psalm 90.)

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

There are many things to pray about at St. Andrew's:

- For members and friends who are facing a variety of health issues,
- For our church leadership during this time of transition,
- For the Search team as they work through the process of calling a new Lead Pastor,
- For our committee members, volunteers and Sunday School teachers who work behind the scene in all aspects of ministry,
- For our Mayor and City Council leaders who we have charged to govern our community,
- For our provincial and federal politicians who we rely upon to create laws and budgets to ensure our standard of living is maintained,
- For our universal systems of social networks which are guaranteed – such as Health Care, Pensions, Law and Order (police and justice),
- For free access for all Canadians,
- For living in a country where we have freedom for all, and a constitution to support it.

Please take some time out of your day to thank God for our faith community, our city, our country and for our saviour Jesus and the freedom to spread the Good News. As we give thanks let us continue to ask God for answers to how we may share these blessings around the globe.

PSALM 90:1-12

A brief pause in the journey

Your lantern hangs before our tent.

Its circle of light illuminates this brief stopping place.

We do not know where we are going;

we barely know where we have been.

We keep our hats handy, always ready to move on.

Perhaps the next campsite will be like this one;

perhaps it will not.

Only you have an overview of our journey.

We are here such a short time.

We arrive, we unpack, we explore our environment,

and then we are gone again.

May the good earth not be harmed by our passage.

May we be no more dangerous to our planet than a dream

that flits across the mind and leaves no mark.

Like a firefly, bright and brief, we flicker in the darkness,

and then vanish into your warm and holy night.

Like clouds driven before a storm wind, our days scud by;

without a sigh, the last light of the sun winks out in the west.

You drive the wind, you scroll the sun;

you govern the going of our lives.

What does it matter how long we live?

Sometimes it seems too long;

sometimes it seems as short as a flutter of a butterfly's wings...

It's not how long we live that matters.

But how well.

James Taylor, Wood Lake Books



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Did you know that we not only have Sunday School, but we also are planning bible studies for the adults? Did you know that we still have two G.R.A.C.E. groups that are going strong? Our children and youth classes are going well.

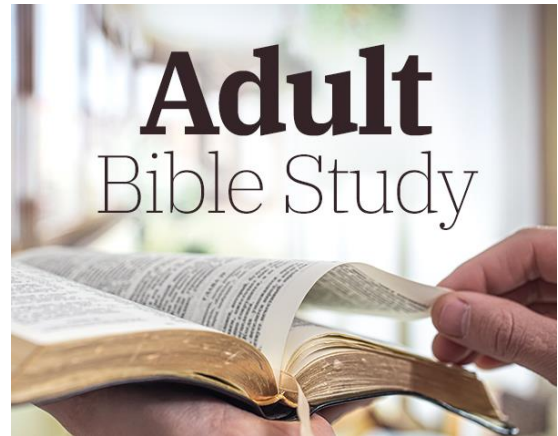
Our Sunday School classes are using two curriculums, the Dwell Imagine curriculum for our JK through to Grade 3, and the Connect curriculum for our Grade 4 through to Grade 8 class. It is exciting and a joy to watch the children make the connections there are in the lessons being taught.

Our youth have studied the Alpha Youth curriculum, and we all witnessed twelve of them become members of St. Andrew's. The youth did take a break, as we feel that as members it is also important that they attend the worship services.



The next study that the youth dived into was Bible Backroads, and they studied the Book of Ephesians. This study is available on Rightnow Media.

Our two G.R.A.C.E. groups are going strong, and they are also using Rightnow Media. This a wonderful way to meet people in the congregation in a more informal setting. If you would be interested in leading or co-leading a G.R.A.C.E. group, please contact Doreen Scott-Dunne or Ray Scanlan.



We cannot leave out the adult Bible Studies. It has been a while since we have had an adult study, but we have good news. There is a study in the works to start the end of April and run through May. It will run on Wednesday evenings, starting at 7:15 pm (approximately) and run through to 9:00 pm. We will be studying the War Room. Stay tuned for further details on this study. If you are interested, please contact Kim Shepherd and/or Doreen Scott-Dunne, facilitators of this study.

Lastly, we here at St. Andrew's have a wonderful platform that provides a variety of adult/youth/family Bible studies, children's stories and movies and so much more. This platform is called Rightnow Media, if you are interested, please speak to Kim Shepherd. RightNow Media is free to you to use, as the subscription is through St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to everyone for their continued prayers and support for the ongoing work of the Christian Education committee. If you feel called or would like to know more about this committee, you can contact Jean Bradshaw, Chair of the Committee.

Kim Shepherd
Sunday School Superintendent

Macgregors Meat & Seafood is back!

Early in April an e-blast will be sent out with an order form, product details and pricing. It will also be posted on the Church's website and in the Weekly Bulletin. Printed copies will be available in the Great Hall after service.

The deadline for orders is **Sunday, May 5.**

Pick up at the church will be on Thursday May 16, just in time for the long weekend!

Payments can be in the form of cash, cheque – payable to **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** or e-transfer to **treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca**, please state it is for the Macgregors Meat and Seafood fundraiser.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Nicol at maggie.nicol8@gmail.com or call her at 905-790-3433.

Proceeds will go to the Ministries and work of St. Andrew's.
The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for their support.



For a sneak preview of the products available, scan the QR code!

Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device recognizes the QR code and shows a notification. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.





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2024 PLANT SALE ORDER FORM

OFFICE USE ONLY
REC'D:
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FIRST AND LAST NAME:
PHONE NUMBER:
EMAIL(OPTIONAL):

MIXED COLOURED BASKETS	SIZE	COLOUR/ DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	10"	MIXED COLOURED BASKETS	\$23.00		
CALIENTE GERANIUMS	SIZE	COLOUR/ DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	10"	RED	\$23.00		
		LAVENDER	\$23.00		
		CORAL/ FUCHSIA	\$23.00		
				TOTAL # OF PLANTS	TOTAL AMOUNT ON CHEQUE

All taxes are included. Please forward orders to Maggie Nicol at email: maggie.nicol8@gmail.com, and if you have any questions please contact her at 905-790-3433.

We accept cash, cheque payable to **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** or by e-transfer to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca. Please specify in the message section that the funds are for the hanging basket fundraiser.

Thank you for your support!

Palm Sunday potluck luncheon

On March 24 the Worship and Fellowship Committee held a potluck luncheon in the Great Hall. Everyone enjoys a potluck meal, as can be seen in the photos below.

Our thanks to the kitchen crew – Michelle and Wayne Tedder, Susan Jess, Sue Haw, and Lily Rhind.





Please help support St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church by purchasing our stunning hanging baskets, popular in past years.

We are offering 10-inch mixed coloured hanging baskets and 10-inch pots of caliente geraniums in red, lavender, or coral/fuchsia.

The deadline for orders is Sunday, May 5.

Your order will be available for pick up on Thursday May 23, in the church parking lot. Details of pick-up times will be given out closer to the pick-up date.

The plant sale order form is on page 14 of this newsletter, and additional copies of the form will be available in the Great Hall.



If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Nicol at 905-790-3433, or anyone on the Stewardship Committee.

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