

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...



Happy Birthday Sylvia Tedder

“Be still, and know that I am God!” – *Psalm 46:10a*



June 2024

- 1 Belle Campbell
- 3 Sarah Loree, Gina Nobrega
Kristi Szolomicki
- 4 Wayne Baswick
- 5 Lisa Cristiano
- 7 John Bakkeren, Jennifer Flint
- 9 Naf Massy
- 10 Yuel Bhatti
- 11 Victoria Dewar
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- 14 Catherine Mangaroff
- 15 Darlene Draper, Alice Stratton
- 17 Mark Massy, Valerie Warren
- 18 Heather Reppen, Petra Woods
- 19 Julian Mangaroff
- 20 Anwar Kamal
- 21 Bill Dewar
- 24 Kayan Edwards, Shirley Johnston,
- 26 Jessie Bannerman
- 27 Shirley Kellam
- 28 Derek Dawson
- 29 Mark Bhim, Sheila Clarke
- 30 Muriel Allen, David Young



July 2024

- 5 Denise Sannella



We will not be broadcasting or recording services in July and August. It will be "in-person" only this summer.

Ushers & Greeters



St. Andrew's Ministry of Welcome

We need volunteers to assist with ushering on Sunday mornings.

If you are able to help for one Sunday, a few Sundays here and there, or longer-term, please speak to Colin Young. We are looking for six ushers per Sunday. All services start at 10:30 am.

Thank you for your part in making St. Andrew's a friendly and welcoming community of faith!

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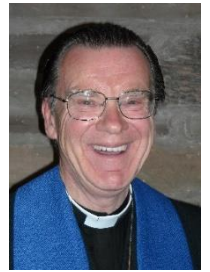
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Wayne's World

God said to Elijah, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by. Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence." - 1 Kings 19:11,12

In the above verses one can almost hear the loud noise of the wind, the rumbling of the earthquake and the sparks of the fire; and sense the speed of the one going on to the other, before things slow down that lead to the sound of sheer silence.

I have a riddle for you. What are they, that are with us every day, which can give us an oozy feeling in the pit of our stomach, like one of the rides at Canada's Wonderland – and at the same time can slow us down to a snail's pace? We are surrounded by them, and they are here to stay, in every neighbourhood. Yes, they are here, and they are speed bumps!

Some of these speed bumps rival Mount Everest in height, while others seem lower and much smoother to drive over. You have to get to know which ones are where, for your own good and the good of your vehicle. Some drivers seek to avoid 'the bump' by driving in between or around them. If you find the secret, please let me know, although it may depend on the size of your vehicle.

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Wayne's World continued

And why these speed bumps? All in an effort to slow us down. The fact is that we drive too fast, even in community safety zones, and speed signs or community speed cameras just don't seem to slow us down. Thus, speed bumps.

We probably also need to slow down within ourselves. Frustration, anger, anxiety and stress of body or mind can speed up our internal engines. It wouldn't hurt to have a speed bump to regulate the speed within.

I offer such a speed bump as given by St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622). He wrote, *"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. Commend all to God, and then lie still and be at rest in His bosom."*

Together with you, watching for speed bumps, outside and inside.

Rev. Wayne
Interim Moderator & Stated Supply



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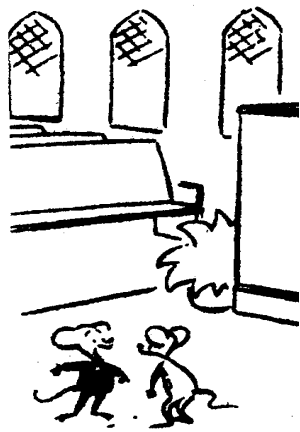
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News from the Pews



Congratulations to our “cover girl” Sylvia Tedder who reached the impressive 90-year milestone on May 16. We wish you many more healthy and happy years, Sylvia.

On April 29 a group from the Bramalea area L6T/L6P GRACE Group attended a delightful evening of jazz music provided by the group “**Home Cookin.**” Sandra Jackson joined the group for the music and to provide a much-appreciated transportation service. ☺

The performance of music, interspersed with brief meditations, took place at St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church on Balmoral Drive. The church’s organist/choir director is a member of the group.



Back row in the GRACE Group photo above are Colin Young, Mark Nicol and Maggie Nicol. In the front row are Janet Ferguson, Felicity Alexander, June Young and Bill Temple.



Congratulations to Stan Loree who received a Long-Term Service Award from the City of Brampton at this year’s Citizen Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 9. This was specifically for Stan’s over 30 years of involvement with the Kiwanis Club of Brampton,



Following the Worship Service on May 26 we gathered in the Great Hall and sang Happy Birthday to Kwasi Adjepong-Duodo who was celebrating his 75th birthday that day. Holly Rhind also sang the birthday song to him in French. Rev. Wayne Baswick presented Kwasi with a 75th birthday card from the congregation, and we enjoyed delicious birthday cake provided by his wife Sue and the family.

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On Sunday, April 28 we welcomed new members Hermain Lopez Ramirez and Yudilanda Vazquez Velazquez, and on Sunday, May 12 we celebrated the baptism of their daughter, Dafne Lopez Vazquez.

Please join us for a **Pot Luck Luncheon** on Sunday, June 9. We are asking for sandwiches, salads and dessert. For further information please contact Michelle Tedder.



There is a signup sheet in the Great Hall

Stewardship



Give regularly. Stewardship is not a once-a-year consideration, but a week-to-week, month-to-month commitment requiring discipline and consistency.

Randy Alcorn – author, founder of Eternal Perspective Ministries

The Stewardship Committee would like to take this opportunity to say ‘Thank You’ to Maggie Nicol and her team on the success of our fundraisers this spring – Macgregors Meat & Seafood and the Hanging Baskets. The total amount raised for the General Operating Fund is \$2,188.00. There were 104 hanging baskets ordered - totalling \$849.00 and 121 boxes of Macgregors Meat & Seafood were ordered, totalling \$1,339.00. We hope everyone enjoys their flowers and has some great BBQ time with family and friends.

Do you need 2024 Offering Envelopes? If so, we have you covered. You can still receive the 2024 envelopes. Please reach out to Valerie Martin and/or Kim Shepherd and they will arrange envelopes for you.

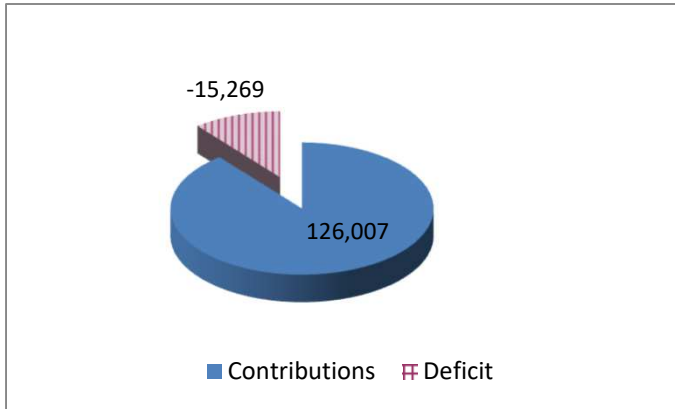
We, the Stewardship Committee, would encourage all members and adherents of St. Andrew’s to please consider continuing to support the church with your donations during the summer. Your generosity ensures the continuity of the church’s services and programs. If you plan to be away, post-dated cheques or signing up for the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program are convenient options. For more information, please contact Valerie Martin or Kim Shepherd, the Envelope Secretaries of St. Andrew’s.



Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of May 17, 2024.



The church earned \$2,188 on the two fundraisers this month! Our line of credit is \$22,500 and if all the cheques cleared the General account today the balance would be negative \$20,500.

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 - May 17, 2024	Jan 1 - May 17, 2023
Contributions		
Offerings	94,687.04	99,653.10
One-time Grants	-	30,000.00
Other Revenue	31,319.77	35,691.00
Total Contributions	126,006.81	165,344.10
Expense		
Education	1,245.23	2,023.83
Mission	5,902.18	12,438.77
Property	48,509.65	56,978.28
Stewardship	80,609.07	81,554.39
Worship	5,009.35	7,060.91
Session	-	718.00
Total Expense	141,275.48	160,774.18
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(15,268.67)	4,569.92
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	7,006.00	7,741.66
PWS&D donations*	1,798.50	1,629.16
Food Bank donations*	13,219.50	16,627.02

* 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

We held a very short May meeting. In Kim Shepherd's absence Debbie Warwick chaired the meeting, and as a result, there were some IT problems that Debbie did not have the expert knowledge (or Peter's assistance) to solve, and therefore after a short discussion time with a few of our members, the meeting closed with a Mother's Day prayer and the Mizpah Benediction.

The Mother's Day prayer was:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We wish to celebrate and thank you for the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways.

We pray in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers. My mother, those of my friends, relatives, those I'll never know, all mothers. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, wisdom, patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional and spiritual gifts they possess.

We pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing to their children. Whether delivering affirmation of discipline, we pray that you help every word and action to be done in love. And we pray that children worldwide will take time to honor their mothers and that you will show them how to do so uniquely.

We pray that all Mothers will be blessed with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in your eyes and ours.

We pray that these mothers also act as a blessing beyond their households, reaching into their extended families, communities, churches, and schools. We pray that the impact of motherhood is revered throughout society and that all women are acknowledged for their everyday impact on the world. May you guide each of them into fulfilling their purpose here on earth.

This Mother's Day we also pray that you can bring comfort to those individuals – the ones who may have had a mother and lost her, and the ones who never had someone to call “mother.”

In Jesus' name, Amen

Debbie Warwick
WMS Secretary

BIBLE STUDY



Over April and May we have had two classes exploring the power that PRAYER can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.

The evening class started in April and is now over, and the morning class goes from May 21 – June 25, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon so there is still time for you to join the group. The last week, Tuesday, June 25, will include Communion and a Potluck Luncheon.

Topics Include:

Session Three: Gospel & Grace – June 4, 2024
June 11, 2024: No class
Session Four: Spiritual Warfare – June 18, 2024
Session Five: Prayer – June 25, 2024

To register, please contact Jean Bradshaw

War Room – Prayer is a Powerful Weapon

Food... for Thought



By Gord Warren

Behind the Scenes

When an image of a food bank is given most people think of people lined up, getting food and leaving. This is an important part of a food bank, but it's not the only thing happening during the Wednesday Food Bank at St. Andrew's.



We have a dedicated group of people (see photo above) who are working behind the scenes to ensure that the picking up of food by our clients runs efficiently. Every Wednesday morning a group gathers in the kitchen to bag the coffee, milk and sugar; cut the egg cartons into halves, bag fried chicken and any vegetables arriving in bulk. If we run into a shortage in the staffing of the front line we can usually call upon one or more of these volunteers.

Another important job is the unpacking, sorting and storage of the items that are donated by grocery stores, from food drives, and other churches or organizations. This can be hectic or slow, depending on the day or even the time. These donations are picked up from the stores on a weekly basis and taken to our Food Bank on Wednesdays for sorting.

We are linked to Second Harvest for pickups at two Foodland stores - one in Brampton and one in Caledon. Second Harvest is a method for stores to donate food that is close to "best before" dates that they are unable to sell, and which they donate to food banks rather than throwing it out. We freeze what we can, to allow it to be used past the "best before" date. This all takes volunteers to pick up, load freezers and record the donation to the stores' accounts.



Before the St. Andrew's Food Bank opens, the stations have to be set up and replenished with food. The trucks have to be unloaded, the orders checked, and a new order produced for the following week. Now you understand why it takes over 20 volunteers to operate the Food Bank on Wednesdays. If you would like to see how we do it, or are thinking of volunteering, please let us know so that we can show you around on a future Wednesday.



**Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!**



The L6X/L6Y GRACE group met on Tuesday, May 14, at 1.30 pm, at the home of Ray and Doreen. We celebrated co-leader Sue Haw's birthday together, and enjoyed a real feast. We would like to thank Sue and Grace for adding to the treats. Our group definitely focuses quite a bit on the R in GRACE - Relationships, and we really enjoy one another's company.

We also focus on the E in GRACE – Education, and are continuing our bible study in Philippians with David Stott on Right Now Media. Paul is writing from prison in Rome, yet he emphasizes both the importance of encouraging one another and celebrating the joy of the gospel. This message is just as relevant today. We continue to need to encourage one another and to celebrate our faith with joy.

Our next meeting will include a luncheon on June 11 at 12.30 pm. This will be our end-of-year wrap up until September.



Several of the L6T/L6P group were unable to attend our ZOOM meeting on May 23, but we still had a worthwhile discussion on the fourth and final Right Now Media video on Psalm 90. We also discussed plans for a barbecue on June 20, to be hosted by Mark and Maggie Nicol.

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

We seem to be going through a difficult time for some of our members, family and friends, and the list of prayer requests keeps getting longer. Many prayers are for people we haven't seen in a while and in some cases, prayers are for folks who have been isolated and are having a difficult time to get their all-important procedure appointments. As we return to 'in person' meetings and events, let's also pray for our health care providers, as many of the doctors, nurses and personal support workers were also negatively affected by the pandemic.

Looking forward, we realize that we also need to pray for our church leadership, ministry leaders, pastoral staff and volunteers, as we become more comfortable returning to in-person Sunday Worship.

We are also reminded that it has been over a year without a lead minister, and we should continue to pray for pastor Wayne and Session, as well as the Pastoral Search Team as they continue to seek the person God has called to lead our church in the coming years. Please take a few minutes every day over the summer months to pray for our church family.

I made a list of things I love
And the things that give me pleasure.
It grew and grew and I realise
That my life holds much great treasure.
So now if I am feeling low
And the world seems so unkind
I glance along my treasure list
And leave my cares behind.

Author Unknown

WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for all you do!



Volunteers for the Macgregors Meat pickup on May 16 (see photo above)

(Gord and Valerie Warren, Gerda Halliday, Sandra Jackson, Maggie Nicol, Susan Jess, Pam Loree, Colleen Peyer)

Volunteers for the Hanging Basket pickup on May 23

(Gord and Valerie Warren, Gerda Halliday, Sandra Jackson, Maggie Nicol, Susan Jess, Lynn Dobson)

The Stewardship Committee thanks all who ordered our Macgregors Meats and hanging basket fundraisers. Your generous support helped us raise a total of \$2,188 to support the general operations of our church. We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity and commitment.

A special thank you to everyone who helped with the meat and flower order distribution. Your efforts made the process effortless and fun. It could not have been done without the support from each and every one of you. Once again, thank you for your hard work, commitment, and support.

VOLUNTEERS

Make a difference!

Thank you for your support!

