

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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Robyn & Suzzy Kirkpatrick - See page 5

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God... the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only...full of grace and truth. *(John 1:14)*

BIRTHDAYS

May 2024

- 1 Robert Stevenson
- 2 John Bhim
- 3 Wayne Tedder
- 4 Petra McKittrick
- 5 Samantha Silva
- 8 Larry Malek
- 11 Rachna Moon
- 15 Nasreen Manuel
- 16 Ariella Huether, Sylvia Tedder, Deke Thayer
- 17 Ruth Kelly-Boxe, Jeffrey McKittrick
- 18 Lori-Anne Smith, Elizabeth Waymann
- 19 Sue Haw, Barb McMechan-Woods,
Kaye Meadows
- 21 Barry Hutchinson
- 23 Patricia Sankar, Scott Silva
- 24 Henry Peyer
- 26 Kwasi Adjepong-Duodu, Dorothy Wood
- 28 John Urquhart
- 29 Dhanmatee Kalyan, Lionel Nichol, Kyle Nicol
- 31 Colin Young



June 2024

- 1 Belle Campbell
- 3 Gina Nobrega, Kristi Szolomicki
- 5 Lisa Christiano
- 7 John Bakkeren, Jennifer Flint



*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

To the family of Barbara Challis who died on April 1. She was 94 years old.

To Doreen Barrington and family on the death of her 54-year-old son Adesina on April 21.

Congratulations and thanks to Kim Shepherd who provided "pulpit supply" on April 14, covering for the Rev. Wayne Baswick who was on vacation. Kim had great support from the choir, featuring Ken Jackson on congos and percussion.



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**Rosemary's
Reflections**



An irreverent thought crossed my mind recently. I was thinking about the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand and found myself wondering what they did for a washroom. I mean – all those people in “a lonely place”(as one Gospel puts it), many far from home. Where was McDonald’s when you needed it?! Which reminded me of something that happened to me personally when I was with a group of Canadian church people visiting fellow-Christians in China. One chilly November day we pulled up in a town square. Our bus driver shooed us all off the bus and locked it after us. He was on his lunch break and we were in “a lonely place” (so to speak). What to do? Where to go? We needed food and a washroom. But look – what was that? Salvation! Not from heaven but surely (at that moment it seemed) from the next best thing – McDonald’s! There were the Golden Arches beckoning to us, promising rescue, comfort and security. Just telling the story makes me laugh.

There is no Bible reference that I know of saying that Jesus ever laughed, but if we believe that he was human like us, he surely must have done. There is a well-known picture of Jesus with his head back, clearly enjoying a good laugh. “Jesus Christ, Liberator” it’s called, sometimes known as “The Laughing Jesus.” Some Christians are known not to like the picture. It’s disrespectful, they say. They feel it belittles Jesus or his holiness and yet surely the whole point of Jesus is that he is not only divine but also human. It’s important to remember that.

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Rosemary's Reflections continued

Part of Jesus' life-story is his ability to identify with us ordinary people. He weeps over the fate of Jerusalem. He hugs small children. He gets upset at the disciples from time to time. He mixes with socially unacceptable people. He wrestles over what God asks of him – to die on the cross for us.

So Jesus is very human but he is also divine. When we recite the creed, our statement of faith as Christians, we say "I believe in God the Father and in Jesus Christ his only son..." We have a saying "Like father, like son." Maybe in this case we can say "Like son, like father." When we look at Jesus, we see God, we meet God. By the way he lives and relates to people Jesus displays for us God's love, justice, forgiveness, understanding and mercy toward anybody and everybody – not just the favoured few. He shows us how to access those qualities through our belief in him and how to share them with everyone we meet, which is the job God gives us to do. What a privilege! What a challenge!

Rosemary

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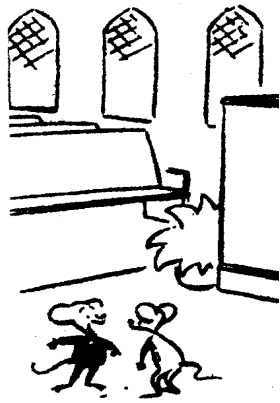
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News from the Pews



Thanks to Jessica Rhind for the Mystery Dinner information below.

The 1980s descended in all its geometric-patterned, blue eyeshadowed glory on Saturday, April 7 at the Peyers' residence.



Couples came glammed up with signature dishes for a potluck to wrap up the 2024 edition of Mystery Dinners. After an amazing meal and desserts, our resident DJ Bill rocked the foyer with signature songs and got people on their feet to dance - and yes, everyone still knew all the words.

Thanks to all who made this a success, and we hope that more couples will join us next year. This is too much fun to miss!

Suzzy Kirkpatrick was overflowing with pride as she walked her daughter Robyn down the aisle. (See photo on the cover of this newsletter.)

This “walk” took place on Saturday, April 6 at the Queenston Chapel in the Niagara region, where Robyn and Phillip Beams exchanged marriage vows in a service conducted by the Rev. Geoff Ross. Suzzy had been looking forward to this event for some years, but her health concerns put it on hold.



The wedding reception was held at the Queenston Heights Restaurant on the Niagara River Parkway in Niagara-on-the-Lake. In the photo on the left are Suzzy and her sister on

the dance floor with the newly-weds!

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Wonderful News!

Henry and Colleen Peyer are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son Luke Peyer to the beautiful Miss Kyasha SriRanJan!

The proposal took place at the Elora Gorge on April 2 2024. They will be married at St. Andrew’s church October 5th 2024.

We are very fortunate to welcome such a kind and loving young lady into our family. We are truly blessed!



Kyasha SriRanJan and Luke Peyer



**Macgregors Meat & Seafood
LAST CHANCE!**

May 5th is the last day to place your order for our 2024 Macgregors Meat and Seafood fundraiser. For product details, pricing, payment options and order forms, please see the display in the Great Hall after the Worship Service or contact Maggie Nicol at 905-790-3433.

Thank you everyone who has placed an order. Order pickup information is below.

Order Pickup:

Thursday, May 16

7:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Andrew’s Church

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for their support!



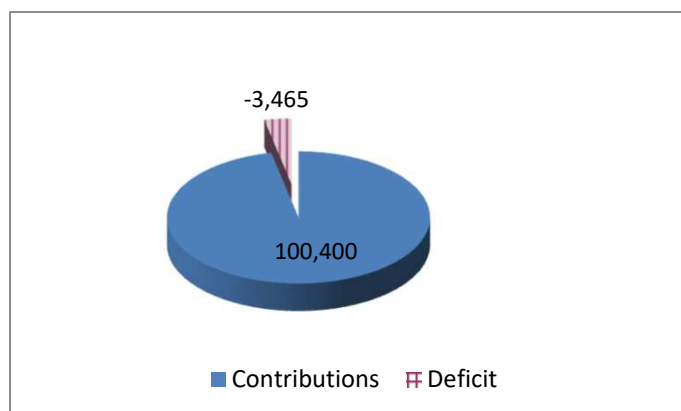
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Brochure now available,
just scan the QR code!



Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of April 25, 2024



The church has received \$6,835 in the Easter offering. 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 - Apr 25, 2024	Jan 1 - Apr 25, 2023
Contributions		
Offerings	79,181.75	79,997.64
One-time Grants	-	30,000.00
Other Revenue	21,218.18	30,285.00
Total Contributions	100,399.93	140,282.64
Expense		
Education	-	2,023.83
Mission	4,928.74	10,443.12
Property	31,245.27	47,638.74
Stewardship	63,001.14	71,419.10
Worship	4,689.98	5,827.56
Session	-	718.00
Total Expense	103,865.13	138,070.35
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(3,465.20)	2,212.29
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	6,033.00	6,718.66
PWS&D donations*	1,594.00	1,421.66
Food Bank donations*	12,019.00	15,576.52

* 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

All are welcome to attend WMS activities: come study, pray, serve, and join in fellowship.

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.

At our April meeting we heard about making a Meaningful Impact, written by Colleen Wood for the Glad Tidings magazine in 2019. The first part of the reflection says 'I think sometimes, once we finish our formal education, we give a sigh of relief and think great—I am done with the studying, the tests, and the late nights. Yet, as we grow older, we quickly realize we are never done with learning. Acquiring knowledge is a lifelong pursuit.'

It is so true, we get so relieved when we accomplish an achievement, however, we tend to stop, not pushing ourselves to keep gaining knowledge. Could we say the same for our faith? Do we stop learning, studying, praying? In the passage we read from Proverbs we learn that we are to acquire wisdom and apply it. In the second reading from Philippians, we are also told to apply the knowledge that Paul has been giving—to put it into practice.

The paragraph that stands out to me in our study is – 'It is through our study that we continue to learn from God how we are to act— how to put our knowledge into practice. It is only in learning more about how God calls us to act that we can ultimately know God's purpose for our life. When we study our scriptures, we learn what God is asking us to do, so that we can then act upon it.'

Let us never stop acquiring knowledge and putting that knowledge into practice.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

By the Stewardship Committee

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Over the past three months the committee has highlighted three ways to give to St. Andrew's in the form of your offering.

The first option: Offering Envelopes. These are assigned to all members; however, an adherent can also request envelopes. 2024 envelopes are still available. If you would like envelopes please see either Valerie Martin, Kim Shepherd or you can send an email to: envsecretary@standrewsbrampton.ca.

The second option: PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). This option of giving/tithing is easy on both the church and you, the member. PAR is set up for monthly remittances which are allocated according to the giver's wishes. With PAR the church receives consistent contributions even while members are on vacation – no catch up required.

The third option: E-transfers. This is a convenient way to give to the church, whether it is for your weekly offering, special projects (i.e. eaves), Easter/Anniversary/Christmas offerings and so much more. This eliminates the use of weekly envelopes, 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 Stewardship Committee would like to say 'Thank You' to all for your ongoing support of St. Andrew's and its ministries. Without you, the important work of our church would not be possible.

The Stewardship Committee would also like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' to Maggie Nicol who stepped in to oversee the running of our fundraisers this Spring – Macgregors Meats & Seafood and the Hanging Baskets.

Property Committee



by Stan Loree

Great Hall Lights

We have received competitive quotes from some local lighting contractors to replace the Great Hall lights, and have selected the winning bid. The new lights will look similar to the existing ones (round fixture, mounted at the ceiling), but will be LEDs. This means they will use a fraction of the power of the current lights and should last for a few decades. We are also taking advantage of a provincial rebate program which will enable us to recoup roughly a third of the installation cost. This work is planned for completion during the summer months.

Parking lot door replacement

It has been noticed for some time that our parking lot door needs replacement. Additionally, as a service to our congregation and visitors, we are supposed to try to make our building accessible to all participants. The Property Committee is planning to meet both of these aims with a new automatic entry door to replace the existing parking lot door. It will have wheelchair height “buttons” on the exterior and interior which will trigger automatic opening, to permit easy access by those folks using wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility assistance. It will also be set into a steel frame to increase the stability and longevity of the door. We have been collecting quotes from contractors and expect to decide within a month. The cost of this improvement will be completely covered by the Easter offering, thanks to all who generously donated. This work is planned for completion during the summer months.

Heating System

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, we will be shutting down the heating system to save costs through the summer months. Our normal schedule is to shut down about May 1, but we may be able to save a few days this year because of the mild weather.

Food... for Thought



By Gord Warren

I didn't do an annual report as I felt it was better to report to the congregation and the many volunteers who help the Food Bank to operate. These are the ones who bag the bulk items, open and set up every week, pick up food donations from various stores, speak to service clubs and schools, and give out the food with a smile every week.

The past year has been very eye opening for the Food Bank committee. No matter how much is donated and purchased we seem to be a little short of high-demand items at the end of the day. However, we always have something for the latecomers, so they never go away empty-handed. We always seem to have an abundance from the partner stores that donate through Second Harvest, but it is gone by the end of the day. We have been purchasing more each week, but I believe that due to the rising food costs we have reached our limit.

Thanks to Sandra Jackson, who brought to our attention the following statistics:

From 2022 to 2023 there was an increase of over 43% in the number of clients that we served. In the first three months of this year there has been an additional increase from 2023 of over 25%. This means that the overall totals are the highest in the history of the Food Bank. We managed to do this with an increase in spending of just over 2%. We are very diligent in shopping the sales and buying in bulk, receiving donations through Second Harvest, donation bags from local stores and an abundance of product donated by Foodland on Vodden. We also pay using PCMasterCard and Scene + so that we use the points to purchase more food. This allows us to add to the donations that we receive.

Thank you for your support.

Gord Warren, Sandra Jackson, Grace Brewster-Yates, Ian Jess, Tom Campbell, Belle Campbell, Herb Eitner, Bruce Cornish



We are never at a loss for conversation at our L6T/L6P GRACE group monthly Zoom meetings. In April we continued with the third instalment of the Right Now Media study of Psalm 90 entitled “Content with the Present.”



The L6X/L6Y GRACE Group met on Tuesday, April 16. We were delighted to welcome Gerda Halliday to our group and to celebrate Jim Hunt’s birthday. We also began our Bible study on Philippians.

Faith in ACT!ON 2024

This year’s Faith in ACT!ON Campaign kicks off on Sunday, May 4. We will be collecting old towels, sheets, blankets, pet toys and unopened pet food for the Brampton Humane Society throughout the campaign. We will also be collecting toiletries that will be donated to Ellen House, a half-way house for women that is managed by the Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton, and the Ontario Correctional Institute for men who are bring released from prison. Should you wish to support this initiative, you can make a monetary donation for the purchase of a backpack, or you can fill a toiletry kit (items needed are listed in the bulletin each week in May). Please bring in all donations by Sunday, June 2.

At the end of the campaign we will be planting flowers in the beds around St. Andrew’s. Bring your gardening tools and gloves with you for a fun-filled morning of planting. Gardening day will be announced in the bulletin closer to the date.

Once again, we are excited by what we have been planning to do with this year’s campaign! Please consider how you can take part. Together we can make a difference in our community. Don’t just go to church – BE the church during our Faith in ACT!ON month.

CALL TO PRAYER



by Ray Scanlan

We seem to be living in a world that has been fraught with war, the millions of refugees made homeless as a result, and the inordinate numbers of women and children injured or killed in many seemingly endless bombings. While we continue to pray for peace let us be thankful that we live in one of the best places in the world.

Jesus cares for us and invites us to pray for whatever we need, which draws our thoughts and prayers to our doorstep as we continue to pray for our Pastoral Search Committee which has completed the congregational profile and forwarded it to the Presbyterian Church Head Office, in order to seek out the ministerial profiles seeking a charge. Let us take some time to pray that this will reach the person God is calling to be the minister at St Andrew’s.

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Upcoming Worship Services:

May 5 – Guest speaker Karen Bokma from PWS&D

May 12 – Baptism, (Mother’s Day)
Elders communion distribution practice after the Worship Service

May 19 – Pentecost Sunday
Afternoon congregation invited

May 26 – Communion by distribution (*Service will not be live-streamed*)

Thank you to all who helped with the crosses on Good Friday and Easter Sunday

The Worship Committee extends a special “thank you” to John Bakkeren for his willing and diligent service as Welcoming Coordinator. John stepped up to help as soon as the church opened after the pandemic, and has been a very dedicated volunteer every Sunday. Session has done some restructuring and has encouraged elders to take on more leadership roles, and we thank Colin Young for stepping up to take on this role as of May 1, 2024.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

by Molly Harvey



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday April 21 Rev. Wayne encouraged each of us to use our God-given gifts, gifts from the Shepherd.

Following the worship service the Annual General Meeting was convened in the sanctuary. At that time it was very evident that many are using their God-given gifts to serve Him at St. Andrew's.

Committee reports as printed in the Annual Report were received. Karen Hutchinson, the chair of the Worship and Fellowship Committee thanked John Bakkeren for his service in coordinating greeters and ushers, and for opening and closing the sanctuary. Colin Young will be taking over the Welcoming Team.

Henry Peyer and Ros Cammidge gave an update on the work of the Search Committee, telling the meeting that the congregational profile has been prepared and sent to Presbyterian Church in Canada. (PCC) They thanked Maggie Nichol for her efforts in preparing the document. The Interim Moderator can now begin to receive profiles of candidates who wish to be considered for a call to St Andrew's.

Anna-Marie Dewar presented the audited financial statements for 2023. She pointed out that our investments with the PCC have benefited from our robust economy. However, there was still a shortfall.

Rev. Wayne then thanked the church staff, Session, choir and committees for the diligent work they do. He also thanked Cathy Baswick for the work she does in partnership with him to support his ministry.

Thanks was offered to the work of the Congregational Care Team, comprising Felicity Alexander, Sandra Jackson and Susan Jess who keep in touch with those who are ill or shut in.

As Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw reported that Session has asked Presbytery to extend Rev. Wayne's contract for another year.

Rev. Wayne closed the meeting in prayer.

News from the Pews (continued from page 6)



June Young celebrated a milestone birthday on Sunday, April 28. Felicity Alexander presented her with a birthday card from the congregation, and Molly Harvey gave her a card from the L6T/L6P GRACE Group.



June and Colin Young provided a birthday cake for coffee fellowship after the Worship Service,



Hanging Flower Baskets



LAST DAY TO ORDER MAY 5th

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!

Please help support St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church by purchasing our stunning hanging baskets. **May 5th is the last day to place your order.**

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

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

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order. Order pick up information is below.

Order Pickup:

Thursday, May 23rd

5:30-6:30 pm

St. Andrew's Church Parking Lot

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your support.