

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...



Wally and Muriel Gemmill
celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary
on September 2

“But when you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all. Whoever doubts is like a wave in the sea that is driven and blown about by the wind. If you are like that, unable to make up your mind and undecided in all you do, you must not think that you will receive anything from the Lord.”

James 1:6-8 GNB

BIRTHDAYS

September 2024

- 4 Darren Ramoutar
- 5 Liam Nicol, Alverna Peacock
- 7 Derek Allen
- 8 Kent Armstrong, Steve Bagoly
- 11 Molly Harvey, Roger Samuel
- 12 Joshoor Khokhar
- 15 Suzanne Kirkpatrick
- 17 Joyce Miller
- 18 Muriel Gemmill
- 19 Donalda Dale
- 20 Jason Sooklall
- 22 Wayne Jhingoorie
- 23 David Dean Jr., Imran Babar Masih
- 27 Carmen McCreary
- 30 Mary Louise Duncan



October 2024



- 1 Uzbek John
- 3 Kathryn Linton
- 4 Lyn Malek, Jessica Rhind



To Sandra Fitzgerald, Gord and Kenneth Strain and their families, on the passing of their mother Wilhelmine Strain on August 12. She was 99 years old.



Thanks go to Ken Jackson for creating the 74th anniversary card for Wally and Muriel Gemmill.

During this past summer we all appreciated the technical expertise and commitment of Peter Shepherd and John Bakkeren to ensure that our sound system delivered joyful noises and audible voices.

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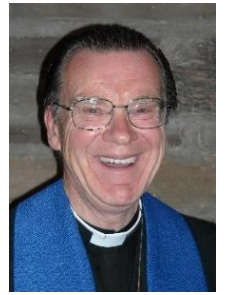
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Wayne's World

... for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. – 2 Timothy 1:12b KJV

I take you back out on the road again. If you remember, in my last article for the June 2024 *Inside St. Andrew's*, we were together on the road and went over “speed bumps” to slow our vehicles down. The bumps were also a reminder that we need to slow down within ourselves and allow our internal engines to ease their pace. The reminder was as stated by St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622): “Never be in a hurry, do everything quietly and in a calm spirit.”

This time as we go out on the road, we will notice vehicles that come to a stop sign and don't stop – but they don't exactly continue on their way, either. They just slow down. These are the frequent and famous “rolling stops” that will get one a traffic ticket every time if observed by one of our finest.

What is behind these rolling stops? Perhaps the driver is running behind time and thinks he or she will gain some time by not coming to a complete stop. Slow down and roll on!

Or it may be that, although the driver sees the stop sign, the intersection isn't busy. Approaching the intersection, the driver can't quite decide, for whatever reason, what to do – and just rolls on. The driver in this case is rather like the person referred to in the verse on this issue's front cover, unable to make up his/her mind and undecided about the action to take, either on the road or in his/her prayer/faith life.

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Wayne's World continued

How different it is for the Apostle Paul as he writes to encourage the young minister Timothy in his ministry. There is no hesitation or uncertainty for Paul in his faith; he knows who he believes and is decisive in and for his faith.

And as we return after the summer break for a "new semester" here at St. Andrew's, this is what we want for our members, adherents and friends: a decisive faith. No wavering, no uncertainty, no "rolling stops". God has given us the means of grace for this to happen at our church, for us to establish a firm faith: Sunday worship for the Word to be read and proclaimed, organist and choir for the music, hospitality and fellowship, Bible studies, pastoral care and a prayer group to uphold our needs in prayer, Christian education for children and youth, Grace groups, social get-togethers and many opportunities for service within the congregation as well as local outreach and beyond as is done by the Women's Missionary Society.

Together in Faith as we go forward,

Rev. Wayne
Interim Moderator & Stated Supply



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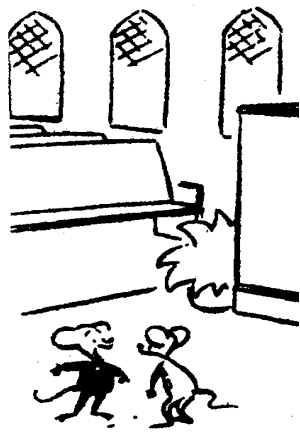
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News from the Pews



Barend and Wilma Zinkweg sent us this photo and information about their summer trip.



We were fortunate again to visit our daughter and family for the month of May, off grid, between Radium Hot springs and Panorama BC, known as the Columbia Valley. During the week we were all alone and explored the area most days, following logging trails between the house and mountains and sometimes on crownland beyond. Hiking sticks, air horn, bear spray and Wilma's yodeling kept the bears away. We did not see the two cougars that were spotted by camera on the property in early spring.

A side trip to Miette Hot springs and Jasper National Park was exceptionally nice, and that included our fourth hike into Maligne Canyon where the photo of Wilma was taken. We understand that the canyon area was not devastated by the wildfire, but a lot of areas in town where we walked are gone. Although the Jasper National Park area will be off limits for some time, the Icefield Highway between Lake Louise and Athabasca Falls is probably the most scenic highway in that part of Canada and therefore a "bucket list" item.

Thanks to Samina Babar for the report below.



Philippians 4:4 says;

"Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again : Rejoice!"

On June 30 a group from the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry went to Bluffer's Park for their annual congregational picnic. It was a very busy area with lots of people.

They worshipped there first, and afterwards there was a lot of fun, laughter, food and live cooking too.



Congratulations to Wally and Muriel Gemmill who celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary on September 2. (see photo on front cover). Thanks to Ken Jackson who created the unique anniversary card for the occasion. The Gemmills have much to celebrate, as Muriel will be 95 years old on September 18.

We also congratulate Sydney McFarland who is celebrating the birth of his first great-granddaughter, Emory Falle, born July 29, 2024 and weighing 7 lbs. 6 ozs. Sydney reports that mother and daughter are doing well.

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What a delightful, heartwarming, worship service we enjoyed on August 18, with Kim Shepherd filling in for the Rev. Wayne Baswick who was on vacation.



We laughed when Kim's adult son Chris surprised his mother by stepping up to the front row for the children's "See and Hear" story. Kim's sermon gave us something to think about, and Shelagh Tyreman and Ken Jackson provided uplifting and enjoyable music.

Sandra Jackson sent us the following report on her trip out west in late June.

My niece Melody and I took a trip out to Alberta and British Columbia at the end of June. We landed in Calgary and went by motor coach to Banff. We took an 8-hour sightseeing trip that stopped at many glacier lakes, falls, and beautiful parks. From the side of the road we saw two grizzly bears, two black bears, many groups of deer, a herd of longhorn sheep, a fox, and many birds. The tour ended with a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain where there is a breathtaking 360-degree view of six mountain ranges covered in snow, and the city of Banff. The day ended with a glorious treatment at Red Earth Spa in the hotel, followed by a soak in the enormous hot tub.

The next day we travelled to the Fairmont Chateau at Lake Louise, with many stops along the way for picture-taking of the mountains and glacier lakes, and we had a boxed lunch by a glacier river. We hiked around Lake Louise and relaxed for the rest of the day, mostly people-watching, since it was very crowded.

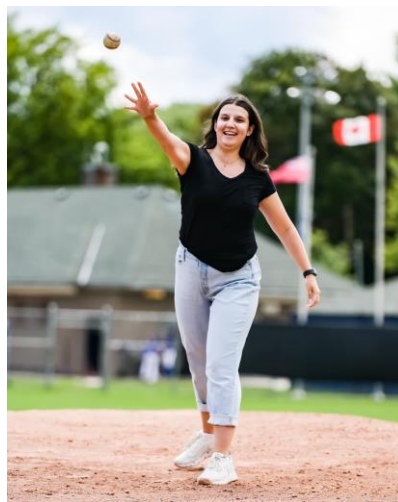
Then it was off to Jasper where we walked out on the Columbia Icefield, and then on the glass-bottom Skywalk observation platform for a view over the cliff's edge. Later, we boarded the VIA train for our overnight trip to Vancouver. There, we visited Granville Island Market, and took a horse-drawn tram around the 400 hectares of Stanley Park, then had lunch on the Tea House patio.



Sandra and Melody

On our last day we walked around downtown Vancouver to the Gastown Steam Clock area and visited all the tourist shops to pick up a few souvenirs.

Alberta and BC are beautiful provinces, and Banff was my favourite area. I loved the snow-capped mountains and wildlife sightings.

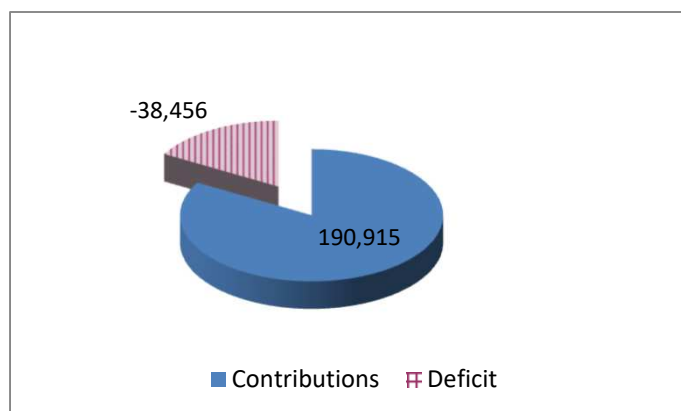


Victoria Dewar says she was honoured to have been invited by Toronto Maple Leafs Baseball to throw out a first pitch on August 11 for their Women in Sport Day!

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of August 20, 2024:



Our line of credit is \$26,500 and accounts payable is \$19,165. Offerings are down 6% from last year. The church needs \$14,100 to cover payroll each month and weekly offerings have been averaging about \$17,000 per month which does not leave enough to cover the rest of the church's fixed cost like utilities and property taxes.

Please remember to continue to support St Andrews with your generous contributions.

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**

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Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Aug 20, 2024	Jan 1 - Aug 20, 2023
Contributions		
Offerings	148,605.44	157,293.61
One-time Grants	-	30,000.00
Other Revenue	42,309.09	47,032.62
Total Contributions	190,914.53	234,326.23
Expense		
Education	1,245.23	2,023.83
Mission	10,588.48	19,503.58
Property	71,501.40	78,309.60
Stewardship	137,677.36	140,101.37
Worship	8,358.09	9,789.52
Session	-	808.77
Total Expense	229,370.56	250,536.67
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(38,456.03)	(16,210.44)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	12,464.50	12,758.66
PWS&D donations*	3,162.00	2,711.66
Food Bank donations*	23,391.70	22,167.63

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

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

Can you believe how fast summer flew by?

It feels like just yesterday, but here we are—getting ready to start school. I hope everyone had a blast these past few months, and I can't wait to hear all about your adventures.

As we roll into September, exciting things are happening, and we're on the lookout for volunteers to join us in the nursery. That's right, we have babies on the way, and we couldn't be more thrilled!

Our Sunday School is also gearing up, and we're searching for a dynamic teacher for the Connect class, covering Grades 4-8 with an incredible curriculum.

If you're interested, reach out to our Sunday School Superintendent, Kim Shepherd.

And for all our amazing youth—keep an eye out for details on when you'll be meeting up again with Ray and Doreen. They've got some fantastic new curriculum lined up that you won't want to miss. We're so pumped to see everyone back and ready for a new season of fun and learning!

Kim Shepherd
Sunday School Superintendent



Summer may have flown by, but that just means it's time to reconnect and share the stories we've gathered!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 PM, when the WMS will be meeting in the Parlour for our first gathering of the season.

Come and enjoy a cozy afternoon of fellowship, tea, and delicious treats. Whether you're a familiar face or joining us for the first time, we can't wait to see you there. All are welcome!

Kim Shepherd, President



By the Stewardship Committee

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

As summer draws to a close and we prepare to embrace the busyness of a new season, we are reminded of the blessings and challenges that come with it. While these past months have brought financial strain, with offerings lower than expected, we remain steadfast in our faith and commitment to our church's mission.

Our church family has always come together in times of need, and we are confident that, with your support, we can overcome this hurdle. We encourage you to consider giving to the General Fund, which sustains vital work and ministries of our congregation.

We also invite you to consider enrolling in the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. This program offers a convenient and consistent way to give, ensuring that your support continues even when you're away or during the busyness of life. The process is simple and comes at no cost to the church. Your participation would be a blessing and a source of stability for our ongoing ministries

For those interested in joining the PAR program, please contact Kim Shepherd or Valerie Martin, our envelope secretaries, who will be happy to assist you.

Finally, as we look ahead, a gentle reminder that budget season is approaching. Our Treasurer will soon be reaching out to all committees with guidance for this year's budget submissions. Let's continue to work prayerfully and thoughtfully, to steward our resources and plan for the future.

Thank you for your faithful support and commitment to our church community. Together, we can continue to build a strong foundation for the seasons ahead.

CALLEB'S STORY

By Sandra Jackson



Rev. Wayne Baswick and Calleb Moriango

We want to congratulate former Kenyan refugee Calleb Moriango, on receiving his Permanent Residency (PR) paperwork on August 1, 2024 “as a newborn Canadian boy,” his exact words!

We first met Calleb Moriango when he attended St. Andrew's in the summer of 2023 with seven other refugees. Calleb, having such a big heart and giving nature, decided to become a Food Bank volunteer while he waited for his work permit. He helped out until August 9th when he found a job and could no longer volunteer. Calleb, also with his friends, started helping with coffee fellowship after church services every Sunday. I teamed up with the Mission Committee when I quickly realized that these folks were not equipped with proper clothing or footwear to survive their first winter in Canada. We asked the church members to donate winter gear for both men and women. That was a great success, and everything was distributed on October 29, 2023. The recipients were so grateful that we warmed their bodies and their hearts.

Many of our original Kenyan refugees have now moved on, as they found full-time employment or are attending school full-time. Calleb found better opportunities in Coquitlam B.C., so on January 31, 2024 he left Ontario, but has kept in touch with a few of us at St. Andrew's. His current lodging is 300 meters away from a Presbyterian Church which he attends. Now that he has his permanent residency he can start the long process of sponsoring his family to join him in Canada for a better life.

Calleb asked me to pass along the message below:

“My heartfelt greetings to the entire congregation at St. Andrew's and the Food Bank volunteers. May God's blessings, love, joy, and kindness be with you all and your families! Thank you for your prayers and kind words of encouragement, and for making me feel so welcome during my stay at St. Andrew's.”

CALL TO PRAYER



By Ray Scanlan

As we are more than a year without a senior pastor, we should not lose sight of the lengthy process that the Pastoral Search Team is going through to find the minister that God is calling to lead our church in its mission. For many months the Session and members of the PST have accomplished a lot in its mission under the steadfast guidance of Reverend Wayne Baswick. As we await the next important milestone in this process and prepare for the receipt of applications now that the mission and vision have been identified and the resume has been posted, you are invited to pray:

- That the position information will be shared widely,
- That the information will be crafted in a manner that will attract the maximum number of potential candidates,
- That the person God has called to lead our faith community will be among those who read the posting,
- That the Pastoral Search Team will prepare to review applications in September, and
- That the team will be able to discern God's calling among the potential candidates.

We should give thanks for Reverend Wayne as he continues to lead us each week.

Fellowship and Worship Opportunities



September has rolled around again. We hope that you have had a blessed summer and found some time in the sunniest months to be physically and spiritually refreshed and rejuvenated.

September is often a time for new beginnings; with respect to our personal worship life and that of our congregation, so this perhaps could mean:

- Attending church more regularly (either in person or online)
- Joining the choir or band
- Offering to greet or usher or collect the offering at Sunday Services
- Volunteering to read scripture at Sunday Services

New beginnings can be different for each of us ~ whatever your talents or interest, we likely have somewhere you can contribute to enhancing worship at St. Andrew's.

Do you enjoy our fellowship time after Sunday Services? Are you good at organizing? We are in need of someone to coordinate our Sunday Fellowship volunteers. It is not a difficult job – just advertising in our Sunday Service bulletins and posting a sign-up sheet. This time of chit chat and connecting with one another is one of the vital components that make St. Andrew's a warm and welcoming Christian Family.

Please give it some prayerful thought and let me know if you feel you can contribute in one of the many ways of participating in the life and vibrancy of St. Andrew's.

Hoping to see you at church soon.

Karen Hutchinson, Chair
Worship and Fellowship Committee

Some dates of note:

- September 8 – Rally Sunday, with BBQ following the morning worship service
- September 15 – Communion by intinction, with fundraising Bake Sale after worship service (see page 11)
- September 22 – Baptism
- October 6 – World Communion Sunday



The L6X L6Y GRACE Group has been on summer break, but we plan to get together again on Tuesday, September 17 at 1.30pm to share stories and enjoy fellowship together. We are probably going to be continuing our study in Philippians, where the major focus is JOY, a subject always worth studying.

The L6T/L6P GRACE Group was also on a summer break.



Join us for a barbeque lunch after the worship service on September 8



Showing Our Care



Ice Cream “Sunday” Event



On Sunday, July 14th, over 50 members of the congregation and Food Bank volunteers gathered for our second fundraising event in support of Anthony Warren and his family. The day was blessed with perfect summer weather, setting the stage for warm conversations and a delightful treat of ice cream and fruit balls, which were enjoyed by all! As the saying goes, “You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream!” This certainly rang true on July 14th.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Nehmat Haidari of Foodland Supermarket on Vodden for his generous donation of ice cream. Mr. Haidari has been a steadfast supporter of our Food Bank, and we are deeply grateful for his ongoing contributions. Additionally, a special thank you goes out to our Food Bank volunteers who provided the fruit and other supplies for the event.

It was wonderful to reconnect and enjoy each other’s company following the Sunday service. The sense of community was palpable, as we all cherished this opportunity to make up for the social gatherings we missed during the pandemic.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Food Bank volunteers who scooped and served, as well as to the members of the congregation who supported the event. Your generosity and commitment are making a meaningful difference in the lives of Anthony and his family. Thank you for being such a vital part of our community.



The next event is a **Bake Sale on September 15th after Sunday Service**. Our talented Food Bank volunteers and congregation members are coming together for a bake sale, for a cause. Choose from an array of delicious baked goods - cookies, cupcakes and more - YUM!

If you would like to contribute some sweet treats, please drop them off at the church kitchen the morning before service. If you have any questions, please talk to Valerie Warren and Maggie Nicol.

Compassion in Action



August BBQ

Over 50 members of the congregation came together for a BBQ fundraiser on August 18th in support of Anthony Warren, raising funds to assist with his rehabilitation and expenses. Anthony was recently transferred to a physio unit where he can receive more focused physiotherapy, he continues to make slow but steady progress. With lifted spirits, he participated in a heartfelt video message to express his gratitude for all the love, prayers, and support sent his way.

Exuberantly, the congregation enjoyed a meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and cold drinks, all in a spirit of fellowship and compassion. The event was once again organized and hosted by our dedicated Food Bank volunteers, who hosted and also provided financial support to cover the costs for supplies.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers and donors who made this wonderful afternoon possible. The lively conversations in the Great Hall were a testament to another successful and enjoyable gathering.

