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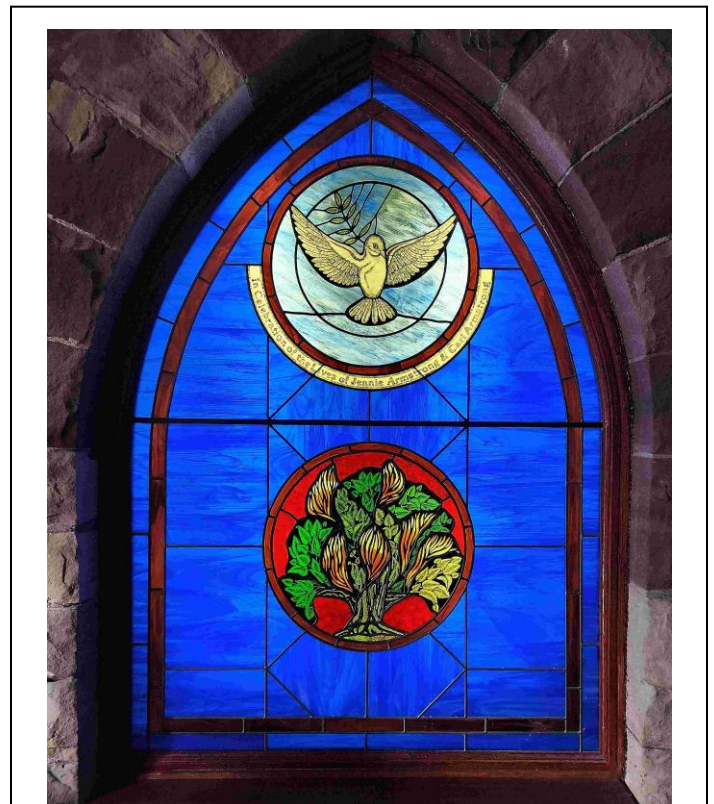
A community loving God by loving our neighbours.

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...



Vestry Window (see page 5)

“If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” – John 8:31,32

BIRTHDAYS

November 2024

- 3 Bill Temple, Kara Urquhart
- 4 Andy Bunkis, Jennifer Phillips, Stephanie Sexton
- 7 May Jackson, Janice McKnight,
- 9 Richard McMechan
- 13 Derek Boodhan, Monique Mock
- 16 Gary Clarke, Karen Hutchinson,
Michael Odzenma
- 18 Margaret Nicol
- 19 Ann Campbell
- 20 Manual Barkat
- 21 Bonnie Bunkis
- 25 Meg Artymko
- 26 Pam Loree, Blanche McCreary
- 27 Janet Ferguson, Farquhar MacDonald,
Andrew Urquhart
- 28 Dorothy Matheson



December 2024

- 3 Samuel Odzenma
- 4 Thomas Dewar, Kim Shepherd
- 5 Jamina Cabral



To Maurice, Michael and Paul Polack on the death of their father, Winston Polack, who passed away on Monday, October 21.

Bruce the “cookie man” is back!



Shortbread fingers, 375 grams – \$10.00

Cookies, 350 gram tin – \$11

Those “oh so good” shortbread cookies with chocolate chunks!

Fruit cake

Twin Pack (one half dark & one half light)
or double dark or double light
900 grams in total – \$15.00
Half cake – \$7.50

Sales are online only. No phone calls please.

Orders will be taken by email. Please send your order to Bruce at brewsterwlu@hotmail.com and he will personally deliver the goodies to your home. Proceeds go to support the needs of our Food Bank.

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Do you have something to celebrate? If so, please consider donating a floral arrangement to beautify our communion table on the appropriate Sunday.



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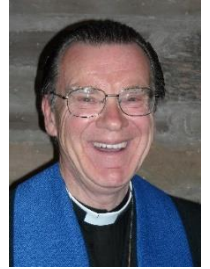
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Wayne's World



Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have life eternal: and they are they which testify of me.
– John 5:39

A minister entered a Sunday School class while the lesson was in progress and asked this question, "Who broke down the walls of Jericho?" A boy answered, "Not me, sir." The preacher turned to the teacher and asked, "Is this the usual behaviour in this class?" The teacher answered, "This boy is honest, and I believe him. I really don't think he did it."

Leaving the room, the minister sought out an elder and explained what had just happened. The elder said, "I have known both the teacher and the boy for years, and neither of them would do such a thing."

By this time, the minister was heartsick and reported it to the Christian Education Committee. They said, "We see no point in being disturbed. Refer this matter to the Budget and Stewardship Committee and have them advise the treasurer to pay the bill for the damage to the walls, and charge it to upkeep."

A Navy chaplain had just completed a lengthy tour of duty and was happily headed back home when he was ordered back to sea. Disturbed, he wired the office of the Chief of Chaplains, "How long, O Lord? Isaiah 6:11." His chief's reply came fast: "It would be for a time, two times, and half a time. Daniel 12:7."

How is the state of your Christian faith these days? On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being very weak and 10 being alive and vibrant), what number would you enter on your Faith Scale? For the truth of the matter is that the quality of your faith is directly proportional (similar to a math equation) to your reading of Scripture in an organized and disciplined manner.

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Wayne's World continued

Let's have a little quiz on the Scriptures! Which of the following popular common sayings are biblical quotations?

1. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.
2. God helps those who help themselves.
3. An honest confession is good for the soul.
4. We are prone to sin as sparks fly upward.
5. Money is the root of all evil.
6. Honesty is the best policy.

The answer? While some of these statements are truisms, none of them, as quoted above, is found in the Bible! So if you are quoting the Bible, make sure it is an actual verse in the Bible. You might object on point number 5. The *exact* quotation is "The **love** of money is the root of all evils." (1 Timothy 6:10a) The point of this little exercise is that, when reading the Bible, every word is important, and the dropping or adding of one word changes the whole meaning of what was intended.

Sometimes we protest that we do read the Bible but can't remember what we have read. One person's response to this is, "I just do my reading and God does the remembering."

The point? Just read and heed The Word, and God will do the rest ... in everything!

Good reading,

Rev. Wayne

Interim Moderator & Stated Supply



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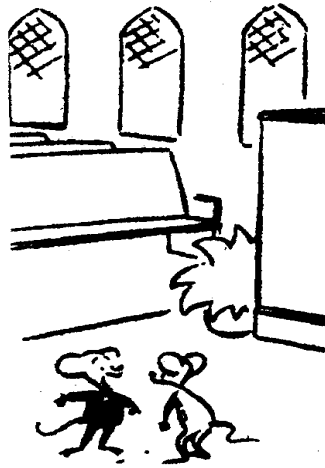
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News from the Pews



On October 20, during the St. Andrew's 177th Anniversary Service, the Rev. Wayne Baswick rededicated the stained-glass Vestry Window in the Minister's office. The window was originally donated to St. Andrew's by the Armstrong family – two of whom (Donna Armstrong-Volpe and Lenore Armstrong) were present for the occasion.



Following the service an anniversary cake was served in the Great Hall, and then members of the congregation were invited to tour the upper floor of the Christian Education wing, and view the stained-glass window.

A small, but like-minded group of people got together at St. Andrew's for the first 2024 fall session of Games Night! There were cards with Exploding Kittens, battles of Hungry Hippos, and tiles of flying dragons (Tsuru). We had to break out the popcorn and chips to get through a cooperative defense of our walls against marauding orcs, flying boulders, and goblin leaders in Castle Panic. Thanks to those who came, and we hope to see folks out again for our next installment! *See photos below.*



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On Saturday, September 28th, 2024, golfers from St. Andrew’s gathered at Derrydale Golf Course for the annual tournament. Below is their report.

This year’s champions are: ****Team 3****: Barb McMechan-Woods, Richard McMechan, Elizabeth Giesbrecht, and Wayne Giesbrecht. The ****Putting Champions**** are ****Team 5****: Adam Cornish, Rev. Wayne, Kennedy Jackson and May Jackson.

We also want to recognize our ****Closest to the Hole**** winners: Karen Dunlop and Bill Dewar, as well as our ****Longest Drive**** winners: Natalie Tam and Bill Dewar.

Everyone enjoyed a BBQ dinner following the tournament. Kim Shepherd, along with Chris and Andrea Gow, stopped by to say hello to everyone.

A big “thank you” to all who participated and donated, and to Derrydale for hosting the event, as well as to Pam Loree for organizing the day!



Please help us decorate the church at approximately 12:30 pm on Sunday, November 24, immediately after the soup and sandwich lunch (see back page).



The Shepherd family welcomed and hosted family from Wales in October. Peter’s sister and her family were here for a wedding, and enjoyed time with the family. They visited sites in Guelph, Elora and Niagara-on-the-lake. Above is a picture of Kaitlin with her Aunt, Uncle and cousin, taken at Wheelbarrow Orchards in Milton.

POSITIVE-NEGATIVE

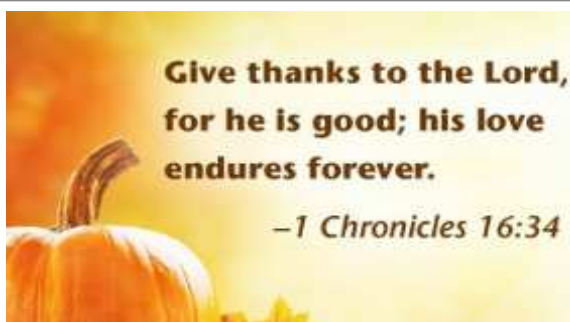
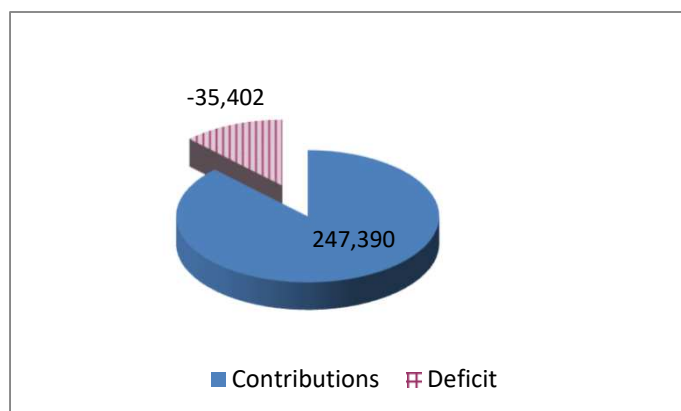
If we should look for faults and flaws
 We’ll find them, that’s for sure.
 If gloom and grumbles be our goal
 We’ll own them by the score.
 Yet strange to say, that in reverse,
 The same is always found.
 If we should seek out blessings, well –
 Just look – they’re all around!
 I know which I would rather find:
 It’s things to make me smile.
 It’s positives, not negatives,
 That make our lives worthwhile.

Margaret Ingall

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of October 22, 2024:



Our line of credit is \$18,500 and accounts payable is \$17,100. Offerings are down 9% from last year.

Thank you for your continued support of 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**
treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Oct 22, 2024	Jan 1 - Oct 22, 2023
Contributions		
Offerings	192,164.34	210,452.11
One-time Grants	-	30,000.00
Other Revenue	55,225.75	32,236.22
Total Contributions	247,390.09	272,688.33
Expense		
Education	1,460.38	2,577.03
Mission	11,045.60	33,542.57
Property	96,827.21	89,010.22
Stewardship	164,309.70	178,727.42
Worship	9,149.52	10,993.35
Session	-	808.77
Total Expense	282,792.41	315,659.36
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(35,402.32)	(42,971.03)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	15,056.50	15,911.66
PWS&D donations*	3,759.00	3,571.66
Food Bank donations*	27,329.70	40,969.02

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

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



BEST WISHES AND FAREWELL

By Colin Young

Most Sundays, if you enter the church through our front doors you are greeted by Sue and Kwasi Adjepong–Duodu. At the end of November they will be leaving us, as they are moving from Brampton to their new home in Bowmanville.

Since joining St. Andrew’s they have both been involved in the life of our congregation. We will miss their smiling faces when they move on to the next stages in their life, and as they leave us, we wish them good luck and happiness in their new home.

Farewell friends.



We held our Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, October 1st in the parlour. The service this year was written by the Rev. Jennifer Geddes, minister of Comox Valley Presbyterian Church, BC.

This is an excerpt from Rev. Geddes’ message that spoke to me, and I hope to you - “The season of thanksgiving is not just about demonstrating thanks - that is actually the easy part – it’s how we show that thanks. We need to transform that greed into generosity. We have to have a posture of people first, possessions second. Where there has been an abundant harvest, be it with food, wealth, or even ourselves, instead of hoarding it, we must invest in caring for one another. That is how we, like Joel, speak words of hope into desperate situations. That is how we transform the narrative of the rich man from a sad story to an inspiring one. It is how we show our thanks to God.”

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5th at 1:00 pm. All are welcome. We will be learning a bit about the Hummingbird Ministries and having a time of Remembrance, followed by a business meeting and a time of fellowship.

I will close off this month with the blessing from our Thanksgiving Worship - “All good gifts around us are indeed, sent from heaven above. In our gratitude may we grow in the knowledge that God goes with us, still creating, still redeeming, still sustaining us this day and always. Amen.”

Kim Shepherd
President

ST. ANDREW’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thankful October

Our Sunday School is in full swing! The children are being inquisitive, imaginative, and thoughtful, as they engage with the stories they hear.

In October, our children and youth have been participating in “Thankful October.” The children received pumpkins, while the youth were given fall leaves, with instructions to write down what they are thankful for.

****Good News!****

The nursery will hopefully be opening in November. Babies (ages newborn to 2 years) will leave the sanctuary after the See & Hear time with Rev. Wayne. If you would like to join the Nursery team please contact me, and we will begin the process.

Additionally, we are preparing for our pageant, which will be shared with the congregation on Sunday, December 15th, 2024.

Kim Shepherd
Sunday School Superintendent



By the Stewardship Committee

Be generous in giving and grateful in receiving.
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Mark Your Calendars! Annual Budget Meeting –
Sunday, November 17th, 2024.

Right after the Worship Service we'll gather to
review and discuss our 2025 proposed budget.

Why is this meeting important? This is your chance
to shape the future of our church and its mission.
Every voice matters, and we ask for ALL members
to attend!

The proposed budget and minutes from last year's
Annual Meeting will be available for pick-up on
Sunday, November 10th. (One copy per family,
please!)

We're encouraging everyone to consider signing up
for our PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Program.
No more writing cheques or catching up after a
holiday—support the church effortlessly and
consistently.

The 2025 Offering Envelopes will also be available
to pick-up on November 17th, 2024. If you would
like to receive envelopes, please contact either Kim
Shepherd or Valerie Martin.

Let's come together in faith, fellowship, and
planning for an exciting year ahead!

Food... for Thought



By Gord Warren

Christmas Memories Past and Present

With the temperature falling and stores starting to put up Christmas displays I thought that it was time to see how your Food Bank handles Christmas now, and has in the past.

For many years the Food Bank hosted a Christmas meal. This was well attended with usually 100 to 150 more clients than the average week. It was a lot of work for the volunteers as they cooked at home and in the church kitchen. Needless to say it was very expensive feeding that amount of people. That was the main reason it was discontinued, as the committee felt that the resources could be used to purchase food.

We also collected and purchased toys for the children. This caused many problems with clients pushing and shoving to be near the front for the best selection. We tried gift cards, and while this proved to eliminate the pushing and shoving it became difficult to monitor, as suddenly the families became larger!

We also used to purchase turkeys and hams for the clients, as well as all the fixings for a proper Christmas meal. This was difficult for many of the clients because they were living in single rooms and had no access to a stove to cook on. This resulted in many stories of clients standing on Main Street selling their donations of turkeys and hams.

There are many other reasons that the Food Bank committee decided to change procedures, but the main reason was that the money spent could be better used to purchase food for the clients.

Now we are faced with a problem for our clients. This year, Christmas and New Year fall on a Wednesday, and we will be closed. What we have decided to do is to give out extra food for the two weeks before Christmas, make up a special bag with extra goodies for the clients, stay open longer to make sure that every client can get served, and give out knitted scarves, gloves, hats and socks.

Please help the Food Bank serve the disadvantaged in Brampton in any way that you see fit.



At our October meeting, we had the joy of welcoming our newest and cutest member, Robyn's baby – Adrian Beams. The L6T GRACE Group enjoyed a wonderful social time sharing our Thanksgiving weekend experiences filled with food and loved ones. Additionally, we watched a short video from *Faith, Doubt, and God's Mysterious Timing series*, which focused on perspective and how it can guide us during uncertain times. It was a meaningful gathering centered on connection, reflection and thankfulness.



The L6X/L6Y GRACE Group met on Tuesday, October 8th at 1.30pm at the home of Doreen and Ray. We are back into the routine of monthly meetings, which makes it much easier to catch up on the news of what is happening in each other's lives. We were sorry that Jean and Shirley were not able to be there. Wonderful treats were contributed by members, so we enjoyed a delicious feast.

Due to further technical difficulties, this time with our T.V., we had to view our Bible study on Doreen's laptop. The focus this month was looking at the question "What makes joy possible?" and the answer is found in Phil. 2v.1-4 - "By having a spirit of unity, with an attitude of humility, valuing others above ourselves." We had an excellent discussion on how this applied to our daily lives.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 12th at 1.30pm.

CALL TO PRAYER



By Ray Scanlan

There are some things that come to mind as Autumn starts to let us know that summer is over and we are in election season.

In the US it seems to have started even before the 'previous' Federal Election was over, i.e. the 2024 election campaign is near the end of its fourth year. Millions of dollars have been spent to win over a few "Battleground States," which must have a negative impact on the other forty-four "Decided" states. Could this money have been used for better purposes?

Climate Change may not be on the ballot, but hundreds of million of dollars spent on election ads might have been better used to shore up southern areas devastated by hundred-year floods which seem to now happen every one or two years.

Looking at the US election seems to dominate the news cycle and overshadows the fact that Canada is now about to start our own Federal and Provincial elections. Praise the Lord that our election time frame is close to 50 days not 50 months.

As Christians we are to pray for our leaders, and hopefully not be totally distracted or bombarded by mainstream media or AI misinformation or disinformation. We are called to pray for our leaders. We pray for courage.

The election cycles are important to our democracy and we pray for guidance. We also are called to pray for peace, as elections in the US and Canada are more and more becoming very divisive. We pray for discernment that we can overlook all the rhetoric and distractions and lift up the millions of refugees displaced by war and political unrest.



By Stan Loree

More roof repairs...

The Property Committee worked with a roofing company to repair a water leak into the vestry. Water had found a way through a separation in the old galvanised steel cap at the East end of the Great Hall roof. This was repaired by first applying “blueskin membrane,” a tough self adhesive product that seals air and water leaks - see picture 1. This was followed by a custom built white aluminum cap applied to both the north and south elevations - see picture 2.



Mission Committee

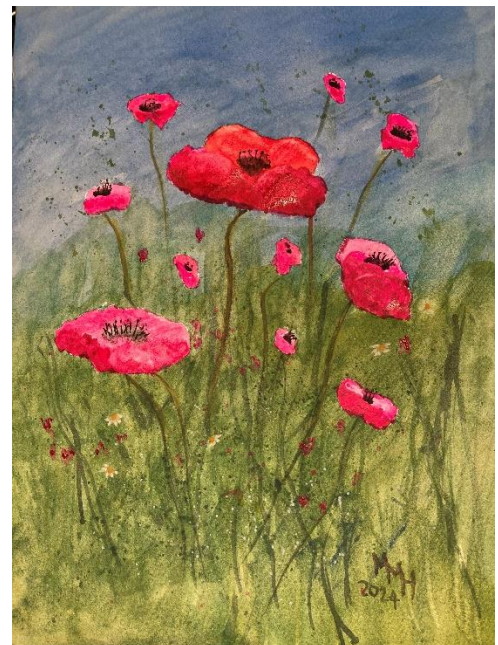
Project Cozy
October 6 – November 3



The Mission Committee is collecting hats, scarves and mitts/gloves for the month of October through to November 3. We hope to collect 20 hats, 20 scarves and 20 mitts/gloves for men to be taken to Genesis Lodge. As well, we need 20 hats, 20 scarves and 20 mitts/gloves for women at Ellen House. We would like to receive much more!

Collection bins are on the Great Hall stage.

Lest We Forget



Artwork by Molly Harvey

ST. ANDREW'S FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS

SOUP & SANDWICH

SOCIAL



Sunday, November 24th

Suggested Donation of \$8.00

Join us in the Great Hall after service for a delicious Soup & Sandwich Social fundraiser hosted by our St. Andrew's Food Bank volunteers, benefiting the St. Andrew's Church and Food Bank.

Enjoy a variety of soups, sandwiches, and sweet treats while sharing fellowship with friends.

Proceeds will be split between St. Andrew's Church for ongoing operating expenses, and the Food Bank.

Together we make a difference!

