

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 Muriel Gemmill

O come, let us sing to the Lord...Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.(Ps 92:1.2)



BIRTHDAYS

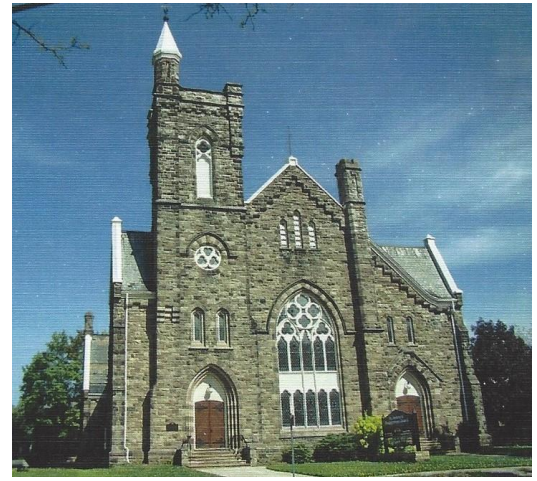
October 2024

- 1 Uzbek John
- 3 Kathryn Linton
- 4 Lyn Malek, Jessica Rhind
- 6 Margaret Bakkeren
- 8 Shirley Nash
- 10 Catherine Nicholson
- 11 Ariel Jokhoo, Phil Leow
- 12 Jennifer Aleong, Penny Owens
- 15 Saqib Bhatti
- 17 Joseph Amoah, Karen Dunlop,
Diane White
- 18 Barbara Osborne
- 19 Pierre-Paul Massy
- 21 Sarah Jess, Jonathan McKittrick
- 22 Jeremy Flint
- 23 James Stratton
- 24 Promila Kamal
- 27 Murray Meadows
- 29 Deric Karkada, Winston Polack



November 2024

- 3 Bill Temple, Kara Urquhart
- 4 Jennifer Phillips, Stephanie Sexton
- 7 May Jackson, Janice McKnight



**Join us for our 177th
Anniversary Service
on October 20**



All Ages Games Night

Friday, October 25, 7:00pm

Bring your favourite game, or discover a new one that someone else has brought.

Join your church family for a fun evening of games in the Great Hall at St. Andrew's. Bring a friend, bring your parents, bring uncle or aunt or grandparent, bring your competitive spirit!

Come to have some fun!



We need volunteers to prepare and serve refreshments at the fellowship time after the worship service.

There is a signup sheet in the Great Hall.

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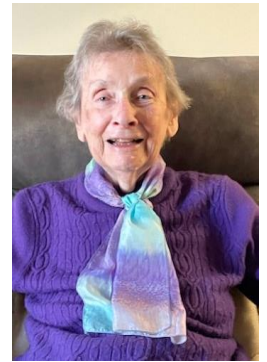
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Rosemary's Reflections

Hard to believe it's Thanksgiving again! When I was growing up in N. Ireland (Ulster), we didn't observe a countrywide Thanksgiving holiday. Instead, we had a special service in church. The ladies of the congregation would decorate the Communion table with all sorts of fruit, vegetables, flowers and corn representing all growing things, and we sang special Harvest hymns like "We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land". One thing always fascinated me. The elevated pulpit was wide enough for the minister to walk about inside, preaching with enthusiastic gestures. The ladies decorated the broad railing round the pulpit with apples, and I would wait all through the service to see if the minister would knock one of them off! In all the years I attended that church he never did it once!

As I pondered what Thanksgiving might mean for us this year – or any year – four things came to my mind. One clearly was **Food**. Watching what is going on throughout the world these days should cause us to be very grateful for the food we can put on our table, But it should also remind us of the too many who starve because they can't access enough food to survive. We thank God best for **our** food by sharing with others. And then there's **Family**. This past year because of health issues I have had to depend a lot on my family, and they are always there when my husband or I need them. On the happier side, the family has grown by the arrival of two new babies – one in Canada and one in Ireland. How could I not be thankful all day, every day?

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Rosemary's Reflections continued

And then there are **Friends**. I have many friends, some of whom go back over eighty years! By phone, letter or in person, we laugh a lot at the good memories and mourn the losses that the years have brought. Along with my family it's my friends who keep me going - another reason to thank God all day, every day.

But perhaps the greatest thing to give thanks for is our **Faith** – faith in God and in Jesus, who is our connecting link with God. Some days our faith can be pretty shaky. At a time in Ulster known as “The Troubles” my father, a staunch Presbyterian elder, once told me that he prayed and prayed for peace, but peace never came. In our crazy, mixed-up world it can still seem that way. And yet it is our faith in God that gives us hope and courage to keep going. “O come, let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving” says the Psalmist.

What are **you** thanking God for this Thanksgiving?

Rosemary

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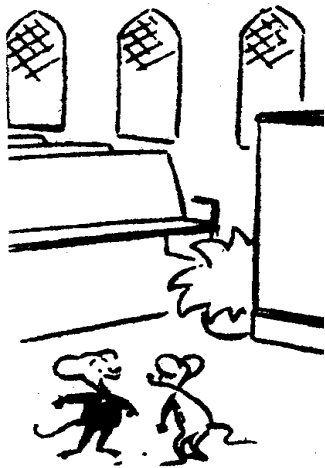
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News from the Pews



The Rev. Sandy Fryfogel was our guest minister on August 25. When he greeted Molly Harvey they shared reminiscences of Stratford and mutual friends.



On Labour Day Sunday Rev. Wayne and Kim Shepherd performed a skit for the kids during the See & Hear time.



Rev. Wayne did not want to go to school, he wanted to stay home, play video games. He didn't want a new bus

driver, a new teacher or new classmates. He was afraid they wouldn't like him. He also did not want to wake up early, he liked waking up at 10:00 am. Ms. Kim helped Rev. Wayne through all his fears by finding the positive in all his doubts. Finally, Ms. Kim put her hands on her hips and said "Wayne, you have to go to school on Monday ... you are the Principal!"

We are delighted to share the news that Rosalind and Rob Cammidge are new grandparents. The proud parents are Rosalind's daughter Sarah and her husband Gavin Martin. Baby Kelly Barbara Martin was born August 11, 2024.

Petra Woods (daughter of Barb McMechan-Woods and granddaughter of the Revs. Rosemary and Gerry Doran) was chosen as one of four Empire Co. employees to travel with the Sobey's Feed The Dream Team as a Correspondent for the Paralympic Games 2024 in Paris, France. We asked her to send us the report below.

During the trip, Petra was delighted to get a wave from Kate O'Brien who won the first 2024 Paralympic medal for Canada in Para Cycling, and Benoît Huot, CBC host and 9-time gold medalist. The Sobey's team also cheered on Aurélie Rivard in the women's Para Swimming heat rounds. A highlight was watching Para Swimmer *Gabriel Araujo* of Brazil as he started the back stroke by his teeth (literally!)—and came away with a well-deserved gold medal.



Natalie and Petra renamed this iconic landmark the Eiffel WOWER. The tower's Olympic Rings and sparkling lights were the perfect way to end a first full day of Paralympic events. Château de Versailles was not originally on the itinerary, but they just had to fit in the

beautiful views of the gardens.

"I was looking forward to the full contact matches of Wheelchair Rugby. As a rugby player myself, I was excited to cheer for our sport and see the inclusion of women's players in the co-ed, 4-person-a-side game variation" says Petra on day two.

As the games went on, fans learned how to support in silence during the Para-Athletic adventure in *Stade de France*. With the T11 athletes having vision impairment, it was essential for them to be able to hear their trainer during the long jump and sprinting events.

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At times, you felt the desire to cheer at the top of your lungs, however this made it harder for the teams to compete. Each event had a wide variety of diverse ability levels and there was always an event to see in the hours spent at the Purple Track Stadium.



The correspondents made it their mission to get onto the Paralympic Jumbotron, and you guessed it... it finally happened during the last event, Sitting Volleyball. (See picture above with Canadian flag)

It was quickly time to depart the beautiful city of Paris, an all-time favourite travel destination of Petra's grandmother, the Rev. Rosemary Doran. Of course, Petra could not leave without some takeaway souvenirs... and chocolates! "Paris, I Louvre you! I hope our paths will croissant again."

News from the Pews continues on page 9

Food... for Thought



By Gord Warren

A Change is Gonna Come

The old gospel song by Sam Cooke tells how he had to overcome the difficulties of a black man living in the US south. While we don't have that type of struggle in Brampton, we do have a struggle. Every week for years I have seen young teenagers starting out with ambitious goals, but nothing happens for them. They come back weekly, their children grow and go to school, but they cannot break the cycle of poverty. All the volunteers have their favourites and try to save special treats for them, and this brings smiles to their faces - because someone cares! We have to change the cycle for them and give them a hand up. Some have succeeded and come back years later to thank us, but most haven't, and every success matters. So, when you hear the stories about how many people are now depending on a Food Bank, remember the successes.

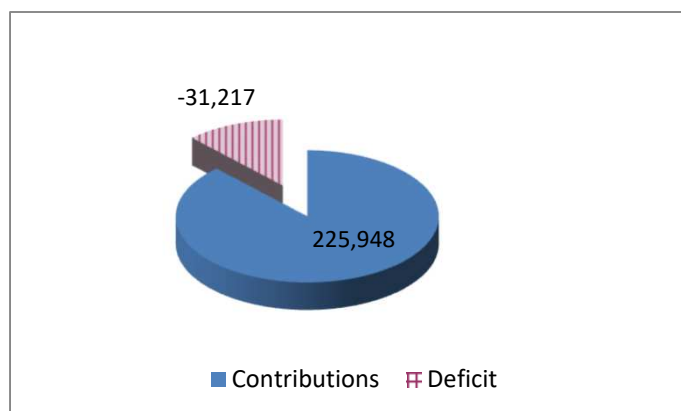
Our Food Bank is also going through changes. They, fortunately, are seasonal changes, as the amount of fresh vegetables we get from the local farms will taper off as their harvest ends. That, however, is a dilemma, because we want to give a proper diet to the clients that come, and we will have to purchase more, but that will put more strain on our budget. We are presently spending between \$3,000 to \$4,000 dollars every week to purchase necessities. but are receiving in donations sometimes less than \$1,000. This is not sustainable. Think how you can help.

We are constantly looking for more volunteers. You don't have to do it consistently every week, and some jobs are only for the morning. Come out on a Wednesday and see what your friends are doing or come and make new friends.

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

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



Our line of credit is \$30,500 and accounts payable is \$8,647. Offerings are down 8% from last year. Weekly offerings for August 2024 was \$15,544 vs \$18,078 for August 2023. SEAOM weekly offerings for August 2024 was \$785 vs \$1,278 for August 2023.

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 - Sept 20, 2024	Jan 1 - Sept 20, 2023
Contributions		
Offerings	168,418.24	182,633.86
One-time Grants	-	30,000.00
Other Revenue	57,530.02	47,532.69
Total Contributions	225,948.26	260,166.55
Expense		
Education	1,245.23	2,577.03
Mission	10,588.48	22,720.66
Property	83,380.60	84,999.90
Stewardship	153,291.84	167,504.44
Worship	8,659.00	9,989.52
Session	-	808.77
Total Expense	257,165.15	288,600.32
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(31,216.89)	(28,433.77)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	13,933.50	14,777.66
PWS&D donations*	3,554.50	3,339.16
Food Bank donations*	24,487.20	30,213.52

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

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



If you haven't seen Michelle Tedder around lately, that is because she has accepted a new role at her job which is going to require much more of her time and energy, and accordingly she has stepped back from volunteering here at St. Andrew's.

Michelle and Wayne Tedder have contributed in a great many ways to the life of our St. Andrew's family. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Michelle all the best in her new role, and thank both Michelle and Wayne for all their leadership and help with coffee fellowship, communion and numerous special events, including Anniversary Dinners. We will miss their presence, and we look forward to when schedules allow for them to again attend and participate in the life and work of St. Andrew's.



On Sunday, September 8 (Rally Day) there was a special service at St. Andrew's as we commissioned our very dedicated and inspiring Christian Educators. (See back page of newsletter.) We wish these teachers a wonderful year ahead as they share the Word with our amazing young people and adults alike. Please keep our teachers, youth and fellow St. Andrew's family members in your prayers as they explore their growing faith together.

Our Rally Day barbeque was a huge success. Burgers, hot dogs and sausages provided by the Special Events Team, were complemented by a host of salads and desserts brought by other members of the congregation.

Thanks to our chefs Kwasi Adjepong-Duodu, and those pictured below - Jessica Rhind and Stan Loree.



A craft table on the stage in the Great Hall gave the children an opportunity to create bookmarks. It was good to be together for this event as a church family.

Thanks to the many who helped set up, prepare the food, and clean up.

Karen Hutchinson
Chair
Worship and Fellowship Committee



It was so nice to gather in person in September for a time of fellowship and discussion on the WMS moving forward.

Our group will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlour for the months of October, November, December, April, May, and June. For the winter months, we will meet online. The times for our winter meeting will be discussed at our November meeting.

Kim had the privilege of attending the 110th WMS celebration gathering in May. The WMS has chosen two new Together We Can projects.

The National selection is Hummingbird Ministries founded by The Reverend Mary Fontaine. Hummingbird Ministries provides healing and reconciliation through Talking Circles and the Arts; to restore Hope, Freedom, and Justice to Indigenous/Settler healing.

The International selection, in partnership with PWS&D – INF Nepal (International Nepal Fellowship with emphasis on maternal and child welfare). It was the first Christian organization in Nepal and began work when the borders opened in the early 1950’s. The very first hospital that was built, a metal Quonset hut, shone brightly in the valley from the vantage point of people living in the hills and mountains surrounding the mission. The hospital became known as “The Shining Hospital.” Since the first Shining Hospital, INF has supported medical and development projects throughout Nepal, often ministering to the most remote and underserved people.

We will be studying each of these at our meetings to learn more about the mission work of these two organizations.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1st where will be holding our Thanksgiving Worship followed by a business meeting and a time of fellowship. All are invited to attend, and we hope to see you on October 1st.

Kim Shepherd, President

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

By the Stewardship Committee

Giving is not a debt you owe; it is a seed you sow. - *Unknown*

Save the Date! Our Annual Budget Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 17, 2024**, right after the Worship Service.

This meeting is for members of St. Andrew’s, and we especially encourage those who attend our afternoon service to join us—you have a voice and your vote matters!

Our Anniversary letter will be arriving soon. Going forward, congregational letters will be sent by email. If your email has changed or you have not yet shared it with us, please update your details with the Church Office to ensure you **ALL** receive it.

No email, it is okay, we will have physical copies of the letters sent to our congregants who **DO NOT** have email.

We also want to encourage you to consider joining ****PAR**** (Pre-Authorized Remittance)—the easiest way to give your offering! With PAR, your donation is automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the **3rd Thursday of each month**, so you will not need to worry about writing cheques. Plus, it helps us reduce our environmental impact by lowering the number of offering envelopes we need to order.

From a budgeting standpoint, our Treasurer counts on the steady support of PAR to keep the church’s operations running smoothly.

Interested in signing up? Speak with Kim Shepherd today to pick up your form!

News from the Pews (continued from page 6)

On September 22 we baptised baby Araiya Ramiya Jameer, daughter of Rahim Jameer and Alyssa Joseph; and adult Amberley Michelle Brodeur. Amberley’s son joined her for the photograph below.





The L6X/L6Y Grace Group met on Tuesday, September 17th at the home of Doreen and Ray. We had not met during the summer months, so there were many stories to share, and some travels to recount. It was also lovely to celebrate Grace Gowland's September birthday.



Due to technical difficulties, and because of the advanced age of Doreen's laptop, we were unable to view the study on Philippians. Nevertheless, we had great conversations reflecting JOY and laughter, and JOY is the central theme of Philippians. We will meet again on October 8th at 1.30pm.

On September 19 eight members of the L6T/L6P GRACE Group met for an hour via TEAMS. The technology is new to us, so this was a challenge.



Molly Harvey has resigned as co-leader of our group, and we thank her for her many years in the leadership role. We welcome and thank Maggie Nicol who will now share the leadership with Felicity Alexander, and she will also provide the technology required for the TEAMS platform. Maggie used her computer skills to put together the group photo in the previous column.

Our meeting was mainly to catch up with each other on our summer activities, and to discuss plans for members of the group to occasionally volunteer as ushers for worship services, and also to provide refreshments for coffee fellowship.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We thank you for the harvest, Lord,
The bounty of your hand,
For every season of the year
Which touches all the land.
For fruit and flowers, trees and plants,
The miracle of seeds,
For food and comfort through the months
Providing for our needs.

We thank you for the love we share,
The harvest of the heart,
For all the precious gifts of life
Your hope and joy impart.
We pray for those less fortunate
Who suffer every day,
Be with them on their journey, Lord,
And help them find the way.

And now, once more, we thank you, Lord,
For blessings great and small,
But most of all, your endless love,
The greatest gift of all.

Iris Hesselden



Community Cookies Care

There was something for every sweet tooth at the bake sale on Sunday, September 15! Once again, the St. Andrew's congregation and Food Bank Volunteers heartily supported fundraising efforts for Anthony Warren and his family by shopping with enthusiasm. It was another welcome opportunity for fellowship, while supporting a member of the community.

The amount of baked goods prepared and donated by Food Bank Volunteers and members of the congregation was indeed overwhelming. Thankfully, the shopping was equally overwhelming. Thanks to all who attended and helped to make this fourth and final fundraiser such a success. It seems like just weeks ago that the first event - the cold supper - was held, and yet, here we are in October!

In that time, the four events raised much-needed funds to assist Anthony Warren and his family. Anthony continues to make steady progress and, as you saw in his video message, he is very moved and appreciative of the outpouring of kindness and support from St. Andrew's.

On behalf of the Food Bank Volunteers and the Warren family, thank you all so very much for your support, prayers, and participating in these fellowship opportunities that raised needed funds. There are not enough words to express our gratitude. The community of St. Andrew's is special and blessed to have so many caring individuals.



RALLY DAY

The Commissioning of Church Teachers and Leaders took place at the start of the Worship Service on Rally Day, September 8.



L to R – Rev. Wayne Baswick, Molly Harvey, Felicity Alexander Jessica Rhind, Kim Shepherd, Doreen Scott-Dunne, Ray Scanlan, Robyn Kirkpatrick Beams, Meaghan Bhim

(Not available for photo – Sue Haw, Jean Bradshaw)



Rev. Wayne holds Holly Rhind's drawing of a panda, and Holly's explanation is as follows:

"I drew a panda, because it's adorable. I wrote the words 'Be kind for the animals' sake' below, because most animals are disappearing from their native lands, and I want them to be safe. I want everybody in church to know about this, because I trust them to do the right thing. We are all pieces of the puzzle of joy and hope. I was glad Reverend Wayne asked me to talk about it in church, though I was a little frightened."

(Note from Jessica Rhind - I suspect part of this comes from the girls' time at zoo camp this summer, where they were able to learn about, and actively participate in the care of lions, tigers, peacocks, monkeys, a tortoise, kangaroos, wolf pups, eagles, and other large cats like panthers, cougars, hyenas, pumas, ocelots, serval cats and arctic foxes. While there were no pandas, they were taught extensively about care and conservation.)