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For we are
God's servants,
working
together.

I Corinthians 3:9a



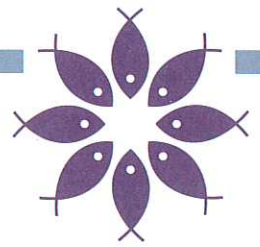
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– Dr. Martin Accad, President,
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– The Rev. Stewart Folster, Mistawasis Memorial PC,
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The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Financial Statements have been printed separately.

Minister's Report

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

Dear members, adherents and friends of St. Andrew's:

In church, a boy ran a toy engine up and down the pew, much to the annoyance of an elderly gent seated in the pew behind. At long last, the man protested, "Shh! Shh!" The small boy beamed. "Oh," he exclaimed, "do you play trains, too?"

Now I set me down to sleep. The prayer is long, the sermons deep. If he should stop before I wake, please give me a pinch for goodness' sake.

When you think of yourself and your relation to your church, it might be a good motto to "be square all week and be round on Sunday".

My Church

*I want my church to be a place
Where I can meet God face to face
And meditate upon His grace.
I want each worship hour so sweet
That I can think each time we meet
A Presence comes and takes His seat.
I want her doors to stand so wide
No hungry soul who waits outside*

*Will think that he/she has been denied.
I want my church to be much more
Than stone and mortar, pew and door
Or carpet laid upon a floor.
But, oh, I know that it can be
No more than that is found in me,
So teach me, Lord, to show forth Thee.*

The writer of the book of Ephesians makes it abundantly clear that Christ is the head over all things of the church – the church which is His body. We as members of His body together with our Lord as the head are the church. The church is each one of us forming a living body of which Christ is the head.

The message of *My Church* tells us that, if we are to meet God and meditate, if we want our worship services to be a time when the Presence of God is among us, if we want our doors to be open so no one outside will be denied to be with us; in short, if we want the church here at St. Andrew's to be the living body of our Lord as it is, then it can be no more or no less that living body than the life that is found in each one of us.

One writer captures the spirit of the importance of each and every person in the life of the church to make it the living body of Christ today in our world as he writes:

What kind of church / Would my church be, / If everyone in it / Were just like me?

We are part of the body of Christ, commonly called The Church. As we go forward, may it be that, by what is found in each one of us, the body is alive and well here at St. Andrew's!



Reverend Wayne J. Baswick

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

2025 Annual General Meeting

May 4, 2025

Proposed Agenda

1. Opening
2. Appointment of Recording Secretary
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Budget Meeting held on November 17, 2024
 - Any business arising from these Minutes. Motion to adopt.
5. Reports of Session, Committees and Groups as circulated; Questions for Committee chairs
 - Motion to accept these Reports
6. Report of the Board of Trustees
 - Nomination of Trustees: *Stan Loree, Gord Warren, Debbie Warwick, Henry Peyer*
7. Report from the Treasurer
 - Review Performance of 2024 Budget
8. Accountant's Review
 - Motion to accept the reviewed Financial Statements as printed
9. Appointment of Accountant: *RLB Chartered Professional Accountants*, and Appointment of Treasurer: *Anna-Marie Dewar*
10. New Business
11. Votes of Thanks
12. Closing Prayer
13. Next Congregational Meetings:
 - Budget Meeting – November 16, 2025
 - Annual General Meeting – April 26, 2026

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

2024 Annual Budget Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2024

The Rev. W. J. Baswick opened the meeting in prayer.

Motion by R. Cammidge, seconded by K. Shepherd, to appoint J. Bradshaw as recording secretary.
CARRIED

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by J. Bradshaw, seconded by C. Young, to adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion by J. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Cammidge, to approve the Minutes of the Congregational Meeting held on April 21, 2024. **CARRIED**

The Session recommends that the congregation reduce the number of active elders from fifteen to nine.
Motion by J. Bradshaw, seconded by J. Young, for the congregation to approve changing the number of active elders on the Session from fifteen to nine. **CARRIED**

The Session asks the congregation to approve changing the 2024 annual financial statements from an audited financial statement to a review engagement as a cost savings measure.

Motion by A-M Dewar, seconded by K. Shepherd, for the congregation to approve changing from an audited financial statement to a review engagement. **CARRIED**

The Committee Chairs were all present to answer the congregation's questions regarding their committees' work.

The Treasurer then presented the 177th Budget for 2025.

- Christian Education: The budget is \$4,600.
- Mission Committee: The budget is \$13,300 and is reduced by \$12,000 as Rev. Babar Allahditta will not receive a salary after August 2024.
- Worship Committee: The budget is \$15,900 which is \$7,000 less than the 2024 budget.
- Property Committee: The budget is \$258,700 for 2025, an increase of \$138,700. Major capital expenses include manse repairs, boiler, fence installation and other maintenance.
- Stewardship Committee: The budget is \$239,400. This budget includes the anticipated increase in stipends and benefits for a new pastor.

The 2025 Budget: Revenue is \$362,500 which includes the General Fund, Enduring Gifts and Investments, Grants and other revenue. Expenses are \$533,050 which will be reduced by a transfer from the PCC Fund of \$120,000 to cover the major capital projects. The Budget will operate with a deficit of \$50,500.

Motion by A-M Dewar, seconded by H. Peyer, for the congregation to approve the Budget presented by the Treasurer. **CARRIED**

Thank you to our Treasurer, who spent many hours preparing the final Budget. Thank you to the committees for their work in preparing their budgets.

Motion to adjourn. Rev. Baswick closed the meeting in prayer. Prepared by Jean Bradshaw.

Next Congregational Meetings:

- The Annual Congregational Meeting Financial Report – To Be Determined
- The Annual Congregational Meeting Budget Report – November 16, 2025 at 11:45 a.m.

**Elders Serving on Session
of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
as of December 31, 2024**

The Rev. Wayne J. Baswick, Interim Moderator/Stated Supply
The Rev. Rosemary Doran, Minister Emeritus
The Rev. Babar Allahditta, Minister in Association

J. Young	2019-2025	S. Babar	2021-2026
J. Bradshaw	2019-2025	H. Peyer	2021-2026
A. Dewar	2019-2025	K. Hutchinson	2021-2026
S. Jackson	2019-2025	R. Cammidge	2021-2026
C. Young	2023-2025	S. Loree	2023-2028

Supporting Elders

A.J. Hunt	1967	T. Campbell	2004
W. Gemmill	1972	R. Orrom	2004
J.F. MacDonald	1972	R. Duncan	2004
I.C. Jess	1981	D. Warwick	2006
S. Kellam	1981	P. Loree	2014
H. Eitner	1986	D. Scott-Dunne	2014
M. MacDonald	1986	M. Jackson	2014
B. Cornish	1989	E. Emanuel	2014
J. Urquhart	1989	K. Shepherd	2014
M. Hunt	1989	R. McMechan	2014
D. Volpe	1992	R. Scanlan	2014
D. Young	1992	E. Boyd	2016
M. Harvey	1996	M. Tedder	2016
F. Alexander	1996	G. Warren	2016
K. Jackson	1996	M. Nicol	2018
S. Jess	1998	P. Willoughby	2018
L. Malek	1998	R. Kirkpatrick	2020
A. Mear	1998	J. Stratton	2020
V. Warren	1998	J. Collins	2023
R. Wightman	1998		

St. Andrew's Leadership in 2024

Interim Moderator
Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

Clerk of Session
Jean Bradshaw

Treasurer
Anna-Marie Dewar

Minister Emeritus
Rev. Rosemary Doran

Deputy Clerk of Session

Envelope Secretaries
Kim Shepherd
Valerie Martin

Minister in Association
Rev. Babar Allahditta

Session Treasurer
Pam Loree

Trustees
Stan Loree
Henry Peyer
Gord Warren
Debbie Warwick

Presbytery Representative
Rosalind Cammidge

Office Administrator
Valerie Barrett

Music Director
Shelagh Tyreman

2024 Committee Chairs

Worship & Fellowship
Congregational Care
Food Bank
Mission & Outreach
Property
Stewardship
Christian Education
Leading with Care

Karen Hutchinson
Felicity Alexander
Gord Warren
Robyn Kirkpatrick
Stan Loree
Helen Collins
Jean Bradshaw
Sandra Jackson



Committee Members as of December 31, 2024

All pastoral staff are *ex officio* members of all committees with no vote.

Christian Education

Jean Bradshaw (*Chair*)
Doreen Scott-Dunne
Meaghan Bhim

Congregational Care

Felicity Alexander (*Chair*)
Susan Jess
Sandra Jackson
Rosemary Doran

Food Bank

Gord Warren (*Chair*)
Tom Campbell
Belle Campbell
Grace Brewster-Yates
Bruce Cornish
Ian Jess
Herb Eitner

Mission & Outreach

Rosalind Cammidge
Colin Young
June Young
Jessica Rhind

Property

Stan Loree (*Chair*)
Bill Dewar
Barry Ford
Mark Bhim

Stewardship

Kim Shepherd (*Chair*)
Henry Peyer
Anna-Marie Dewar (*Treasurer*)

Worship & Fellowship

Karen Hutchinson (*Chair*)
Samina Babar
Shelagh Tyreman (*Music Director*)
Susan Jess (*Choir Representative*)
Colin Young
Peter Shepherd

Roll Clerk

Kim Shepherd

*Our committees need additional members – can you help?
Please speak to any committee chair or member,
or the Clerk of Session.*

Session

*Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time,
we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)*

The Session held eleven meetings in 2024, supporting Committees and their work and approving recommendations they bring to the Session.

One change the Session made was to reduce the number of elders serving from fifteen to nine.

One discussion topic at every Session meeting is the church's finances.

In March, the Presbytery supported the Session's request to extend the Covenant for the Rev. Wayne Baswick and have him serve as Interim Moderator/Stated Supply. The Covenant ends in May 2025 or earlier as agreed upon.

Karen Bokma, from Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), worshipped with us on May 5 and explained the work PWS&D does worldwide during disasters and helping to alleviate poverty.

The Search Committee was appointed in 2023 to begin the work of finding a Senior Minister. They worked diligently to find a candidate for the position of Senior Minister and informed the Session they had a candidate. Members of the Committee met with the Session to explain why they chose this particular candidate. The Session accepted their recommendation and invited the candidate to preach for the Call.

Each Committee meets ten times per year via Teams. The members of these Committees are the backbone of the church. You may read about their work in the reports included in this package.

Jean Bradshaw
Clerk of Session



St. Andrew's Session Fund **Financial Summary**

for the year ended December 31, 2024
(with comparative numbers for the prior year)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receipts		
Donations from Elders	1,025.00	725.00
Loose Offerings	0.00	32.02
		718.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,025.00</u>	<u>\$1,475.02</u>
Disbursements		
Benevolent Distribution	\$ (800.00)	\$(1,250.00)
Bank Charge	\$ 9.84	\$ (9.84)
Reimbursed last year's loss		-718.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ (790.16)</u>	<u>\$(1,977.84)</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$ 234.84	\$ -502.82
Opening bank balance	<u>\$2,675.26</u>	<u>\$3,178.18</u>
Ending bank balance	<u><u>\$2,910.20</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,675.36</u></u>

2024 Statistical Report of the Session

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2023 **491**

Added during 2024 by:

Profession of Faith	11
Certificate of Transfer	2

Removed during 2024 by:

Deaths	4
Transfer Out	2
Removal from Roll by Session	34

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2024 **464**

New Members

Herman Ramirez Valazquez	Yudilanda Ramirez Valazquez
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Baptisms

Araiyah Ramiya Jameer	Dafne Lopez Vazquez
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In Memoriam

(Members and Adherents deceased during 2024)

Lenore Armstrong	Daniel Banks
Adesina Barrington	Barbara Challis
Beatrice Embling	Winston Polack
Wilhelmine Strain	

Memorial Gifts 2004-2024

2004	Estate of Verna R. Marshall	64,944
2004	Estate of Dorothy M. McInerney	505
2005	Estate of Dorothy M. McInerney	5,000
2006	Estate of Claude McLaughlin	50,000
2007	Estate of Hector Douglas McGee	3,000
2007	Estate of Beatrice Fenwick	112,235
2007	In memory of Blake Stansfield	1,500
2007	Estate of Elizabeth McHardy	2,000
2009	Estate of Joan Sargeant and Gladys Martin in memory of Thomas William and Annis Martin	161,742
2010	Family of Elspeth Stansfield	1,000
2010	Estate of Jack Malcolm	5,000
2010	Estate of Norma Small	5,000
2012	Estate of Meribeth Lamont	25,000
2013	Estate of Clara Vanderperk	34,275
2013	Estate of Reginald Allman	162,500
2014	Estate of Bruce Carruthers	148,873
2015	Estate of Reginald Allman	100,000
2016	Estate of Reginald Allman	106,000
2017	Estate of Reginald Allman	165,000
2018	Estate of Reginald Allman	12,500
2020	Estate of Mary McLean	30,000
2020	Estate of Reginald Allman	5,679
2021	Estate of Helen Gardiner	25,000
2022	Estate of Helen Graham	1,000
2023	Estate of Glenna German	10,000

In addition to these cash donations, the Armstrong family donated the stained glass window in the Minister's Vestry.

2024 Memorials

Monies were received in memory of the following members:

Beatrice Embling
Bob Alexander
George Seely
John Boyd

Board of Trustees

ROYAL BANK ACCOUNT – MEMORIAL FUND

Enduring Gifts Fund at December 31, 2024

Royal Bank Bank Account, December 31, 2024	\$ 9,690.13
	<u>\$ 9,690.13</u>

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts

Interest from bank deposits	\$ 242.52
Transfers from FLAME endowments	\$ 5,320.00
Closing bank balance December 31, 2023	\$ 9,447.61
	<u>\$15,010.13</u>

Disbursements

Bank service charges	\$ -
Transfer to PCC Investment Fund	\$ 5,320.00
Closing bank balance December 31, 2024	\$ 9,690.13
	<u>\$15,010.13</u>

Congregational Care Committee

*“Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong,
a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.”*

(Nicky Gumbel, Alpha Ministries)



According to the Standing Orders of the Session of St. Andrew's, two of the responsibilities of the Congregational Care Ministry are to:

- Assist the Ministers with pastoral care visiting, especially for those who are in chronic care or in crisis;
- Assist Elders with Congregational Care.

We appreciate and thank our Minister in Association - the Rev. Wayne Baswick - who served as Interim Moderator and Stated Supply Minister in 2024. We are also most grateful to Peter Shepherd, our technology guru, for his faithful service on Sunday mornings, so that our worship services can be accessible on YouTube.

We continued to deliver copies of the newsletter to senior members of the congregation who are no longer physically able to attend church services and do not have internet access. We also delivered offering envelopes. During the year, cards were sent to members who were sick or had lost a loved one. Where we had the information on file we provided cards of celebration to those with special birthdays or wedding anniversaries.

The Blue Christmas service in December was very informal and was held in the Parlour. We thank Rev. Wayne for providing this opportunity for prayer and sharing of memories of loved ones.

The Prayer Circle ministry is part of Congregational Care, and Sandra Jackson has provided a separate report.

The Visiting Committee was relatively inactive again this year. However, we made phone calls and delivered or mailed 24 Christmas cards – hand-painted and donated by Molly Harvey and signed by the Rev. Wayne Baswick. In each card he included a message of faith and encouragement. These cards were much appreciated by the recipients.

In early January 2025 we lost a member of our group - Susan Jess - who passed away on January 2. The remainder of our group will continue to keep in touch with members of the congregation as needed.

Emails sent to wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca will go to Felicity Alexander, Sandra Jackson, and to the Revs. Rosemary Doran and Wayne Baswick. They can also be reached by telephone.

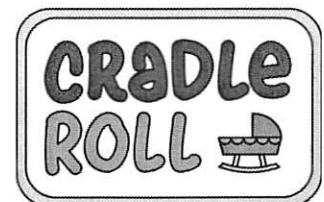
Felicity Alexander

Cradle Roll

There was one infant baptism during the morning worship services in 2024.

I send cards to babies baptized at St. Andrew's for their first, second and third birthdays.

I am pleased to be able to provide this outreach service as part of my Stewardship and Congregational Care commitments at St. Andrew's.



Felicity Alexander
Secretary

Christian Education Committee

The greatest education is the knowledge of God.

We grow our faith through studying the scripture, praying and fellowship with one another.

We have a thriving Sunday School which you can read about in the report from the Sunday School Superintendent. Our two Grace Groups are examples of fellowship and studying the Bible together; their report is also included in this Annual Report.

Jean Bradshaw
Chair

Sunday School

Working to Strengthen and Grow



The Sunday School continues to have two classes for grades K through 8. Grades K-3 are learning from the Dwell curriculum, and Grades 4-8 are learning the Connect curriculum.

Our Youth meet throughout the year while also attending Worship during the months they are not in class. The Youth use RightNow Media and are learning more about not only their faith but also themselves.

Thank you to these amazing teachers who continue to share their gifts with the children and Youth of St. Andrew's: Jessica Rhind and Meaghan Bhim, who teach our Dwell curriculum for grades JK-3; Robyn Kirkpatrick (teaming with Kim Shepherd) to teach our Connect curriculum for grades 4-8; and Doreen Scott-Dunne and Ray Scanlan who lead our Youth on their faith journey, including confirmation using the Alpha Youth curriculum.

All our Sunday School materials are available digitally; this has reduced the cost of ordering and receiving hardcopies as, sadly, all curriculum now comes from the United States and is at times difficult to order, let alone receive.

The Christmas pageant made its return in 2024. The children and Youth did a fantastic job practicing and learning their lines and learning to sing Gloria for the congregation. They were excited to share this pageant with the congregation and cannot wait to plan 2025.

If you would like to join this amazing, heartwarming ministry, please speak to Kim Shepherd. We are looking at opening the nursery in 2025.

We saw the return of the Adult Bible studies on Wednesday evenings and Tuesday mornings. In 2024, we ran the War Room study with a huge success with the request for more, so watch the announcements; there are studies in the works.

We invite members to sign on to RightNow Media, which offers hundreds of Bible Studies for adults, Youth, and children. Contact Pam Loree and/or Kim Shepherd (Sunday School Superintendent) to sign up. It has at-home studies for all, and the best part is that **it is FREE!**

Kim Shepherd
Sunday School Superintendent

GRACE Groups

GRACE stands for:

G — Glorify God

R — Relationships

A — Acts of Service

C — Caring Community

E — Education

There are two GRACE groups currently meeting regularly.

The L6T/L6P Grace Group, under the leadership of Felicity Alexander and Molly Harvey, provided a warm and supportive environment for spiritual growth and fellowship. In September, Maggie Nicol stepped into the co-leader role, taking over from Molly Harvey, whose contributions and guidance continue to be deeply valued.

This group meets via Zoom on the third Thursday evening of each month to share personal stories, engage with devotional videos, and participate in prayer. The in-person get-togethers, the summer BBQ and the Christmas gathering held at the Nicol residence were highlights, giving group members a chance to connect face-to-face, deepen their friendships, and strengthen their faith.

The second group, in the L6X/L6Y area of Brampton, is led by Ray Scanlan, Doreen Scott-Dunne and Sue Haw. They meet in person at Ray and Doreen's home at 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month to enjoy food, fun and warm fellowship. They have done a number of studies on the epistles, including Ephesians and Galatians, by watching a short video from RightNow Media then highlighting related scripture. This is followed by a lively discussion and time to share items for prayer.

2024 was a year for celebrating each group member's birthday. Many birthday cakes were consumed, and many candles were extinguished. Rev. Wayne and Doreen shared a birthday month, so there was a double celebration. Sue Haw, our co-leader for many years, moved away in November 2024, and she will be greatly missed for her positive contributions to discussions and valuable assistance in planning.

Both groups remember to be thankful for answered prayer as they continue on their faith journey.

If you are interested in becoming involved in coordinating a GRACE group in your area, please contact: Ray or Doreen at (416) 274-5901. We will be delighted to help and support you in any way, and we look forward to hearing from you, as belonging to a GRACE group is a real blessing!

Doreen Scott-Dunne
Coordinator



Envelope Secretaries

The Envelope Secretaries play an important role in our church's life by managing the distribution of offering envelopes, processing weekly offerings, administering Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) and issuing tax receipts. We deeply appreciate their dedication and service.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your faithful and continued financial support throughout 2024. Whether you joined us for in-person worship or connected online, your generosity has ensured that our ministries continue to thrive and our church is well cared for.

A special thank you goes out to all who contributed to St. Andrew's designated projects through our Easter, Anniversary and Christmas letter campaigns. Many of you gave using offering envelopes, e-transfers, PAR, or through our website at www.standrewsbrampton.ca. Your support, in every form, makes a real difference.

If you'd like to join PAR, adjust your current contributions or simply have questions, please feel free to reach out to our Envelope Secretaries at envsecretary@standrewsbrampton.ca. They'd be happy to assist you – or even just say hello!

Kim Shepherd & Valerie Martin
Envelope Secretaries



Food Bank Committee

Your food bank underwent a lot of changes during the past year. As the price of food increased, the committee decided to eliminate some of the more expensive items and to only give out other items every second week. This allowed us to serve more clients (the clients increased by over 1,000 during the year) and reduce our expenditures by almost \$2,000 during the year. This was accomplished by reducing the items and also by the committee members shopping specials at local stores. We were also assisted by being a member of Second Harvest, one of the largest food rescue agents in Canada, that rescues and redistributes surplus food to agencies supporting those in need. We receive donations from FoodLand on Vodden and in Caledon and Chalo Fresco on Chinguacousy Road at Queen. We also get donation bags from Fresco at Bramalea City Center, FoodLand on Vodden, Metro at Brampton Mall and Food Basics at Hwy 10 and Steeles. Regeneration Outreach is a food distribution hub that supplies food to the food bank as well as holding the Gift of Giving Back where the local hockey teams gather food for local agencies. We are blessed with the amount of local support we receive.

It takes over 30 volunteers to serve the clients each Wednesday. We have a team that works behind the scenes bagging the bulk items into individual sizes that we give to the clients, a team that picks up the donations at the stores as well as donation bags and the group that serves the clients every Wednesday. Without the volunteers' dedication, your food bank would not survive.

The food bank volunteers held a soup and sandwich fundraiser in November, and half of the proceeds were donated to the church.

We have also been blessed with donations from local service clubs, churches, fund raising such as the sale of cookies and individual donations from friends of the food bank. We survive because of your caring.

This year we lost one of our longtime volunteers, Susan Jess, to cancer. Her warm smile, cutting humour and dedication to the welfare of the clients will be missed by all of her friends at the food bank.

Food Bank Committee:

Gord Warren
Grace Brewster-Yates
Ian Jess
Tom Campbell

Bruce Cornish
Herb Eitner
John Collins
Belle Campbell



Mission Committee

I am very proud to say that with our congregation's help, the Mission Committee was able to run our events with minimal costs from our budget.

We began 2024 by packaging the surplus hats, mitts and scarves and placing them on our church fence, for the unhoused local population (who were experiencing some of the coldest weeks of the new year). As quickly as these were put out, they were just as quickly collected by those in need in our neighbourhood. Unfortunately, because the actions of some of this population have become aggressive and problematic, we will be discontinuing this practice in 2025.

In the spring of 2024, Faith in ACT!ON activities, although scaled back, were again quite successful. We planted flowers, collected towels for the Brampton Animal Shelter and collected toiletries for the residents of Ellen House and the Ontario Correctional Institute.

In the fall of 2024, we gathered hats, mitts, gloves and scarves for Ellen House and, for the first time, for the men of Genesis Lodge. The leftovers were given to the Food Bank for their winter initiative.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Paul Willoughby for his leadership in keeping the grounds and gardens of our church property looking awesome throughout the year.

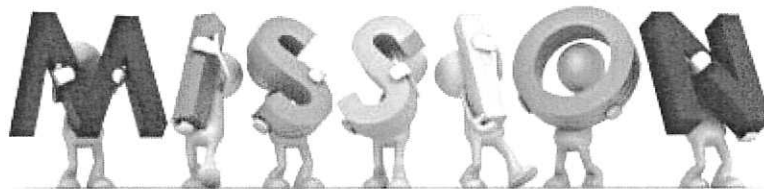
We would like to thank Robyn Kirkpatrick for her service with us, and for her unbounding energy and knowledge.

Thank you to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for their continued support of our congregation. Their knitting knows no bounds!

Finally, a huge thank you goes to our congregation who consistently comes through with anything that we ask of you.

We look forward to your continued support in 2025.

Colin Young



Prayer Circle



St. Andrew's Prayer Circle Group offers prayers for those who are experiencing illness, loss, or are going through difficult times. Prayer requests are received via the ministers, Church Office, one-on-one personal conversations, phone calls, or emails to prayers@standrewsbrampton.ca.

The person, family member or friend we are praying for must be aware that the Prayer Circle Group is praying for them. Permission must be granted by the person we are praying for before their information is shared via email within the Prayer Circle Group ONLY. We respect everyone's privacy. All prayer requests are kept confidential unless the requester has asked the minister to announce it from the church pulpit, or family members request that the obituary be posted on St. Andrew's Facebook page.

From January 1 to December 31, 2024 the Prayer Circle Group received 71 prayer requests that resulted in 324 updates from the initial request.

All prayer requests are tracked on a Word document shared electronically within the Prayer Circle Group members only and issued monthly. This document helps to remember all those who requested prayers. We also pray for grieving families, our clergy, Session members, church committees, GRACE groups, students at all education levels, the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry, Canadian military members, and for the end of prejudice based on colour or sexual orientation, and for truth + reconciliation of Indigenous Canadians. We pray for everyone involved in the wars in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and all the refugees displaced by these conflicts in the Middle East. Church members with long term health conditions, and those confined at home or in care facilities are also included in our prayers.

The administrator of this group is Sandra Jackson. Her vacation backup is Debbie Warwick, and the Rev. Rosemary Doran is the ministerial representative in the Prayer Circle Group.

Anyone who would like to become a member of the Prayer Circle Group should send their name and email address to prayer@standrewsbrampton.ca.

God bless,

Sandra Jackson
Administrator

Property Committee

2024 was another busy year for the Property Committee, although thankfully not at the spending level of the prior year. Keeping an old building in shape takes teamwork and dedication – something we have no shortage of.

The following is a partial listing of what has been accomplished in 2024:

Major Projects:

Great Hall lights: Under the leadership of Mark Bhim, we replaced our twenty-year-old lights with new LED units that function at a fraction of the energy consumption.

Parking Lot door: The parking lot door was replaced with a new automatic entry steel door which will make it easier for those folks using walkers and wheelchairs to enter our building. It is set into a steel frame to increase the stability and longevity of the door.

Janitor's sink: The sink on the first floor of the custodian's closet in the education wing was replaced early in 2024.

Roof Cap Great Hall East Wall: We finally determined the cause of a water leak in the vestry – the metal roof cap at the east end of the Great Hall had failed and needed replacement. This work was completed in the summer months when the church is quieter.

Envelope Secretaries' room radiator leak: Plumbers were brought in to repair an ongoing "slow leak" in the radiators, followed by repair work to the surrounding walls by Doug Warwick and Barry Hutchinson.

Other:

Church Security and fire monitoring: There were some upgrades to our camera system with more to come in 2025. We renewed our agreements with our 24/7 security and fire alarm monitoring companies

Boiler: Typical ongoing repairs were made, although more will be required in 2025, typical of an aging heating system. Additionally, plans are underway to insulate the hot water piping in the basement which will improve the efficiency of the system and further alleviate the heat issue in the Great Hall.

Sanctuary organ: The organ has had some minor repairs, normal for a hundred-year-old instrument.

Building and grounds maintenance: Maintenance contracts were renewed with a lawn care/snow removal company and a cleaning company for weekly work at the church. New rental agreements were renewed with ongoing renters. At the present time, we have three groups renting space in the church on a regular basis: Spanish Seventh Day Adventists, a Narcotics Anonymous group and an Alcoholics Anonymous group.

Looking Ahead:

The committee will have a few major projects in 2025 related to protecting and preserving the exterior of the building. Additionally, there are plans to rejuvenate the manse during this year, although a detailed list has yet to be developed. Looking farther ahead, the roof(s) including the east side eaves will need to be addressed in two to three years.

Thanks go to the members of the Property Committee – Bill Dewar, Barry Ford, Mark Bhim and Robert Wightman – who offer their time, talents and efforts to keep things running well.

And finally, a special thanks to past chairpersons Peter Shepherd and Richard McMechan who actively assisted us whenever they were called upon.

Stan Loree
Chair

SALSA Group

The SALSA Group did not hold any group activities in 2024, as many of the group members were involved in other activities and initiatives at St. Andrew's: the Food Bank, senior choir and the Search Committee to name a few. We still maintain contact with each other on Sunday mornings, through email and phone calls, and look forward to getting together at least once in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Loree
SALSA Group Treasurer

SALSA Group Financial Summary

for the year ended December 31, 2024
(with comparative numbers for the prior year)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receipts		
Deposits	0.00	6.96
Bank Interest	0.12	0.12
Total Receipts	<u>\$0.12</u>	<u>\$7.08</u>
Disbursements		
Total Expenses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$0.12	\$7.08
Opening bank balance	<u>\$400.10</u>	<u>\$393.02</u>
Ending bank balance	<u><u>\$400.22</u></u>	<u><u>\$400.10</u></u>

St. Andrew's-Pringle Women's Missionary Society

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:11-12)



The Women's Missionary Society (WMS) Purpose Statement: 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.

The 2024 World Day of Prayer was held in person at Christ Church. The 2024 program was written by the women of Palestine. We look forward to participating again in 2025.

We continue to meet as women (and men) of faith for study and fellowship. The WMS will be learning about mission projects in Nepal and Hummingbird Ministries (here in Canada).

The WMS started meeting in person in September in the parlour at 1:00 p.m., sharing fellowship.

During the winter months, we will meet online via Microsoft Teams at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend WMS. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Kim Shepherd. We'd love to see you, men too!

I would like to close this year's report with the Mitzpah Benediction: *May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another.*

In faith,

Kim Shepherd
President

St. Andrew's-Pringle Women's Missionary Society Financial Statement 2024

Bank Balance January 1, 2024		<u>\$2,901.00</u>
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Receipts 2024

General Funds for WMS National Office	696.00	
Membership Fees	24.00	\$720.00

Bank Balance as at December 31, 2024		<u>\$3,621.00</u>
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Jean Bradshaw
Treasurer, WMS

Stewardship Committee

Our stewardship calls us to explore ways of love and justice in respecting God's creation and in seeking its responsible use for the common good. (Living Faith, 2.4.2)

In 2024, the committee held its annual Hanging Basket and MacGregors Meat & Seafood fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who supported these two fundraisers, and a special thank you to Maggie Nicol for overseeing these initiatives with the assistance of a team of volunteers. Both fundraisers were hugely successful.

We also wish to thank everyone for donations received for our 2024 Easter Offering which was designated to a new, wheelchair-accessible door off the parking lot entrance. The remaining Easter donations went to our general fund. Our 2024 Anniversary Offering was designated to assisting our new minister with relocation and upgrades to the manse/vestry. Finally, our 2024 Christmas Offering was allocated to technological support.

A huge thank you to the members, adherents and visitors to St. Andrew's. Your continued support and generosity through weekly givings keep St. Andrew's running. As we have returned to our new normal, the monthly expenses still come in. We continue to offer various ways to donate: Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR); e-transfer to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca; mail the church a cheque to the attention of the Envelope Secretaries; or donate through Benevity or CanadaHelps.

Our Flame Endowment Fund, launched in 2016, continues to offer the option to leave a memorial gift in a creative way. For more information on any of these giving options, please speak to any Stewardship Committee member.

It's important that everything we do with our time and talent reflects our walk with Christ. We can also reflect on how we give time and talent back to God – just as we do with money.

The Stewardship Committee



Worship & Fellowship Committee

Under the exceptional leadership of Rev. Wayne Baswick, Interim Moderator/Stated Supply, and our superb Music Director, Shelagh Tyreman, 2024 was indeed a very fulfilling year for our St. Andrews' family.

The Worship Committee currently consists of the Minister, Music Director, Choir Representative, Tech Team Lead, Welcoming/Ushering Team Lead, S-EAOM Congregation Representative and an Elder/Session Representative. In addition, the activities outside of worship are led by a subgroup, The Special Events Committee. You will find reports from some of these groups below. We would be happy to expand our membership and welcome anyone with an interest in the Worship and Fellowship Life of St. Andrew's.

Welcoming/Ushering Team

As you come through the doors of our church on any Sunday, you are met by a member of the Welcoming/Ushering Team. We are a small group of individuals who look forward to greeting you each week. We are always looking for new people to join us; our only requirement is a smile.

Colin Young
Welcoming/Ushering Team Lead

Senior Choir and Leap of Faith Band

The Senior Choir and Leap of Faith band had another musically busy year, ministering to the congregation, and themselves, through anthems and uplifting musical arrangements. Many thanks to the choir and band members who faithfully give of their time AND their talents!

A special thank you goes out to Andy Bunkis, who faithfully creates, edits and prints out the band parts as needed for every service we play, and to Bonnie Bunkis, who makes copies of said parts (because no one in Leap of Faith has EVER lost a part - lol!) Thank you, Andy and Bonnie!

Thank you, Mae MacDonald and Wilma Zinkweg, for stepping up to be choir social convenors together, and to Wilma for becoming our choir treasurer. You ladies rock!

We were also blessed with another wonderful video by the young people of St. Andrew's, who sang "O Come All Ye Faithful", in English and Urdu. We all enjoyed and appreciated it very, very much at Christmas time! A huge thank you goes to Samina Babar, whose help was instrumental and so appreciated, in bringing together all the young peoples' videos to be edited together. Thank you so much, Samina!

Once again, we were blessed to have trumpeter Lino Varano join us for our Remembrance Day service. He is so talented and adds so much to our service each year. Thank you, Lino!

The Music Ministry Team would also like to thank Rev. Wayne Baswick for his exemplary leadership during these last two years of vacancy, and to express our sincere appreciation for our most excellent and amiable collaboration. It has been such a joy to work together!

We are all very excited about the arrival of Rev. Byron Kappes and are looking forward to supporting his ministry and messages through song, hymns and instrumental music. We would love to have you join us in supporting him by joining our choir or band - everyone is welcome! (And no, you don't need to audition!) Here's to the future!

Shelagh Tyreman
Music Director

Tech Team

The use of multimedia continues to grow at St. Andrew's! We've made improvements to the use of the TVs in the sanctuary, enhanced the wireless microphones, and finally have our second camera up and running. Your encouragement and positive feedback have been very uplifting.

This year, I've added more details to the PowerPoint slides, including the words to all hymns, prayers, and responsive readings. Everything is now displayed in sync with the service, although that does depend on me keeping up! I do my best and appreciate your patience. For those joining us online, I'm happy to share that our new camera is now working. We now have two camera views: one from the original camera and a second from the balcony, focused on the pulpit. This improvement has allowed us to transition the minister back to the pulpit for the sermon, creating a better experience for our online congregation. You can tune in to the Live service every Sunday morning on YouTube; there's a link on our website. All services are recorded and saved on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time. It is amazing to me to see services viewed 150+ times each. It shows the importance of having an online presence. Additionally, we've switched to a lavalier-style microphone that clips onto the minister's robe, replacing the previous headset. This new mic is more comfortable, less obtrusive, and provides clearer sound while allowing for more movement during services, including Baptisms and See & Hear.

I'm always open to feedback and would love for anyone interested to learn how everything works. Whether you are just curious or feel called to help, your support would be greatly appreciated! If I'm ever absent, we won't be able to broadcast online or display the slides on the TVs (though we do have sound system support). Having someone to help with PowerPoint would be a great blessing!

Important Note: I will be away for three weeks in May. If you have any experience with PowerPoint (or are willing to learn), please see me! It would be wonderful to keep this part of the service running smoothly in my absence.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Peter Shepherd
Tech Team Lead

Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee was busy in 2024. With the intent of fostering fellowship and inter-generational community building, we planned various events through the year. We held game nights (board and card). We had a movie night (not just for kids!) full of popcorn and blankets spread on the floor. We hosted our first Mystery Dinner series after a long hiatus, ending with a 1980s-themed potluck at the home of Colleen and Henry Peyer. We wrapped up 2024 with our first Christmas Karaoke Sing Along. Lots of fun! We feel we are gaining traction and have planned more events in 2025.

Kim Shepherd, Jessica Rhind & Pam Loree

South-East Asian Outreach Committee (S-EAOM)

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom." (Colossians 3:16)

This verse emphasizes that worshipping through songs and teaching builds a more substantial, wiser community. The South-East Asian Outreach Ministry stands out with its unique worship practices, which include the Word of God, prayers, songs and fellowship.

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The S-EAOM congregation is growing and thriving, bringing people from near and far to the house of the Lord. A small yet vibrant community meets peacefully at St. Andrew's, led by Rev. Babar Allahditta.

Two important services, the Easter Sunrise service at 5:00 a.m. and the midnight service on Christmas night at 11:00 p.m., make S-EAOM different from other South Asian churches in the GTA.

Samina Babar
S-EAOM Representative

Worship & Fellowship

Special thanks go to Sandra Jackson and Wilma Zinkweg for their dedication in preparing and serving beverages and treats each Sunday for our fellowship after the morning worship service. It is a time when we often gather to catch up with one another; this time together is enjoyed by all who have a few minutes to linger.

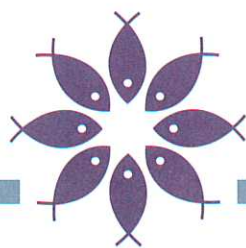
Worship is also supported by a large group of volunteers who enhance our worship services by offering to read scripture during Sunday services, and others who obtain and prepare the fresh flowers for our spectacular Easter Sunday Cross, and who decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and the Christmas Season. Thank you to all who give your time and talents so willingly! As you can see, 2024 was a very fulfilling year for our St. Andrew's family, and there are many opportunities to join in, no matter what your talent or interest!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all members of the Worship and Fellowship Committee, and especially to Rev. Wayne Baswick for his wise counsel and leadership during his tenure with us.

We are all looking forward to welcoming and working with Rev. Kappes to begin a new, exciting chapter in the Life and Work of St. Andrew's.

Karen Hutchinson
Chair





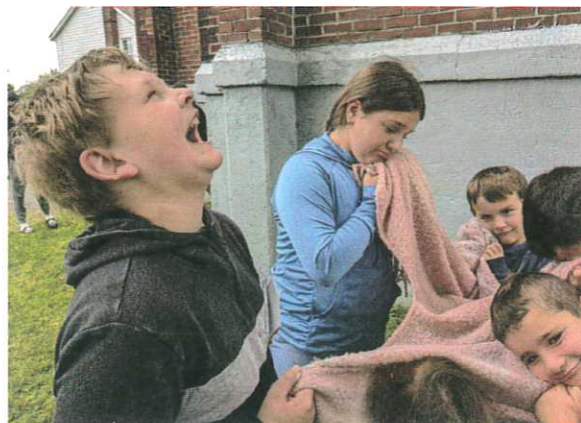
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– The Rev. Margaret Mullin,
Place of Hope PC, Winnipeg, MB



Through our outreach to neighbours, our congregation provides valuable insights, help when needed and a strong witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. It can be easy to get caught up in the negativity of the world, but it's important to remember that every day, in all kinds of different places, there are people being good neighbors to each other.

– Northern New Brunswick (St. Luke's), Bathurst, NB



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– Shauna Joyce, Executive Director,
Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, Montreal, QC



You help us to pay the bills at Samuel House year after year: water, gas, electricity. You help us to serve children proper food and drive them to their families every weekend. God be praised that we are still here after 20 years. We are committed to the mission that God gave us—in joint mission with you!

– Csilla Bertalan, Director, Samuel House, Romania



A lot of people are very engaged, they care deeply about our ministry and the work of the church. And we are a learning faith group. That's really encouraging to see.

– Owen Mahaffey, General Assembly Commissioner, Ottawa, ON



Just as a stone dropped in water causes a ripple effect, so too does funding from Presbyterians Sharing. With the grant our church receives, we have the privilege of working to help others locally, nationally and internationally.

– Lynne Allan,
St. Matthew's PC,
Grand Falls-Windsor, NL

When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, you proclaim the love and good news of Jesus Christ through your words and actions. You gather to worship, celebrate the sacraments, and learn to be followers of Christ. You share in ministry together, prayerfully discerning to see where God is leading you, today and into the future.

Your congregation joins with congregations across Canada to serve physical and spiritual needs in your local communities. Through presbyteries, synods and your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Presbyterian World Service & Development and other special ministry funds at the PCC, you participate in God's mission at regional, national and international levels.

God takes the gifts you cheerfully give, blesses them and does incredible things. The hungry are fed. Joys and sorrows are shared. People learn and grow. There is laughter, love and celebration.

The impact of the gifts of time, talent and treasure that you have shared with your congregation are captured in the reports contained between these pages.

You are making a difference.

Thank you.

Karen Plater, Associate Secretary, Stewardship & Planned Giving



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