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### BREAKING NEWS

We have revived the Newsletter at St. Andrew's, which was so well curated for so many years by Felicity Alexander. If we have your email address, you will receive a copy of the September Newsletter on E-blast at the end of August, with a few copies printed for people at home or those who have no printer.

Inside this issue, you will discover who had a baby, who had special birthdays, who had a bridal shower, who played rugby in St. Lucia, who went camping, who went golfing, and who went back in time on a steam train!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

You will also find out key dates coming up in the life of our church:

- September 7  
Rally Sunday, followed by a BBQ with a special water activity
- September 27  
Annual Golf Tournament at Derrydale Golf Club
- September 28  
Service of Gratitude - theme of Morning Worship, focussing on the exemplary work of Peel's First Responders
- October 5  
World Communion Sunday

Keep reading to learn more!



## BYRON'S BRIDGE

Connecting Faith to Daily Life

Summer is drawing to a close, kids are back at school, so I hope that in these last few months you have been able to take some time to relax and be refreshed with family and friends. You may have taken road trips, as I did, visited a cottage, enjoyed your garden, gone camping, had a BBQ, always keeping in mind Micah 6: 8, where we are exhorted to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”

As we enter a new season of church life at St. Andrews this September, with so many exciting things on the horizon, it is important for us to remember what truly matters as a church family. If we are going to be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ in our world and community, as we have been in the past, then we need to continually refocus ourselves on God.

As Christians we need to be closely connected to God. For although we love our church and love the Bible and love the symbols and traditions connected to our faith, these things cannot stand in for our faith, but they need to be used instead as tools to bring us closer to God, and to our Saviour.

Our Lord preached a message of freedom from anxiety, and yet so many Christians in our world today are filled with anxiety, fearful as they are about the future of the church. This leads us to close ourselves off from the world, keeping us from being the hands and feet of Christ in our communities. If we allow fear and anxiety to overwhelm us, then we are like the Ancient Israelites

who had lost sight of the virtues of justice, kindness and humility, and needed the prophet, Micah, to remind them. The purpose of our worship is to lead us to kindness, humility, love, justice and peace; and into a deeper relationship with God.

I have been with St. Andrews now for half a year, and I am so excited for the journey of faith that we will be taking together in the years to come.

There is so much in store for us. Yes, the future can often be uncertain and scary, but if we can begin to learn how to live without anxiety, as Jesus taught us to, and if we are faithful to God, then God will be faithful to us, and we can be confident that God will help us through even the worst of times.

I truthfully believe that we are at the beginning of a bright new era of worship, faith and Christian service in the world, and here at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton. I would like to invite you to join me in this new era, and to continue being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, helping our God to make all things new.

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

See you in Church!



## CALL TO PRAYER

*Ray Scanlan*

There are some things that come to mind as Autumn starts, to let us know that summer is over and that ministries at St. Andrew's can begin.

In September one year ago, our corporate prayer was to ask God to lead us to the person He called to be our lead minister at St. Andrew's. We now give thanks that God heard our prayers and has answered us by calling the person of the Reverend Byron Kappes as our new lead minister.

As we give thanks to God, to Pastor Wayne and the Session Search Team, we pray that God will bless Session and the church leadership as we begin a new church year with pastor Byron at the helm.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS



The Doran clan had a celebratory July, with two significant birthdays - Rev. Rosemary Doran

celebrated her 90th with beautiful bouquets of flowers, and Rev. Gerry Doran celebrated his 95th birthday, with cake, balloons and snazzy glasses.



Petra Woods continues to shine for Canada on the Raven's Rugby team, playing in St. Lucia over the August long weekend. She has been invited to Fiji at the end of August for the Fijian Rise Rookie Academy on Aug. 27th and will play the Bulikula Residents team on August 30th.



Back at home, the Ravens will play Bulikula in a World Series Semi-final at Terry Fox Stadium (Chinguacousy Park) on October 21st, with the



winner to face the other semi-finalist (either Ireland or Nigeria) at RLWC2026. Way to go Petra!

<https://www.intrl.sport/article/473/canada-to-warm-up-for-world-series-with-fiji-tour>



On July 19th, 30+ people came out to celebrate the marriage of Katie and Byron at a bridal shower held at the home of Anna-Marie and Bill Dewar.

Food, fun and fellowship was had by all, and Katie and Byron truly appreciated the gifts and warm welcome extended by St. Andrew's.



It's a boy!  
Shawna VanVliet (nee Urquhart) and Marcus Van Vliet had a baby boy, Harrison Cole Van Vliet on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2:50pm.



Weighing in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and 21 inches long, Harrison is already bringing great joy to his parents and extended family--proud grandparents Jack & Jo-Ann Urquhart, Uncle Andrew, Auntie Kara, and Cousin Angus.



In July Pam & Stan Loree went camping at Grundy Lake Provincial Park with daughter Sarah and her boyfriend Clint Kattwinkel. They enjoyed the beach, campfires, hiking trails and cycling around the campground, and canoeing in Grundy Lake, Gut Lake and Gurd Lake.



A quick trip up to Science North in Sudbury proved a worthy distraction one rainy afternoon, and ice cream at the park store rounded out an enjoyable holiday.



Golf was the name of the game on the August long weekend, with a mini tournament of friends played at Shelburne Golf Club. Participants Anna-Marie & Bill Dewar, Pam & Stan Loree, Barb & Richard McMechan, and Peter and Chris Shepherd played a round robin style tournament switching pairs every 6 holes so that all could play with everyone. Great preparation for the St. Andrew's Tournament taking place on September 27th.

#### NOTICE:

On Sept. 27th, at Derrydale Golf Club, folks are welcome to sign up in the Great Hall.

\$85 for 18-59y, \$70 for seniors - includes golf, cart, and dinner. Limit of 20 golfers.

For Bill Dewar's birthday in June we travelled to Nesquehoning PA to ride behind a large steam engine, Reading & Northern 4-8-4, 160 mile round trip. The steam engine was originally built in



1945, and was rebuilt in 2024, it runs a few special excursions through the year.

Having a ride behind a large coal fired steam engine on Bill's actual birthday, was a trip back in time.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Kim Shepherd, Sunday School Superintendent*

What a Year It's Been in Sunday School!

From diving deep into stories of faith to splashing through summer fun — Sunday School has been full of energy, learning, and laughter!

In July, we explored Shareable Parables — the powerful stories Jesus told that still teach us today.

The kids jumped right in, asking thoughtful questions and sharing insights that gave our teachers goosebumps. It was truly a joy to witness faith coming alive through storytelling.

Then came August — and we made a splash! With the Rough Waves! Jesus Saves! curriculum, we've been sailing through water-themed Bible stories... and yes, water activities were definitely involved. (Let's just say it's been a wet and wonderful month!)

Speaking of water... get ready! On Rally Sunday (September 7th) after the BBQ, there will be a special water activity involving the Sunday School, teachers — and yes — even the ministers! So don't forget your towel and a change of clothes. You won't want to miss the fun!

Our youth group took a bit of a summer breather, but we've been thrilled to have a youth volunteer supporting us on Sunday mornings. It's amazing to see our young people not only growing in faith, but also building friendships and connections across generations.

Over the summer months, the Sunday School encouraged the congregation to join them in filling the Education bulletin board in the Great Hall with God Sightings during your week — moments when you see God at work in your life or in the community around you. How do we see God moving in and through our world?

### **We've gone social!**

We now have a brand-new Facebook page just for Sunday School. It's another way we're hoping to connect with families and our amazing kids

throughout the year. Want to be part of it? Talk to Kim Shepherd, and she'll make sure you get an invitation to join.

And finally...if you've ever felt a nudge to get involved, now's the perfect time! We're always looking for passionate, caring people to join our Sunday School team. Speak to Kim Shepherd to find out how you can be part of the adventure.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back in September — let's keep growing, learning, and having fun together!

## **Women's Missionary Society**

*Kim Shepherd, President*

### **Let's Reconnect!**

It's hard to believe how quickly summer has passed — but that just means it's time to come back together and share the stories, laughs, and memories we've collected over the season.

Although the summer is over, the WMS would like to share a reading/tv show/movies list for you to enjoy during the cooler months:

### **BOOKS:**

- Only the Brave by Danielle Steele
- The Southern Man by Greg Iles
- Anything Amish by Beverly Lewis  
by Wanda Brunstetter
- Soul Survivor by Philip Yancy
- The Good Neighbour: The Life and Story of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King
- The Return of Ellie Black by Emiko Jean



-Murder by Cheesecake: A Golden Girls Cozy  
Mystery by Rachel Ekstrom Courage  
-The Girl You Left Behind by Jojo Moyes

### **TV SERIES/MOVIES:**

-Adolescence on Netflix  
-The Americas – TV Series  
-The Forge – Movie by the Kendrick Brothers  
-Mission Impossible – The Final Reckoning

Join us on Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:00 PM in  
the Parlour for our first gathering of the season.

We'll enjoy a cozy afternoon of tea, treats, and good  
company. We will be looking and studying the  
“Together We Can” projects – Hummingbird  
Ministries and Nepal (along with PWS&D).

Whether you've been coming for years or this will  
be your very first visit, you are warmly invited.

Bring a friend — all are welcome!

We can't wait to catch up with you!

## **Worship and Fellowship Committee**

*Karen Hutchinson*

*Chair, St. Andrew's Worship and Fellowship  
Committee*

Spring was a very exciting and rewarding time for  
the Worship and Fellowship Committee. It was our  
pleasure to welcome and work with our new  
minister, Rev. Byron Kappes.

Enthusiasm was evident all around the table.  
Embracing tradition while considering new and

interesting ideas for both worship services and  
fellowship opportunities have filled us with  
renewed energy! There are some fresh, meaningful  
and powerful plans in the works for upcoming  
worship services and fellowship gatherings.

Summer will fly by and before we know it, Rally  
Day on Sunday, September 7th will be here, and we  
look forward to seeing you and hearing about your  
summer adventures at Fellowship after service.

On Sunday, September 28th the theme of the  
morning worship will be a Service of Gratitude,  
focussing on the exemplary work of all Peel First  
Responders; it is sure to be a very special service.  
Another fall date of note is Sunday, October 5th, ~  
World Communion Sunday.

While the members of our amazing choir and Leap  
of Faith Band are no doubt enjoying their  
well-deserved summer break, they will return in  
September and are always happy to welcome new  
members to their talented number.

Whether your interest is musical, social, educational  
or quite importantly, being spiritually uplifted, there  
is a place for you at St. Andrew's and we look  
forward to meeting you there in-person or via our  
YouTube streaming on Sunday mornings.



From January to July 2025 a total of 38 prayer requests were received. That resulted in 164 updates from the original request as the person's condition changed. Currently we continue to pray for 15 groups and 29 individuals listed in our long term conditions section.

**2025 In Memoriam:**

Jan 02 – Mrs. Susan Jess

Feb 25 – Mrs. Sylvia Tedder

Mar 13 – Mr. Sabah (Sam) Youash

Apr 21 – Mr. Robert Stevenson

May 09 – Mr. Kenneth Johnston

June 10 – Mrs. Ann LaRose

July 04 – Mrs. Donna Armstrong Volpe

July 06 – Mrs. Donalda Dale

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the grieving family and friends of those we lost in 2025.  
Sandra Jackson



**GRACE Notes**

Just a reminder about what **G.R.A.C.E** stands for:

**G** = Glorify God (worship)

**R** = Relationships

**A** = Acts of Service

**C** = Caring Community

**E** = Education (Bible study)

The **L6X/L6Y** GRACE Group has just had an extended summer break, but we plan to get together on Tuesday, September 30th at 1.30pm at the home of Doreen and Ray at 3 Greystone Crescent. We are

delighted and extremely grateful that Gerda Halliday has stepped up to take Sue Haw's place as the person in charge of email communications for our group. We look forward to sharing stories, enjoying fellowship and studying the Word of God together.

Ready to get back together, **L6T/L6P** Grace Group?

We're thrilled to meet again in September to hear about everyone's summer adventures and wrap up our Life IQ series. Mark your calendars for the third

Thursday evening of each month, with meetings rotating between in-person gatherings and Zoom calls so we can all be together. Finally, we want to

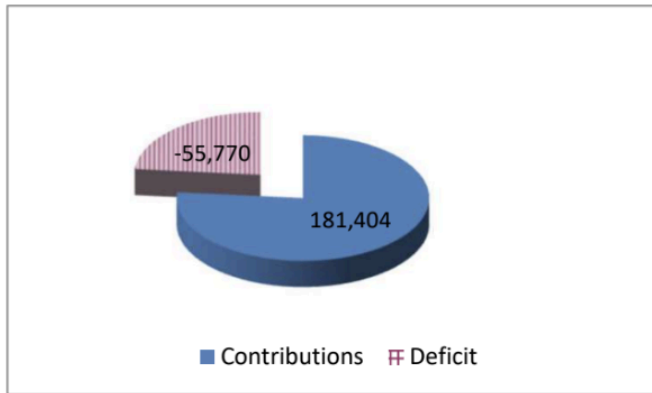
give a huge thank you to Felicity and Molly for their dedicated leadership over the years. We are so grateful for their guidance and contributions as they take a step back from their roles.



# Church Finances

## Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of July 31, 2025:



Offerings for the month of July for the morning service was \$18,843 and the SEAOM service was \$1,005. Our fixed costs to cover payroll, utilities, property taxes and general maintenance is about \$25,000 per month.

## Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - July 31, 2025	Jan 1 - July 31, 2024
<b>Contributions</b>		
Offerings	126,576.24	126,617.79
SEAOM Offerings/convention	9,272.50	10,729.65
Other Revenue	45,855.15	32,565.63
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>181,703.89</b>	<b>169,913.07</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Education	1,243.52	1,245.23
SEAOM Mission	2,900.00	8,118.30
Mission	1,079.79	1,314.60
Property	98,764.88	69,328.27
Stewardship	127,712.04	123,588.93
Worship	4,132.17	7,568.09
Session	1,341.90	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>237,174.30</b>	<b>211,163.42</b>
<b>Net General Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(55,470.41)</b>	<b>(41,250.35)</b>
<b>Presbyterian Sharing donations*</b>	<b>10,821.00</b>	<b>11,030.50</b>
<b>PWS&amp;D donations*</b>	<b>3,062.50</b>	<b>2,834.50</b>
<b>Food Bank donations*</b>	<b>25,612.63</b>	<b>22,386.20</b>

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

## Bank Account Balances

	Jan 1 - July 31, 2025	Jan 1 - July 31, 2024
General Bank	49,360.26	(2,890.61)
Restricted Bank	52,846.65	52,636.65
Food Bank	132,813.83	122,687.45
Trustee Bank	12,593.43	9,589.09
Session Bank	3,446.84	3,685.20
Line of credit	0.00	(24,500.00)

NOTE: General Bank includes \$60,000 received from PCC Fund on June 30th to cover the painting of the windows which starts in July/August.



Summer of 2025 at our Food Bank was once again the busiest time of the year for us. As the kids are out of school, more families come as they aren't supported by the school meal programs during the summer break. We are thankful for our 4 High School Students assisting us this summer, as they need volunteer hours to graduate. Most donations stop during the summer due to service organizations, schools, and faith communities not meeting during this time period.

We really rely on the brown grocery bags we pickup from local grocery chains, fresh produce donated by Brampton Community Gardens, and Rock Garden Farms. As a registered charity we are members of Second Harvest, Canada's largest food rescue organization. From January 1 to July 30, 2025 we picked up mostly frozen donated food that has provided 34,460 meals, valued at \$185,217.54, and diverted 189,532.5 pounds of greenhouse gases if it had all been sent to the local landfill.

We are so grateful for this donated food; it all gets distributed every Wednesday. This has helped us during the lean summer months to provide enough food for our increased numbers. In order to ensure a balanced diet we also purchase monthly \$5000+ from FoodLand on Voddan.

Thank you to all the St. Andrew's members who support us all year long!

Regards, St. Andrew's Food Bank Secretary Sandra Jackson



### Thinking About Cookies

All good things must come to an end ... but all good things always come back.

They are not here yet, but it will be soon. In less than 100 days you'll be able to order those ...

OH SO GOOD SHORTBREAD COOKIES WITH MILK CHOCOLATE CHUNKS

Orders can be placed as early as November 2, 2025.

More details to follow in the next newsletter!

And yes, fruit cake and shortbread will be available too. Eat a cookie or two or three or four and be happy.

Thank you, Bruce 'Cookie-Man' Cornish

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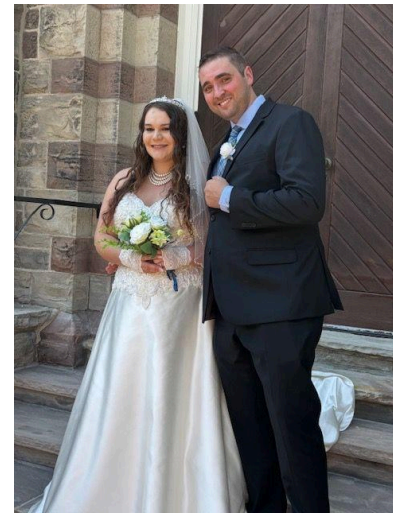


### **A Special Wedding!**

Rev. Byron Kappes married Katie Marie on Friday, August 22, 2025. From the first moment he saw her, his face was radiant.



The wedding ceremony was a celebration of their love, and the vows they exchanged were heartfelt and beautiful.



The entire congregation stood together and agreed to support them with one voice. It was a joyous celebration. Then the bride and groom posed for photos outside the church with relatives and friends, including our own Colleen and Henry Peyer. Colleen, almost single handedly prepared an amazing wedding feast, with additional contributions from Byron's friends.



The wedding ended with dancing and karaoke.

It was a day to remember.



The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for your wonderful support of our two successful fundraising campaigns.

Thanks to you, beautiful hanging baskets have added blooms and vibrant colour to many patios and backyards for folks to enjoy all summer.

And the MacGregor Meats and Seafood orders have had everyone's mouths watering— for busy summer gatherings and for celebrating with friends, as we all enjoy the delicious aroma of barbecues.

A huge thank you goes out to P. Loree, C. Peyer, and M. Nicol for their dedication and hard work in running these fundraisers.

We truly appreciate everyone's support.

At St. Andrew's, 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.

### **Inside St. Andrew's**

We hope you have enjoyed the first edition of your e-copy of our revived newsletter. For our first year, we will try to publish every other month, with the next edition coming out in November 2025. We hope to inform our church community of the activities within our congregation. A few copies will be printed for people who do not have computers or who are no longer able to attend church.

We have a new team to serve you:

**Doreen Scott-Dunne**, who will be our point person to collect and edit submissions. Please send your articles, photos and reports to:  
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**Rachel Duncan**, who will be our organizing, formatting and production person  
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